



Allison B. Oakes, Hillel's new head of school.

Hillel Academy chooses new head of school

After a year-long national search to find a new head of school, Hillel Academy has hired Allison B. Oakes, a 20-year educator in both Jewish day schools and the public school system.

Oakes will join Hillel on Oct. 30.

Most recently, she served as the head of the Sandra E. Lerner

Jewish Community Day School in Durham, NC, where she cultivated faculty and developed partnerships with parents and community leaders. One of her most rewarding achievements there was creating an environment in which learning and caring go hand-in-hand.

"I am so impressed with the thoughtfulness and dedication

that has gone into finding the right leader for Hillel Academy," Oakes said. "The many members of the Hillel family with whom I have already met have shared with me their hopes and dreams for their children and for the future for Hillel Academy."

She said she also looks forward

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President's Dinner headliner is polling guru

Frank Luntz, a pollster, political pundit and frequent TV news guest especially during election season, will be the featured speaker at the Tampa Jewish Federation's 15th Annual President's Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 25.

The Federation's signature event, the dinner will be held at the Bryan Glazer Family Jewish Com-

munity Center. In announcing this year's speaker, event co-chairs Carol Jaffe and David Rosenbach called Luntz "a candid and engaging voice with insight and perspective" who will offer actionable and empowering solutions to combat anti-Semitism and Boycott/Divestment/Sanctions movement.

"With the rise of Anti-semitism

and an active BDS movement on college campuses, this topic and this speaker could not be more current or relevant to our community and around the world," said Jaffe.

In May 2016, a *New York Times* article quoted Luntz as telling a World Jewish Congress

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Frank Luntz



Surrounded by blackened vegetation, Camp Newman's iconic hillside Star of David survived a wildfire in Northern California.

Officials spot 'miracles' amid ashes of Jewish camp in No. California

By ROB GLOSTER
J. Jewish News of Northern California via JTA

SAN FRANCISCO — Administrators of a Jewish summer camp destroyed by a wildfire in Northern California toured the site for the first time, finding "miracles" amid the devastation.

Although most of Camp Newman's buildings were lost in the North Bay Area wildfires, camp officials said an entrance gate, prayer books and tallit survived the flames, along with an iconic wooden Star of David that overlooks the Union for Reform Judaism camp from a rocky perch.

Each summer, about 1,400 children attend Camp Newman, located on 480 acres east of Santa Rosa.

The camp's executive director, Ruben Arquilevich, and other camp officials vis-

ited the fire-ravaged site for the first time on Friday, Oct. 13, and were shocked by the scene even before they arrived.

In an interview afterward, Arquilevich said the road to the camp had featured "scenery filled with blue skies and green trees and grass, and the first part has always been a neighborhood with a couple of hundred homes. But as we drove through that neighborhood, all we saw were homes burned to the ground. This used to be a color scene, and it was black and white. It just haunted me."

Arquilevich's spirits were raised, however, when he saw that the giant gate to the camp, inscribed with the words "May you be blessed as you go on your way," was standing. Grapes dangled from some vines

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What happens now with the Iran deal

By RON KAMPEAS
JTA news service

WASHINGTON— President Donald Trump has said what he wants Congress to do with the Iran nuclear deal, which he has called the worst in the world: Make it better. How does that happen? Is it possible to "fix" the deal without breaking it?

Here's a breakdown of what Trump wants, what might happen and where the Jewish organizations, many who were fierce opponents of the original deal, are on the issue.

What Trump wants

The 2015 deal negotiated by the Obama administration, the European Union, Britain, Germany, France, Russia and China with Iran traded sanctions relief for a rollback of Iran's nuclear program. Trump can leave the deal whenever he wants: All he has to do is stop waiving — that is, restore — the sanctions removed by the deal.

Top security advisers have talked Trump out of that option, saying it could damage the U.S. reputation. Instead, they have counseled him to decertify Iranian compliance with the agreement under a 2015 law passed by Congress as a means of overseeing the deal: the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act, or INARA.

Now that Trump has done that in a White House speech on Friday, Oct. 13, Congress has 60 days to reimpose sanctions.

But the White House is not asking Congress to reimpose the sanctions. Rather the president wants new legislation, through an amended INARA or through a new law, that would effectively reshape the deal.

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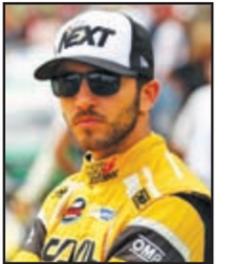
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Israeli driver Alon Day races to first NASCAR championship

Israeli race car driver Alon Day has won his first NASCAR championship. Day finished first in the standings in the auto racing group's European series, which ended Oct. 15 with a race in Belgium. The Israeli was fourth in the race — he needed only to complete the first lap to take home the title after being well ahead in the rankings, *The Times of Israel* reported.

Day, the first ever Israeli professional race car driver, had finished second and third in the European series standings the past two seasons.

Day, 25, who grew up in Ashdod, began competing in go-kart races at age 10. He has done the bulk of his training on computer-screen simulators because Israel did not have a motor sport race track until this year.



Alon Day

Jewish coach leads Colombia national soccer team into World Cup

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Led by its Jewish Argentine coach, Jose Pekerman, Colombia's national soccer team will play in the 2018 World Cup in Russia.

Pekerman was born in Villa Dominguez in the Argentine countryside, one of the main centers of Jewish immigration to the country. His grandparents came from Ukraine.

A former midfielder with the Argentine national team, Pekerman took over as Colombia's coach in January 2012 and led the nation's return to the World Cup in 2014 following a 16-year absence from the world championship. In more than five years as the coach of "the cafeteros," or coffee makers, Pekerman has led the squad to a record of 38 wins, 17 losses and 15 ties.

Pekerman is the only Jewish member of a team participating in the FIFA World Cup for the second year in a row, albeit from the bench.

Israeli man, receives kidney from daughter who died in accident

JERUSALEM — A 66-year-old Israeli man received a kidney transplant from his daughter who died in a horseback riding accident while vacationing in Georgia.

Moshe Shimmoni came out of surgery on Tuesday, Oct. 17, as his daughter, Orit Gur, 44, was being buried in Israel, the Israeli Hebrew-language daily newspaper *Yediot Acharonot* reported.

She was flown back to Israel after the accident for treatment but died there. Her heart, second kidney and liver were transplanted into other patients.

Gur had signed an organ donor card several years ago, according to reports.

"We promised each other a few years ago that if something happened to one of us, we'd donate our organs," her husband, Lior, said in his eulogy, *The Times of Israel* reported. "Orit, you did exactly as you'd wanted, giving life to other people."

The couple have two children, aged 20 and 16.

Lightning honor Holocaust survivor advocate

On his first date with Irene Berger, the woman who would become his wife of 61 years, Carl Glassberg learned that Irene had evaded death at the hands of Nazis twice, and from the day he heard her story, he committed himself to making life better for Holocaust survivors.

For his work on behalf of Holocaust survivors, Glassberg was honored as the Lightning Community Hero on Monday, Oct. 9, at the Tampa Bay Lightning's second home game. He directed his \$50,000 award from the

Lightning and Vinik Family Foundation to the Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Holocaust Survivor Program, which serves the whole Tampa Bay area.

Since 2011, the Lightning have given more than \$13.75 million to more than 300 different charities through the Community Hero program.

Glassberg, who was the 273rd "hero," said he was "overwhelmed" by the generosity of the Lightning organization and enjoyed getting his

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(L-R) Lightning captain Steven Stamkos, Community hero Carl Glassberg and team owner Jeff Vinik.

NY woman keeps evidence of anti-Semitic graffiti for all to see

A Staten Island Jewish woman says she won't be painting over the large swastika and anti-Semitic slur spray-painted on her garage.

"I just want people to see it," Debra Calabrese told the *Staten Island Advance*. "The people driving by can't believe it. Nobody can."

The vandalism also includes the misspelled slur "Kyke."

Calabrese, who has lived in the house for 14 years, told the *Advance* that she was "devastated" by the attack. "It's disturbing. It's a horrible thing," she said.

She said police detectives collected evidence on and then told her she could paint over the anti-Semitic messages.

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Can cyber technology solve the Anne Frank, Raoul Wallenberg mysteries?

By CNAAN LIPSHIZ
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After 70 years of studying the Holocaust, historians still don't know the exact circumstances of the tragic fate that befell two of the best-known victims of the Holocaust era: Anne Frank and Raoul Wallenberg.

Frank, the teenager whose journal of her days in hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam has sensitized millions to the suffering of 6 million victims, died in 1945 in Bergen-Belsen after the Nazis caught her. But nobody knows who, if anyone, betrayed her and her family to the Nazis.

Meanwhile, Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat who saved countless Hungarian Jews by issuing them visas to Sweden, disappeared without a trace in the 1940s. Subsequent evidence emerged proving the Soviet Union lied when it said he had died in 1947 in one of its prisons.

These mysteries separately have caught the eye of two American experts who both believe they can use the power of computation to make progress in the cold cases.

On the Frank case is a retired FBI agent, Vince Pankoke, who recently told the *Volkscrant* daily in the Netherlands that he has assembled a team of more than a dozen forensics and computer experts. They will use their expertise to scan archives with greater efficiency and speed than ever possible using orthodox methods of historical research.

And on Wallenberg's trail is a mathematician from Baltimore, Ari Kaplan, whose specialty is to quantify baseball players' performances to identify patterns over time, which can then be translated into effective strategies.

In both cases, any success will beat the odds.

Dutch police have launched two rather thorough investigations to discover whether Frank was betrayed and if so by whom. Neither the probe in 1948 nor one in 1963 was successful.

Since then, writers and historians have offered various theories, none of which were proven, including one centered on the sister of a typist working for Otto Frank, Anne's father.

But Pankoke, 59, says that's not where the case needs to end. "There is so much information available these days, from archives, old studies," he told the *Volkscrant*. "For individual people it is impossible to overview in its entirety, but with the right software it's achievable. That way you can connect the dots through analysis."

Analysis is also the name of the game for Kaplan, the baseball fan

and math whiz looking into the Wallenberg case. His algorithms helped pinpoint Wallenberg's exact cell in Lubyanka prison, according to Marvin Makinen, a professor of biochemistry at the University of Chicago who says he heard from inmates who saw Wallenberg alive long after the bogus death announcement. Makinen, Kaplan and several others are part of an unofficial task force to find out what really happened to Wallenberg.

The algorithm helped Kaplan and Makinen put together a complex database analysis of the cell occupancy at the prison from 1947 to 1972 based on partial Russian prison records. In the analysis, Kaplan and Makinen show that some rooms in the overpopulated prison had remained empty – on paper, at least – for more than nine consecutive months at a time. To Makinen, this suggested a prisoner or prisoners had been kept there but were not listed on the registry. He and Kaplan believe Wallenberg was kept in the cell listed as empty.

Moscow denied their request for more prison records, Makinen said. Last year, Makinen and Kaplan visited Moscow to present officials with a 57-page report requesting specific documents, ranging from the Soviets' wartime intelligence files on Wallenberg to papers dealing with the return in 1999 of Wallenberg's personal items, *Tablet* reported in an interview with Kaplan.

The research suggests that receiving "just a handful" of the documents from the Russian state archives "would have solved the case or at least shed light," Kaplan told *Tablet*. He insists that Wallenberg's fate eventually "will be revealed."

"It is just a matter of when, and I want it to happen soon – for the closure of his family and those he rescued," Kaplan said. "That is what keeps me upbeat."

Despite the impasse they have reached, Kaplan and Makinen may be on firmer ground than Pankoke. After all, they know the Russians took Wallenberg, whereas Pankoke may be barking up the wrong tree altogether, according to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. Last year that institution, which runs the Anne Frank museum at the address where she hid before her capture and murder, published a report suggesting that Anne Frank and her family were never betrayed, but were caught by chance in a German raid aimed at suspected counterfeiters of food stamps.

The issue is controversial in the Netherlands. For decades, the absence of a traitor in Anne Frank's story has helped it become a tale



Researchers want to know who, if anyone, betrayed Anne Frank and her family to the Nazis.

A passport photograph of Raoul Wallenberg taken in Budapest, Hungary, June 1944.



celebrating the heroism of resistance activists who helped the family hide from the Nazis. But the discovery of a traitor could change the story dramatically, giving a face and a name to the massive collaboration that went on in the Netherlands during the Nazi occupation – a key reason for the murder of 75 percent of Dutch Jewry, which is the highest per capita death rate in occupied Western Europe.

Thijs Bayens and Pieter Van Twisk, respectively a filmmaker and journalist from the Netherlands, recruited Pankoke and initiated his investigation. (Last month they published in the media and online an appeal for information from anyone with knowledge of Anne Frank's arrest).

They are working with Xomnia, an Amsterdam-based company specializing in processing and analyzing large amounts of information, to bring closure to her story, they said. The group, which has more than a dozen investigators, is documenting its efforts on a website called coldcasediary.com.

"The amount of data is overwhelming," Bayens told *The Guardian*. "It is at least 20 to 25 kilometers of files at this moment and we have just started. To try and make all this data relevant is quite complex, so we started to work on artificial intelligence algorithms to rule the data, as they say."

Bayens said that most of the people who were around the Frank family and were still alive after the war "are in the police files of the previous investigations."

"They were brought in for questioning," he said, "so we have detailed reports on that."

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Children are welcome to join

their parents with plenty of activities for all ages planned: decorate a tzedakah box, enjoy story time, participate in a stamp craft or sing-a-long; act out *The Giving Tree* by Shel Silverstein. There will be food offered for everyone.

About #GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday was created in 2012 by the 92nd Street Y in New York and has become a worldwide event, harnessing the power of social media to transform how people think, talk and participate in the end-of-year giving season.

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RABBINICALLY — SPEAKING —

Learning to move on

By RABBI HOWARD SIEGEL
Congregation Kol Ami, Tampa

The High Holiday season has again come and gone. Autumn is in the air. The days become shorter and the nights become cooler (God-willing!).

Humankind is not psychologically able to live in total darkness nor unending sunshine. We need the sun to set as much as we need it to rise. Life is like that, sunshine and darkness. Nothing remains static; nothing stays the same.

Every part of nature blossoms, has its moment in the sun and fades away. This is true of trees, flowers, animals and people. People display the greatest difficulty dealing with this.

We live in a culture that believes you can stay young forever. Youth has become an industry devoted to cosmetics, vitamins, surgical procedures and more, in a concerted effort to defeat time. However, time marches on. Only a Messianic Era can apply the brakes.

At the end of the day we are left with a choice: Go through life stressed out by our mortality or give in to its reality, and “move on.”

“Moving on” means celebrating the dawn of each day as another opportunity to touch and be touched by the gift of constant change in nature and in people. We possess the ability to love, cherish, nourish and receive the same in return. As one grows older, an appreciation of these gifts becomes greater, as does the responsibility to pass them on.

Learning to appreciate the Divine gift of life requires first appreciating its transitory nature. As autumn takes hold I am haunted, yet inspired, by the words of the poet Robert Frost:

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

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Chabad Jewish Centre at Wiregrass

Holocaust survivor to speak:
Dr. Jacob Eisenbach, 94, the lone survivor out of an extended Polish family of 100, will appear here to talk about his life in the grip of Hitler's Third Reich for five years. The program will be on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Chabad Centre, 2124 Ashley Oaks Circle, Wesley Chapel. His story was the subject of a 2015 book, *Where You Go, I Go: The Astonishing Life of Dr. Jacob Eisenbach, Holocaust Survivor and 92-year-old Full-Time Dentist*. Shortly after the book was published he retired from his dental practice in Southern California after 60 years. While detailing the horrors that befell him, Eisenbach's message is one of hope for a better tomorrow.



Dr. Jacob Eisenbach

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Cong. Schaarai Zedek
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Cong. Rodeph Sholom

Introduction to Judaism: Rabbi Richard Birnholz and Rabbi Nathan Farb talk about the nature of Judaism, God, Torah, worship, life cycle observances, and holidays during Introduction to Judaism classes are on Wednesdays now through Dec. 13 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for the classes but books for the course are purchased separately. This course is open to everyone who wishes to learn about basic Judaism and Jewish practice. It is required for anyone who is planning to convert. Upcoming topics are: Nov. 1, the High Holidays and home ritual; Nov. 8, birth rituals and baby

naming, bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation, wedding and divorce; and Nov. 15, death and the afterlife.

Café CSZ: Enjoy a bagel and a cup of coffee at Café CSZ on Sunday mornings from 9-11 a.m. when religious school is meeting. The next café sessions are on Sundays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 12.

Cong. Beth Am

A Tapestry of song: A two-part biographical course about Jewish musician Carole King will be offered on Thursdays, Nov. 2 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. Her talent at the piano was obvious by age 4 and her hit songwriting established by her early 20s, led to a blockbuster career as one of the most prolific and influential pop songwriter/recording artists in history. The class takes a look at the life, times, and music of one of contemporary music's most celebrated composer/performers.

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Buddy Run: Enjoy a fun event at Trout Creek Park and help raise funds for Beth Am and Buddy Baseball on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 8 a.m. There will be a 5K and fun run. Sign up to run or volunteer at www.buddyrun5k.org.

Israeli dancing: Lessons in Israeli dancing are offered every Tuesday at 7 p.m. For more information, contact **Irma Polster** at Ipolster@TampaBay.rr.com or call the temple office.

Cong. Rodeph Sholom

Mah jongg & more: The Sisterhood is planning an evening of mah jongg, a dinner and an author as a guest speaker on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 5:30 - 9 p.m. **Karen Goen**, also known as **Bubbe Fischer**, author of two books and many stories will be the guest speaker following dinner. The evening will conclude with free play mah jongg, lessons, a book signing and prizes. Mah jongg players at all levels of skill are welcome. A separate beginners corner will be set up for instruction and open play. A donation of \$36 is requested and all are welcome. RSVP to the synagogue office immediately.

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Cong. Mekor Shalom

Annual meeting: On Sunday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m., the membership will meet for its annual meeting, which will include voting.

Charity Chelm Auction: A live Chelm auction which aims to put a smile on the face of participants will be held at the Carrollwood Recreation Center on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Proceeds from the auction will go to Mekor Shalom.

Color and connect: The congregation will hold an adult coloring get together on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own coloring book or use pages already at the synagogue. Coloring supplies will be available.

Cong. Kol Ami

Cybersecurity: A presentation about digital self defense will be given on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. by **Nathan Fisk**, Ph.D., assistant professor of cybersecurity education at the University of South Florida and a faculty affiliate of the Florida Center for Cybersecurity. He is among the first cohort of Fulbright Cybersecurity Scholars. Fisk will cover basic cybersecurity techniques and the vari-

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LIGHTNING

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picture taken with Jeff Vinik and Steven Stamkos and receiving a Lightning jersey even though it was too big.

A retired accounting executive, Glassberg will be honored again as Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services Community Volunteer of the year on Thursday, Nov. 9 at Faces, the social service agency's annual fundraiser gala. His generosity and his oversight of the agency's Holocaust Survivor Program will be recognized alongside others who have overcome hardships with the help of Gulf Coast programs.

Glassberg was born in 1930 and grew up in Manchester, NH. His grandparents owned a furniture manufacturing business where his father worked as sales manager. Glassberg studied mathematics and economics at Dartmouth and continued with graduate studies in accounting at the Tuck School of Business. He earned a law degree from Fordham University and qualified as a Certified Public Accountant. That led to a partnership at Peat, Marwick and Mitchell, a prestigious accounting firm headquartered in New York. He served five years on the executive committee of the tax division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

But he found his real life's passion—helping those who survived the Holocaust—and the love of his life, Irene, when they met in 1952 and he heard her life story:

Irene Berger was born in Lodz, Poland, in 1930. At the age of 9, Irene and her mother were transported to Auschwitz by train. A faulty mechanism in the gas chamber prevented the Nazis from executing Irene, her mother and 1,000 other women. Instead, they were

forced into slave labor. In 1945, Irene was sent to the Mauthausen death camp in Austria. Once again, Nazi plans to exterminate the prisoners were foiled when Gen. George Patton liberated the camp on the last day of the war.

"She somehow managed to be a social butterfly," said Glassberg. "She played tennis, she'd do things. She was not a typical survivor. She would speak to other survivors and always wanted to help them."



Carl and Irene Glassberg, 1970

They found out about Gulf Coast's program 20 years ago when Irene expressed an interest in meeting other survivors. Those who have survived the Holocaust often find reassurance by spending time with others who went through similar experiences. Interaction among survivors enhances their quality of life and provides the emotional strength necessary to stay positive.

Irene joined one of the Chavurah groups and Carl quickly was tapped to serve on Gulf Coast's Holocaust Survivor Program Advisory Committee. In addition to socialization, the Holocaust Survivor Program offers assistance with victim restitution, homeware so survivors can remain in their own homes as long as possible, and emergency funds for low-income clients to help cover costs of medicine, food, transportation and other essential services.

Upon Irene's passing three years ago,

the United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. honored her contributions to survivors over the years.

For his part, Carl remains a member of Holocaust Survivor Program Advisory Committee among his many volunteer efforts through the years to make life better for Holocaust survivors, whether helping them with their income tax calculations or volunteering at the Florida Holocaust Museum. He recently assisted in raising funds that helped meet the needs of 60 Holocaust survivors who live on income considered below poverty level. With this funding, Gulf Coast JFCS could provide hearing aids, glasses, emergency medical and pharmacy expenses, and dental care for the survivors.

To Glassberg, the best part of receiving the Lightning Hero award was bringing more awareness to the fact a lot of survivors remain and require financial support.

He never misses an opportunity to point out the need for funds. "As Holocaust survivors age, their needs grow and expenses increase. Our goal is to make sure survivors live out their lives in peace and with dignity. Never again should they worry about their next meal."

"Carl's example benefits us all," said Dr. Sandra Braham, Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services CEO. "He inspires us with his selflessness, motivates us with his enthusiasm, and holds us accountable with his high standards."

The Faces gala will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park, on Nov. 9, beginning at 6 p.m. with a welcome reception followed by dinner and the program honoring Glassberg and three other program beneficiaries.

For more information and to RSVP, go to www.gcjfcs.org/faces2017.

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ous forms of attacks they are meant to protect against. Time will be provided for audience questions. RSVPs are acquired by Friday Nov. 3, to the Kol Ami office or Brotherhood.kolami@gmail.com. The cost is \$10 per person and guests are welcome. This event is free to members of Kol Ami Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

Sisterhood re-enrollment event: Sisterhood members and those who want to re-enroll are invited to a safari event on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 2-4 p.m. Participants are asked to wear their favorite animal print clothing. There will be a wine bar, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. With paid dues, Sisterhood members are free. The cost for guests is \$18.

As a *zedakah* project, participants are asked to bring non-perishables to be donated to the Tampa Jewish Family Services food pantry or Big Cat Rescue. RSVP to Sisterhood.kolami.tampa@gmail.com or the Kol Ami office.

Learn about Israel: A Tree of Life Long Learning series of eight classes on "Israel: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" will be presented by Ephraim Graff. Participants can attend any class as they are on separate topics all related to Israel.

The first class is Wednesday, Nov. 1, on the history of modern Israel and the second class, on Wednesday, Nov. 8 is on the demographics of Israel and its challenges and opportunities. Additional classes will be held on Jan. 1, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and on Feb. 6 and 13. Classes are from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

New members, vets honored: Shabbat services to welcome new members and honor veterans will be held on Friday,

Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m., with a dinner to follow. The cost for the dinner is \$18 for adults, \$11 for children ages 4-12 and free for children 3 and younger. Contact the Kol Ami office by 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, to RSVP for the dinner.

Brotherhood Pub Night: The Brotherhood will meet on Thursday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. at Brick House Tavern and Tap, 1102 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa. There will be happy hour and drink specials all night. The Brotherhood will provide appetizers. Drinks, alcoholic or nonalcoholic, are on you. Space is limited. RSVP by Nov. 6 to the Kol Ami office or Brotherhood.kolami@gmail.com.

L'Chaim: A class, "Sharing Life's Lessons," is offered on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. Topics, readings and a different leader are chosen for each weekly session.

Knitting time: The Sisterhood Needle Workers hold weekly knitting sessions on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the boardroom. For more information, call the synagogue. The knitters make fabric quilt wall hangings and knitting and crocheting squares to make quilts. These are then donated to a group that provides housing for local teens aging out of foster care, as well as other worthy charities. The Needle Workers will meet for a special Sunday session on Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, call the Kol Ami office at (813) 962-6338.

Cong. Beth Israel Sun City Center
Sisterhood lunch and movie: On Tuesday, Nov. 14 at noon, the Beth Israel Sisterhood will hold its annual paid-up members luncheon. All Sisterhood members who have paid their dues

are invited to attend at no cost for lunch and a movie. Reservations must be made by Sunday, Nov. 5. For more information about this event or Beth Israel Sisterhood, contact **Rochelle Lafer** at sisterhood@jcscc.org

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Cong. Beth Shalom Brandon

Mitzvah Day: Congregants will be performing many mitzvahs on Sunday, Nov. 5, starting at a local nursing home at 9 a.m. and visiting other community locations as well. All are invited to join in. Contact the synagogue for more information.

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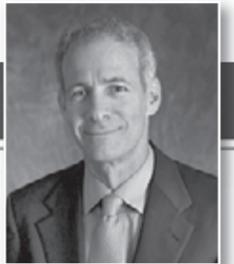
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California cantor turns prime-time rabbi with appearances on 'Curb' and 'Law and Order'

By ANDREW TOBIN
JTA news service

Kenny Ellis isn't a rabbi. But it wasn't much of a stretch for him to play one on TV. Ellis is a veteran cantor at Temple Beth Ami, a Reform Jewish synagogue in Santa Clarita, CA.

After 27 years on the pulpit, he is breaking into prime-time TV with not one, but two, roles as the officiant of a fictional Jewish funeral. He will lead the Mourner's Kaddish on HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and then again on NBC's "Law and Order True Crime: The Menendez Murders." Both episodes were scheduled to debut this month.

A former aspiring actor and comedian, Ellis has a history with *Curb* creator and star Larry David. The two Jews met on the New York comedy circuit in the 1970s, where they honed their routines at clubs like The Improv and Catch a Rising Star. They reunited during filming of the third episode of the ninth

season of the hit comedy series. "I was wondering if after all these years, he would remember me," Ellis said of David in a statement, "and he did!"

Although the men's careers took very different paths, they both ended up being Jewish performers of sorts. In addition to his day job as a cantor, Ellis takes his standup comedy show "The Man Behind the Matzoh Ball" on tour and last year released an album called *Hanukkah Swings*.

For his part, David co-created the legendary 1990s NBC comedy "Seinfeld," which a Jewish exec at first dismissed as "too Jewish." *Curb*, on which he plays a curmudgeonly version of himself, makes no apologies for its "Jewiness." In the first two episodes of this season, David has already rekindled his love-hate romance with the owner of a Los Angeles Palestinian chicken restaurant in hopes of escaping a fatwa declared against him by the ayatollah, and orchestrated what

is dubbed the "hooker mitzvah."

Edie Falco is playing a more serious Jewish role as the star of the *Menendez Murders* true-crime miniseries. She is Leslie Abramson, the defense attorney for brothers Erik and Lyle Menendez, who were in real life famously convicted of murder for the brutal 1989 killing of their parents in Beverley Hills. Ellison will appear at the funeral of Falco's character's mother.

Despite the dark subject matter, he was thrilled to meet the *Oz*, *The Sopranos* and *Nurse Jackie* star. "It was so wonderful to 'hang out' with Edie for the day," Ellison said. "She was not only an amazing actress, but also, as sweet as can be. She didn't hide in her trailer between takes, instead, she hung out with us and *kibitzed*."

After decades of studying and auditioning for acting roles, Ellis is as surprised as anyone



Photo courtesy of Kenny Ellis
Cantor Kenny Ellis with 'Curb Your Enthusiasm' creator and star Larry David

that his first appearances alongside Emmy-award winners will draw on his synagogue experience.

"So, after all the years of acting classes, who would have thought that I would break into television doing the Kaddish memorial prayer?" he said.

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Holocaust scholar to discuss responses of various faiths to rise of Nazism

The Saint Leo University Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies will host two speaking appearances by noted Holocaust historian and author Victoria Barnett, PhD. on Nov. 9. Barnett is a scholar at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., where she directs the museum's programs on ethics, religion and the Holocaust.



Victoria Barnett

Barnett's appearances — one on the St. Leo campus and the other in Tampa — have been timed to commemorate the anniversary of Kristallnacht, or the "Night of Broken Glass." On Nov. 9 and 10, 1938, a series of violent attacks were carried out on Jewish temples, stores, businesses and homes in Germany, Austria, and part of what was Czechoslovakia. The pogrom left cities with streets littered with shards of glass from the store windows that were shattered. Many consider the state-sanctioned, anti-Jewish crimes of vandalism, arson, personal assaults, theft, and punitive taxation of the victims, the starting point of the years-long Holocaust.

Studies annually marks the date by offering events devoted to education, reflection and peace building.

At the Saint Leo University campus in central Pasco County, Barnett is scheduled to present a talk, "Theologian against the Nazis: New Questions, New Findings about Dietrich Bonhoeffer," from 2 - 3:30 p.m., in the Student Community Center, 33701 SR 52, St. Leo. Bonhoeffer emerged at a young age as an influential Christian thinker, author and an operative in a covert resistance movement against the Third Reich. His resistance activities were eventually discovered and he was executed by the Nazis.

In Tampa, Barnett will present "From Silence to Protest: Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant Responses during the Holocaust" from 7- 9 p.m. in the McLoughlin Center, 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy. in Tampa, directly behind Christ the King Catholic Church. Rabbi James Rudin, former senior interreligious advisor for the American Jewish Committee and a co-founder of the Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies, will offer a response.

Barnett's two lectures are free and open to the public. Because of limited seating, an RSVP for this event is required by Nov. 1 to jennifer.orendorf@saintleo.edu. For more information about the center, contact Director Matthew Tapie, PhD, at matthew.tapie@saintleo.edu.

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Raising children in the age of the internet and smart phones can be a challenge, and many parents struggle to understand the effects of this technology and how to set limits on screen time. After all, this is the first generation to be raised since the invention of the smart phone, and its influence can be felt everywhere.

To better understand the issues involved, Hillel Academy invites youths in fifth grade and older and their parents to a free showing of the award-winning film *Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age* on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Light refreshments will be offered at 6 p.m. at the school, 2020 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa. The movie will be shown next door at Congregation Beth Am at 6:30 p.m. The evening will also include a discussion session, with parents and youths invited to participate.

This event was originally scheduled for Sept. 12, but was postponed due to Hurricane Irma.



Hillel sixth grader David Caine is a typical technological teen, able to juggle more than one tech device at a time.

Reservations are required by registering at <https://impactflow.com/event/presented-by-hillel-academy-of-tampa-3801>. For more information, call Cosmo Kunzelmann at (813) 963-2242.

Israeli educator to speak on anti-Semitic rhetoric

The community is invited to hear Rabbi Leor Sinai, co-executive director of Alexander Muss High School in Israel, speak on how teenagers and their families should prepare to respond to anti-Israel and anti-Semitic rhetoric. All Jewish teens are strongly encouraged to participate in this free, casual, interactive program.



Rabbi Leor Sinai

The program will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at Congregation B'nai Israel, 300 58th St. N., St. Petersburg. The event is sponsored by Jewish National Fund.

Rabbi Sinai will speak on why it is criti-

cal for youths to be educated and grounded with a strong Jewish and pro-Israel background.

Originally from New York, Rabbi Sinai made *aliyah*, moving with his family to Israel in June 2011. He began his tenure as co-executive director at the international Alexander Muss High School two years later.

As a young adult, he was involved in New York City's night life as a club producer and MC (Master of Ceremonies), but in 1995 that all changed while he spent the academic year abroad studying at Haifa University. On his return, he completed his bachelor's degree in Jewish Studies at New York's Hunter College and continued his education at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, receiving ordination and a master's in Hebrew Letters in 2009.

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to working with other local organizations "to make Hillel Academy the premier institution of Jewish life and learning in the Tampa Bay region."

Oakes, whose three children will attend Hillel Academy, is a graduate of the Akiba Hebrew Academy in Philadelphia and has a master's degree in education from the University of Florida.

"After extensive consideration, we have elected a very special person with whom to partner in the adventure to prepare our children for a future world that has not yet even been envisioned," said Solomon. Her vision and enthusiasm will enable Hillel Academy to reach new heights in innovative learning and Jewish living, said Sandy Solomon, president of the board of trustees.

The board is certain Oakes will be a valuable partner and participant in Tampa's Jewish community, as the school continues to

pursue excellence on every front.

More than 80 highly qualified candidates nationwide were considered for the leadership position, with guidance from the top educational search firm, Carney Sandoe.

When Oakes joins Hillel Academy, she will dedicate her first few months to creating and cultivating bonds with students, faculty, staff, parents, and community leaders. Her first order of business will be to assess every component of the school to facilitate the development of short-term and long-range plans to promote its journey onward and upward.

With about 200 students in transitional kindergarten through eighth grade, Hillel Academy is the only accredited Jewish Day School in the Tampa Bay area. It offers both Judaic and general academic studies. The school is located at 2020 W. Fletcher Ave. in Tampa. For more information, go to www.hillelacademytampa.com or call (813) 963-2242.

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Conservative movement reaffirms intermarriage ban, but urges welcoming all couples

NEW YORK (JTA) – The Conservative movement will maintain its ban on rabbis performing interfaith marriages while seeking to welcome couples who are already intermarried, according to a new letter signed by the movement's four leaders. The letter addressed to the movement's clergy, educators and leaders, follows a summer when a few prominent Conservative rabbis announced that they would begin officiating at intermarriages. It does not represent a change in the movement's policy or practice of Jewish law.

"We affirm the traditional practice of reserving rabbinic officiation to two Jews," the letter reads. But the movement's leaders continued that "are equally adamant that our clergy and communities go out of their way to create multiple opportunities for deep and

caring relationships between the couple and the rabbi, the couple and the community, all in the context of welcome and love that extends well before the moment of the wedding and well beyond it too."

The letter was written by Rabbi Bradley Artson, dean of the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies in Los Angeles, and co-signed by Arnold Eisen, Jewish Theological Seminary chancellor; Rabbi Julie Schonfeld, CEO of the Conservative Rabbinical Seminary; and Rabbi Steven Wernick, CEO of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Since 2000, more than 70 percent of non-Orthodox Jews have married non-Jewish partners, according to the Pew Research Center's 2013 study of American Jewry. The other major Jewish denominations in the United States are split on the issue: the

Reform movement allows intermarriage and the Orthodox prohibits it.

Conservative Judaism aims to maintain fealty to traditional Jewish law while remaining relevant to the modern world. Its rabbis are prohibited from officiating at or attending intermarriages, but recently the movement has taken steps to welcome intermarried couples. This year, the movement's synagogues voted to allow non-Jews as members.

But several of the movement's rabbis have begun officiating at intermarriages, arguing that the movement has not gone far enough in embracing the spouses of many young Jews.

Last December, Rabbi Seymour Rosenbloom of Philadelphia was expelled from the Rabbinical Assembly umbrella group for performing intermarriages. In June, the Conservative-ordained clergy at B'nai

Jeshurun, a nondenominational New York synagogue, announced that they would begin performing intermarriages. So did Rabbi Amichai Lau-Lavie, who heads the experimental congregation Lab/Shul in New York.

Conservative leaders responded at the time by reaffirming their opposition to intermarriage while pledging to respect and welcome intermarried couples. The new letter echoes that sentiment.

"We all know that intermarriage is a loving choice people make in an open and accepting society," Rabbi Wernick told JTA. "As rabbis and leaders, we also have a commitment to Jewish law and Jewish marriage. How do we create a language that acknowledges both of these realities as well as a commitment to welcome those Jews and families to journey Jewishly on this path?"



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conference that his data suggested that the BDS effort to ostracize Israel was winning more sympathy in the United States.

"This is the Palestinian narrative," Luntz said. "This is what happens if you remain silent."

One of Luntz's trademarks is his belief that using certain words and phrases can change perceptions and influence who we vote for, what products we buy and what we

believe. In 2008, he wrote a book on the subject, *Words that Work – It's Not What You Say, It's What People Hear*.

As a pollster, Luntz pioneered the "Instant Response" dialing focus group technique that has become a staple of political and corporate polling. News networks often use the technique during live presidential debates, displaying colored lines rising and falling as a focus group records their real-time reac-

tions as the candidates are talking.

He has conducted polling sessions for all three broadcast networks, two of the three cable news channels and PBS, as well as prestigious publications such as the *Wall Street Journal*.

Luntz was a primary night and election night commentator on MSNBC in 2000 and 2004 and his reoccurring segments on MSNBC/CNBC, "100 Days, 1000 Voices" won an Emmy Award in 2001. Since 2007, he has been the "Focus Group Czar" for Fox News, conducting over 100 sessions in more than 20 states, as well as co-hosting several live hour-long prime time specials and dial sessions during every presidential debate. For the past four years, he has served as a news analyst for CBS News, focusing on corporate crisis communications as well as politics.

His "Instant Response" focus group technique has been profiled on *60 Minutes*, *Good Morning America* and PBS's *Frontline*. He has appeared on *The Daily Show*, *The Colbert Report*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, *Meet the Press*, *Nightline*, *The Today Show*, *Charlie Rose* and *Face the Nation*.

His work has also won him a raft of accolades. He was named one of the four "Top Research Minds" in *Business Week* and "the hottest pollster" by the *Boston Globe*. He has captured *The Washington Post's* coveted "Crystal Ball" award for being the most accurate pundit and he was called "the Nostradamus of pollsters" by Sir David Frost.

Luntz can also be found in front of a classroom. From 1989 until 1996, he was an adjunct professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He has taught courses at Harvard University and George Washington University.

His own academic career began at the University of Pennsylvania, at age 25, he received his doctorate in politics from Oxford University and he became the second youngest person to ever be named a Fellow at Harvard University's Institute of Politics.

"I have heard Dr. Luntz speak several times to standing-room only crowds in Washington, DC, and we are so fortunate to be able to host this exceptional speaker in our community," said event co-chair Rosenbach.

Ticket price is \$180 per person and patron tickets are \$300 per person. Tickets for young adults ages 35 and under are \$90.

Formal invitations will be mailed in December, however, reservations can be made now at www.jewishtampa.com/APD.

For questions or more information about the event or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Michelle Gallagher at michelle.gallagher@jewishtampa.com or 813.739.1687.



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Kol Ami to welcome Israeli Orthodox rabbi known for promoting inclusiveness for women

According to Modern Orthodox Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, chief rabbi of the West Bank settlement town of Efrat, finding common ground with non-Orthodox Jews is more important than ever.

The rupture in the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora relating to non-Orthodox prayer – particularly egalitarian services – at Robinson’s Arch near the Kotel underscores the need to unify Jews of all backgrounds.



Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Rabbi Riskin – described as a charismatic, “liberal” Orthodox spiritual leader and educator – will discuss his philosophy for bridging the gap in Judaism between Orthodox and non-Orthodox as guest speaker of Kol Ami’s third annual Am Yisrael Chai Lecture Tuesday, Nov. 14. There is no charge to attend and the community is welcome.

Long a champion of the need to work across denominational lines, and maintaining Reform and Conservative Jews are his partners, not enemies, Rabbi Riskin will share his experiences in interdenominational efforts and offer a vision of future cooperation.

The 77-year-old rabbi has pushed the boundaries in Israel on several fronts including seeking more inclusiveness of women in traditional Judaism and advocating for easing the Orthodox’s strict conversion system in Israel. Although he has supported Israel’s religious establishment, his stances got him called before Israel’s Rabbinical Council in 2015. Still, he kept his title as chief rabbi of Efrat.

Prior to making *aliyah*, Rabbi Riskin was the founding rabbi of Lincoln Square Synagogue in New York City. He served as a role model for religious social action through his involvement in civil rights and the plight of Soviet Jewry, and he became a major spokesperson for Modern Orthodoxy by pioneering the first women’s Advanced Talmud Study program and the first synagogue service conducted for women by women in the early 1970s.

In 1983, the rabbi left a thriving career in Manhattan to pioneer the West Bank settlement of Efrat, located south of Jerusalem

between Hebron and Bethlehem. With a population of about 8,500, the settlement is made up mostly of religious Zionists and like Rabbi Riskin, Modern Orthodox Jews who made *aliyah* from the U.S., according to Israel’s official tourism website.

The rabbi founded a boys’ high school in Efrat, which would soon become Ohr Torah Stone (OTS), a Modern Orthodox school, teaching Judaism to men and women across the globe from junior high to graduate programs.

For the past 10 years, OTS has been giving Orthodox women in Israel the equivalent of rabbinic training at its Susi Bradfield Women’s Institute of Halakic Leadership. Women receive the same curriculum as Orthodox Israeli men studying for rabbinical ordination.

The women, Rabbi Riskin told the JTA news service recently, graduate with the ability to “teach and direct Jewish law, just like a rabbi.”

“Studying Torah and developing leadership within Torah is part of every human being,” he said. “Men and women equally are created in God’s image, and one of the miracles of our generation is Torah learning for women.”

He announced earlier this month plans to step down next year as chancellor of OTS.

Originally from Brooklyn, Rabbi Riskin graduated valedictorian, summa cum laude from Yeshiva University in 1960. He went on to receive *semicha* (rabbinical ordination) from the eminent Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik, z”l, a master’s degree in Jewish history and a Ph.D from New York University’s department of Near Eastern Languages and Literature.

Rabbi Riskin is the author of 11 books and monographs chronicling and analyzing topical issues. His syndicated weekly columns have appeared in the *Jerusalem Post* as well as in newspapers throughout the world, and his parshat hashavua (portion of the week) article is emailed weekly to more than 3,000 subscribers.

The event, sponsored by Harvey Mackler, will take place at Kol Ami, 3919 Moran Road, Tampa. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., with a dessert reception to follow.

Rabbi Riskin’s book *Listening to God* will also be available for purchase for \$30. To RSVP or for more information, email frontoffice@kolami.org or call (813) 962-6338.

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Community Hanukkah dinner planned for Dec. 17 at Glazer JCC

The community is invited to attend a Hanukkah Dinner Extravaganza on Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC.

The evening will include a buffet dinner, tableside entertainment, menorah lighting, dreidel spinning, festive Hanukkah music. Spirits will be available for purchase for adults age 21 and over.

Seating for dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the lighting of the menorah on the sixth night of Hanukkah.

Tickets are now available and sales will end on Friday Dec. 15. Cost is \$36 per person, ages 12+; \$18 for children 5-12; \$10 for toddlers 2-4 and children under 2 are free. High chairs are available by request at the time of reservation. Tables can accommodate up to nine guests with community seating for parties less than nine.

This family holiday event is expected to fill up fast, so be sure to purchase your tickets early by going to www.jewishtampa.com/Hanukkah.

Nov. 5 is new date for young adult newcomer's nosh

New to town? New to the Jewish community? The Tampa Jewish Federation will welcome young adult newcomers (ages 20s, 30s and 40s) on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the South Tampa home of Brian and Carlyn Neuman.

Area newcomers will meet other young Jewish professionals from the Tampa area, and learn how to

get involved with the Tampa Jewish Federation's new IMPACT initiative for young adults.

IMPACT is a group of young adults in their 20s through 40s, who share a commitment and passion for *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) and building a strong Jewish community with the Tampa Jewish Federation.

There is no cost to attend this event.

To learn more, contact Lisa Robbins, lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com or call (813)769-4723. RSVPs requested; address will be shared upon RSVP.

This event, originally scheduled for September, was rescheduled due to the effects of Hurricane Irma.

Texas town says you can't get hurricane relief if you boycott Israel

(JTA) – A city in Texas is requiring applicants for Hurricane Harvey rebuilding funds to certify in writing that they will not take part in a boycott of Israel, spurring criticism from the American Civil Liberties Union.

The website for Dickinson, TX is accepting applications for individuals and businesses who need assistance following the August hurricane. According to the application, those who sign must verify that the applicant "(1) does not boycott Israel; and (2) will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement."

Dickinson City Management assistant Bryan Milward attributed the clause to a state law, signed in May, that requires all state contractors to certify that they are not participating in boycotts of Israel. Milward emphasized that the city will not be verifying compliance with the clause and said he doesn't expect any applications to be rejected because of it.

"Because our application also functions as a contract, it was included in there," Milward told JTA. "We're not checking up on that. Our city secretary is not digging into anyone's background. We're not running background checks or anything like that. They're attesting that they're not boycotting, and we're accepting that based on good faith."

Dickinson, a city of about 19,000, was hit espe-

cially hard by Harvey. More than three-quarters of its homes were damaged by the hurricane, and 830 were destroyed, according to Milward.

ACLU calls the Dickinson application a violation of free speech rights.

"The First Amendment protects Americans' right to boycott, and the government cannot condition hurricane relief or any other public benefit on a commitment to refrain from protected political expression," ACLU of Texas Legal Director Andre Segura said in a statement.

"Dickinson's requirement is an egregious violation of the First Amendment, reminiscent of McCarthy-era loyalty oaths requiring Americans to disavow membership in the Communist party and other forms of 'subversive' activity," he said.

Supporters of laws aimed at the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement argue that refusing to do business with a country is not protected speech, and that longstanding laws forbidding "support" for foreign state boycotts of Israel apply to the business transaction, not the political motivations.

If anti-boycott laws are considered unconstitutional, proponents argue, then Americans would be free to violate existing sanctions preventing business with countries like Iran, Cuba or Sudan.

Ben Kingsley playing Eichmann in film about capture by Israeli agents

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (JTA) — Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley is in Buenos Aires filming a Hollywood movie about the capture of Adolf Eichmann by Israeli agents.

Kingsley, a British actor, is starring in *Operation Finale*, which chronicles the notorious Nazi's life as Ricardo Klement living in the Argentine capital after World War II and the Mossad operation to capture him.

A Mossad unit led by Peter Malkin captured Eichmann in May 1960; he was executed in Israel in 1962. Malkin will be played by the Guatemalan-American actor Oscar Isaac. Matthew Orton wrote the screenplay. Tony Award winner Michael Aronov will play another Mossad agent, Zvi Aharoni.

Kingsley, who won an Oscar for his 1982 portrayal of Mahatma Gandhi, has played Moses for TV (1995); Itzhak Stern in *Schindler's List* (1993); Otto Frank for *Anne Frank* (2001); and Simon Wiesenthal in *Murderers Among Us* (1989).

This is not the first movie to tackle the subject. *The Man Who Captured Eichmann*, a 1996 film starring Robert Duvall, was based on the book *Eichman In My Hands*, written by the Mossad's Malkin with Harry Stein.

Argentina was a haven for Nazi war criminals after World War II, including Eichman, Joseph Mengele and Erich Priebke.

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Julian Edelman's children's book gets a Jewish makeover

By PENNY SCHWARTZ
JTA news service

BOSTON – If New England Patriots star Julian Edelman retires from the NFL anytime soon, he clearly has a promising second career as a Jewish children's book writer.

In front of about 400 children and their families at the Newton Centre, flagship of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Boston, the 31-year-old wide receiver and Super Bowl hero read a special edition of a children's book he co-wrote last year.

Unsurprisingly Edelman, who has Jewish ancestry on his father's side and has identified as Jewish in recent years, was treated like a rock star.

"He's a really good receiver and I hope I like his book," Ilan Sherman Kadish, one of Edelman's many young fans in attendance, said before the player spoke.

The event was organized by PJ Library, the Massachusetts-based global Jewish children's book giveaway program supported by the Harold Grinspoon Foundation in partnership with other philanthropists and local Jewish community organizations.

Twenty-five thousand copies of Edelman's book, *Flying High*, a semi-autobiographical story about an endearing squirrel named Jules who is determined to play football, were mailed this month to 5-year-olds in Jewish homes across North America through the PJ Library program.

Before Edelman read his book, the audience was shown a video with footage from his visit to Israel in 2015 (which was co-sponsored by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston). The crowd cheered loudly after the video as Edelman, wearing a brace from a preseason knee injury that has kept him from playing this season, made his way onto the stage.

Edelman said onstage that the story of Israel reminded him of his own struggles to push past those who overlooked him. He was picked in the seventh and final round of the 2009 draft by the Patriots and was not projected to succeed in the league. But he has notched over 400 career receptions, helped the team win two Super Bowls and become quarterback Tom Brady's favorite target.

"I fell in love with the people of Israel," Edelman said, noting his admiration for how the small country thrives despite being surrounded by unfriendly countries.

It's a theme he said he wanted to convey in a children's book, especially after the birth of his daughter, Lily, last November, to whom he dedicated the book.

The new PJ Library edition of *Flying High* includes extra material on the front and back flaps that emphasizes the story's Jewish content and values. There is also a new reference to Theodor Herzl, the founder of modern Zionism.

The dedication page includes one of Herzl's most famous quotes: "If you will it, it is no dream."

The quote shows up in illustrations throughout the story as its young squirrel protagonist trains hard and perseveres against his detractors – a group of animals that includes an eagle, a buffalo and a bear who ridicule him for being too weak, slow and small.

The idea for the quote came from the Israeli-born Assaf Swissa, Edelman's co-author. Edelman told JTA after the event that while the quote was not central to the original book, it turned out to be a good fit.

"It definitely has meaning for me," he said of the Herzl quote.

A second *Flying High* book is due out in time for Hanukkah, Swissa told JTA.

Edelman has become an object of Jewish fascination since he publicly identified himself as a member of the tribe in a 2013 interview on the NFL Network. He has tweeted about Jewish holidays, wore an Israel pin during a game in 2014 and was named one of the best Jewish football players of all time by the American Jewish Historical Society last year.

PJ Library's founder, Jewish businessman Harold Grinspoon, and his wife, Diane Troderman, both philanthropists, attended the event with Edelman along with their grandchildren and other members of their family.

Edelman is "an amazing guy. He's a *heimische* guy. He's so real," Grinspoon told JTA, using a Yiddish term meaning friendly and down to earth. "I love the [*Flying High*] story because it's so true to who he is."



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One lucky fan had a fun encounter with Julian Edelman at a private reading of his book at the JCC of Greater Boston before the main event, Oct. 10, 2017.

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A new father, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg embraces his Judaism

By **BEN SALES**
JTA news service

Mark Zuckerberg wrote last December on Facebook that for him, "religion is very important." Looks like he meant it.

The Facebook co-founder has been invoking Judaism a lot lately. In May, he quoted a Jewish prayer at Harvard's commencement. A few weeks ago he posted a picture of his daughter with a family kiddush cup. And on Saturday night, Sept. 30, he posted a public apology at the end of Yom Kippur.

It's quite a transformation for a public figure who once defined himself as an atheist.

Although he was a member of the Jewish fraternity AEPi before he dropped out of Harvard, Zuckerberg didn't discuss his Judaism much before 2015. Replying to a comment last year, Zuckerberg wrote that he "went through a period where I questioned things, but now I believe religion is very important."

Zuckerberg's recent string of Jewish affirmations began nearly two years ago following then-presidential candidate Donald Trump's call for a ban on Muslims entering the United States. Being raised as a Jew, Zuckerberg wrote, made him sensitive to attacks on all minorities.

"After the Paris attacks and hate this week, I can only imagine the fear Muslims feel that they will be persecuted for the actions of others," Zuckerberg wrote, referring to that year's terror attack in the French capital. "As a Jew, my parents taught me that we must stand up against attacks on all communities. Even if an attack isn't against you today, in time attacks on freedom for anyone will hurt everyone."

Zuckerberg invoked his Judaism again after the August white supremacist rally in Charlottesville.

"It's a disgrace that we still need to say that neo-Nazis and white supremacists are wrong — as if this is somehow not obvious," he wrote.

But judging from his Facebook profile (and in his case, shouldn't we?), Zuckerberg has reconnected with his Judaism not just as a national figure but as a person and a father. His post featuring a collage of a kiddush cup, Shabbat candlesticks and homemade challah waxed about passing the cup from generation to generation.

"For shabbat tonight, we gave Max a kiddush cup that has been in our family for almost 100 years," he wrote, referring to his eldest daughter who turns 2 in December. (The couple welcomed a second child in August). "Her great-great-grandfather Max got it after our family immigrated here and it has been passed down through our family ever since."

At the Harvard commencement, Zuckerberg told graduates that he sings an adaptation of the *Mi Shebeirach* — the traditional Jewish prayer for the sick — when he tucks her in at night.

"And it goes, 'May the source of strength, who's blessed the ones before us, help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing,'" he told the graduates in May, quoting a version of the prayer by the late Jewish songwriter Debbie Friedman and lyricist Rabbi Drorah Setel. "I hope you find the courage to make your life a blessing."

While the mogul's newfound piety may be attracting attention, he is doing what any

young Jewish parent might, said Rabbi Brad Hirschfield, director of CLAL-the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership. Plenty of Jews lose interest in their religion, then reconnect to it after having kids.

"There are a million people in his age cohort who are deeply proud of being Jewish and are trying to figure out what it means," Rabbi Hirschfield said. "You marry and partner and have a family, and it's not surprising that the questions of 'How do I have a more meaningful life and build a better future' become more important and powerful and imminent."

InterfaithFamily.com was especially pleased that Zuckerberg, whose wife, Priscilla Chan, is not Jewish, has posted about his family's Jewish rituals.

"The fact that such a super-influential couple clearly are making Jewish choices for their family is the best news with which to start the new year," wrote Ed Case, founder of InterfaithFamily.com. "Mark Zuckerberg and Priscilla Chan could really change the course of Jewish history if they got involved in efforts to engage interfaith families in Jewish life."

Zuckerberg got Jewishly personal again when he asked for forgiveness at the end of Yom Kippur. His critics might say he has a lot to atone for.

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Facebook was accused of allowing Russian hackers to post thousands of ads influencing the election. And users also were allowed to target ads based on phrases like "Jew hater" and "how to burn Jews." (Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, who also is Jewish, said the company would address the problem.)

"For those I hurt this year, I ask forgiveness and I will try to be better," he wrote Saturday night. "For the ways my work was used to divide people rather than bring us together, I ask forgiveness and I will work to do better."

It isn't the first time that Zuckerberg has encountered trouble because of the content published on his site. In 2015, some 20,000 Israelis filed a class-action lawsuit against Facebook for ignoring incitement to terrorism on the network and enabling terrorists to find sympathizers. The case was dismissed this year.

While Zuckerberg may not have always talked publicly about his Judaism, he has surrounded himself with people who do. His college roommate moved to Israel and became a Conservative rabbi. Sandberg has spoken frequently about how Jewish rituals helped her cope following her husband's untimely death in 2015. And his sister, Randi, is open about her Jewish observances. She says her family unplugs for a "digital Shabbat" each weekend, and sang "Jerusalem of Gold," a classic Israeli song, at the Davos World Economic Forum.

Davos also occasioned the first JTA clip about Zuckerberg, published in 2008. While he attended the forum that year, Israel's delegation invited him to visit the country.

He has yet to accept. But after giving his daughter a kiddush cup and atoning on Yom Kippur, maybe this is the year.



Mark Zuckerberg

Obituary

EDWARD ZACK, 98, of Tampa, died Oct. 7. He resided in Oak Park, MI until 1974 when he moved his family to Tampa. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in Panama, Peru and Italy. A graduate of Wayne State University, he worked as a comptroller for Jim Walter Corporation. After he retired, he was an active member of Brandeis University and worked for the U.S. Census Services. Survivors include his daughters and sons-in-law, Nadine and Dennis Feldman, and Betsy and Abe Marcadis, all of Tampa; brother Albert Zack of West Bloomfield, MI; and four grandchildren. The family suggests memorials be made to the Jewish National Fund. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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With a Cuban flair: Tampa Ameet Hadassah will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Maureen and Doug Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, Citrus Park. Following the election of the 2018 Tampa Ameet Board, those attending will be treated to an exclusive showing of the award-winning movie, *Havana Curveball*, a coming of age story about baseball, family, world politics and trying to do the right thing. Cuban-inspired refreshments will be served. There is no charge and all are welcome. RSVP to Jane at (813) 334-6812 or jstrom@Hadassah.org. Let her know if you need a ride.

JCC

All programs listed are either at the Maureen & Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus, 13009 Community Campus Drive, or at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC at 522 N. Howard Ave. To RSVP or for more information on programs at either center, contact **Pnina Levermore** at (813) 291-2253 or pnina.levermore@JewishTampa.com. All registrations should be completed before events begin.

Friday movie matinee: Enjoy classic movies, popcorn and a good time with friends at the Cohn campus on Friday, Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon. This event is free.

Yiddish nostalgia: Join **Ruth Weston** and other Yiddish enthusiasts on the fourth Thursday of the month from 12:45-1:45 p.m. at the Cohn campus to share favorite expressions and reminisce.

Stay balanced: A program to help seniors develop strategies to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels will be offered at the Glazer JCC led by **Judy London**, a licensed healthcare agent and gerontologist, on Thursdays through Nov. 30 from 1-3 p.m. This is free for members and \$15 for guests.

Crochet lessons: Learn crochet with **Judy Balber** in classes every Monday on the Cohn campus from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring yarn, crochet hooks and any pattern you want. Cost is \$25 for members; \$30 for non-members with prorating options available.

Gameshow Thursdays: Have a slice of pizza and play such games as "I've Got a Secret," "What's My Line," and "Password" at the Cohn campus on Thursday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to noon. Donations to cover the cost of the pizza are welcome.

Mah jongg: Folks can play at both JCCs. At the Cohn campus, there will be sessions every Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

At the Glazer JCC, drop-in sessions are offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. This is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Novices and experienced players are welcome.

Ballroom dancing: Private ballroom dance lessons are offered at the Glazer JCC on Mondays through Dec. 18 from 5-6 p.m. The cost is \$35 for single members, \$50 for couple members, \$40 for single non-members and \$55 for couples who are non-members. There are also weekly classes at the Glazer JCC on Mondays from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m. through Dec. 18

that are \$8 for members and \$12 for guests.

All that jazz: Enjoy craft beer, cheese and music at "Culture Café: A Beginner's Guide to Loving Jazz," a multi-media exploration of Miles Davis' career. The first three of four sessions are over, but the remaining session is from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 14. The topic on Nov. 14 is Miles Davis Goes Electric. Cost per session is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members.

Biblical literature: This course, which meets at the Cohn campus every other Wednesday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., provides an opportunity to see the Bible not from a religious perspective but as a piece of remarkable writing. This is a discussion course with open participation from people of all faiths and backgrounds. Bring your own Bible so participants can compare different translations. Cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for guests. The next meetings are on Nov. 8 and 22.

JetSetters: This social group for adults of all ages meets at both JCCs for an hour-long program followed by lunch. At the Glazer JCC, JetSetters meet on the second Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. The lunch is free for members but donations are welcome.

The JetSetters group also meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Cohn campus at 11 a.m. The lunch is free for members. Reservations are required.

News schmooze: A discussion group, led by **Pat Renfroe**, which explores "hot button" issues, is held at both JCCs. Upcoming News Schmooze sessions at the Glazer JCC are Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. The group will discuss American cities making a comeback on Oct. 31, education in America on Nov. 7, the business of Congress on Nov. 14, states' and grassroots resistance on Nov. 21 and NAFTA on Nov. 28.

The group at the Cohn campus, meets the second and fourth Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The group will talk the history of education in America on Nov. 10. There is no charge to attend.

Bridge lessons: Those who want to learn how to play bridge or improve their game can take a session of six bridge lessons at the Glazer JCC Fridays from Nov. 3 through Dec. 15. Beginners are from noon to 1:30 p.m. and advanced players are from 1 - 2:30 p.m. The cost for classes is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members.

Genealogical Society

Explore Largo Library: The Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay will meet on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at the Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive, Largo, for an introduction and tour of the library's genealogical

holdings, with an emphasis on its subscription databases. The Largo Public Library has one of the most extensive genealogical collections in the Tampa Bay region including a large collection of books on Jewish genealogy. Volunteers will remain after the tour to help interested persons with guided assistance. Those attending are asked to bring library cards if you have one for easy access to online genealogical resources.

Young Adults

Games and brews: #Gather, a new social group for young adults ages 20s, 30s and 40s sponsored by the JCCs in Tampa, will host an event at the Lowry Arcade & Tavern, 1213 W. Waters Ave., Tampa, on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The tavern features arcade games and specialty beers. The event is free to attend; drinks, food and games are available for purchase.

Baking class: On Sunday, Nov. 19, from 4:30-6:30 p.m., chefs from Petit Piquant, 1704 North Howard Ave., Tampa, will conduct a lesson in how to make babka, an Eastern-European sweet, filled and rolled coffee cake pastry. Wine, coffee, tea and hors d'oeuvres will be served throughout the afternoon. The event is sponsored by #Gather. Cost: \$25 for JCC members; \$30 for guests. Space is limited to 20 people. For more information or to RSVP, contact: Lisa Robbins, director of Young Adult Engagement for the Tampa JCCs & Federation, lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com or (813) 769-4723.

Job-Links

Career counseling: Free motivational Monday Morning Links sessions are held from 9:30 - 11 a.m. at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links, 4100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 206, Tampa. Upcoming sessions are: Oct. 30, "Introvert or Extrovert - Who's the Best Candidate?;" and Nov. 6, "The Holidays - A World of Opportunity." Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

There are also Success workshops on select Thursdays to aid with job-search skills. On Nov. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the workshop topic will be "Transferring Your Skills and Re-Careering." The workshop is free for TampaBay Job-Links full program participants and \$15 for guests. Reservations required for all programs. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email RSVP@TBJL.org, or visit www.TBJL.org.

Support groups

Alzheimer's caregiver groups: Menorah Manor offers a support group meeting in the Samson Nursing Center at Menorah Manor, 255 59th St. N., St. Petersburg, on the first Thursday of the month from 3:30-5 p.m. For more information, call **Gwen Kaldenberg**, at (727) 302-3750.

Bat Mitzvah

Sophie Madison Payne

Sophie Madison Payne, daughter of John and Julie Payne of Lutz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, Nov. 4 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

A seventh grade Principal's List student at Martinez Middle School, Sophie is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Active in cheerleading and tumbling, Sophie is also a member of Schaarai Zedek youth group and a camper in the summer at Camp Coleman.

John and Julie Payne will host a reception at Cheval Golf and Country Club on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Special guests will include family and friends from Maryland, New Jersey, Atlanta and South Florida.



Governor proposes \$1 million for Jewish day schools statewide to improve security

Florida Gov. Rick Scott has proposed \$1 million in security funding for Jewish day schools across the state in his 2018-2019 budget.

The funding is intended to be used by the schools to provide security and counter-terrorism upgrades such as video cameras, fencing, bullet-proof glass, alarm systems and other safety equipment.

Scott made the announcement during a visit to the Katz Day School of Boca Raton.

The \$1 million is an increase in the \$654,000 Scott signed off on in the 2017-2018 budget, passed by the legislature earlier in the year.

"The funding in the current year budget was designated by the Legislature for use specifically in nine counties including Palm Beach, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Volusia, Lee and Orange," said McKinley P. Lewis, deputy communications director for the office of the governor.

The proposed increase is meant to cover all Jewish day schools in the state. This amount is included in the \$10 million increase for security proposed for Florida schools overall.

Security funding for religious schools is not usually part of the

budget, said Education Department Press Secretary Audrey Walden, but Gov. Scott made a request to earmark those funds specifically for Jewish day schools.

"Every Florida student deserves to have the opportunity to learn in a safe and comfortable setting," Scott told attendees at the press conference in Boca Raton. "After Florida's Jewish community received hateful threats, we saw the need to provide additional security so the children that attend Jewish Day Schools can learn without having to worry about feeling threatened."

In early 2017, more than 100 bomb threats were called into Jewish institutions, mostly day schools, preschools and JCCs around the country. In Florida, Tampa facilities were among the targets of the threats for which an 19-year-old Israeli-American has been charged.

"While last year's investment will make a huge difference, we must continue to do more. I look forward to working with the Legislature to provide this important funding and will continue to work with our federal partners and members of Florida's Jewish community to ensure the safety of families and students," Scott said.

Correction

At right is Stephen Tobolowsky, author of *My Adventures with God* and the featured speaker at the Opening Night of the Tampa Festival of Jewish Books & Conversations, Oct. 26. A different person's photo was run in the last edition of the Jewish Press.



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in the camp's vineyard, which was undisturbed.

He was further relieved when the visitors found that a pair of Torah arks created by former camp artist-in-residence Helen Burke had survived. One had been dubbed the "Little Ambassador."

At least 41 people have been killed as the result of 15 major wildfires across California. Over 217,000 acres and 5,700 structures have been destroyed.

The group made the 15-minute hike to the 6-foot Star of David, at which campers traditionally scream "I love being Jewish!" The wooden symbol "was completely untouched, surrounded by hundreds of yards of blackened brush," Arquilevich told J.

The bimah of an amphitheater was heavily damaged, and all the nearby sheds were charred — "except for this one shed that contains our sacred texts and our prayer books and the tallitot," Arquilevich said.

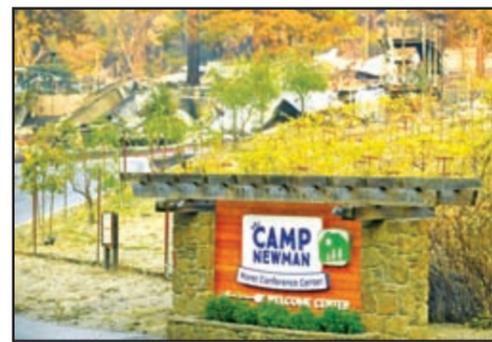
"It was completely intact," he said. "We all just about broke into tears there because the tallitot were safe. That was just another

miracle and just so moving. It pointed in the direction we're going, with the idea that Camp Newman will continue."

Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, joined Arquilevich for the tour of the site. He said officials are determined to hold camp in 2018.

"We will have camp this summer," Jacobs said. "I can't tell you exactly where or how."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to help rebuild the camp, should go to <https://campnewman.org/support-newman/newmanstrong>.



While the Welcome Center sign remains, the wildfire destroyed the Welcome Center building, in background.

IRAN DEAL

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Trump wants the new laws to override provisions of the deal, including the so-called sunset clauses that lift restrictions and allow Iran to enrich fissile material beginning within the next decade. Trump wants a law that would keep U.S. sanctions in place should Iran remove the restrictions, even though the sunset clauses allow them to do so.

In another instance, the deal includes a complex and relatively lengthy procedure for International Atomic Energy Agency nuclear inspectors to visit sites not covered by the deal. Trump wants a law that would reimpose sanctions unless Iran agrees to simplify the procedure.

Trump said in outlining the policy that if he's not happy with the outcome, he would pull out of the deal.

"In the event we are not able to reach a solution working with Congress and our allies, then the agreement will be terminated," he said. "It is under continuous review, and our participation can be canceled by me, as president, at any time."

Where are the pro-Israel camps?

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is enthusiastic about Trump's proposal, especially the prospect of killing the deal outright should the Iranians not play ball. Among international leaders, only the Saudis share Netanyahu's enthusiasm.

"I believe that any responsible government, and whoever seeks to promote peace and security in the world, needs to take advantage of the opportunity that President Trump's decision has created in order to improve the agreement or abrogate it and, of course, stop Iran's aggression," the Israeli leader said in remarks opening his weekly Cabinet meeting.

The centrist pro-Israel community is less sanguine. Like Schumer and other Democrats who opposed the original deal, there is a sense among pro-Israel groups that breaching the deal would damage America's ability to affect Iranian behavior by reducing U.S. credibility among allies.

Instead, the major groups urged collaboration by Congress, the administration and U.S. allies to address flaws while keeping the deal intact.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee welcomed Trump's speech, but emphasized that he was not proposing ending the deal, at least for now.

"The president made clear his view of the deficiencies in the JCPOA, but he also indicated that the United States is not withdrawing from the accord at this time," AIPAC said in a statement. "Instead, he called upon Congress and our allies to work together to address the deal's problematic sunset clauses, the lack of sufficient inspections, and the danger posed by Iran's ballistic missile program."

An AIPAC official told JTA that it was too early to assess whether the group would back the Corker-Cotton bill, as a final version was not yet released.

David Harris, the American Jewish Committee's executive director, said in a post on the group's site that it wasn't useful to relitigate earlier political battles over the deal.

"At this point in time, whatever earlier views were, it is absolutely essential that the Administration, Congress, and our key allies in Europe, the Middle East, and Asia work as collaboratively as possible on the Iran threat," Harris said.

Jonathan Greenblatt, the Anti-Defamation League's national director, said rupturing the agreement now could destabilize the region. His group, like the AJC, opposed the deal.

"A reimposition of sanctions and an unraveling of the deal would not only have a negative impact on America's international leadership and foreign affairs priorities, but could bring immediate threats from Iran," Greenblatt wrote on Medium. "But there is an opportunity now to reset the terms of this debate."

J Street, the liberal Jewish Middle East policy group, urged Congress to reject any attempt to amend the deal.

"Congress does not need to be an accomplice in Trump's plan to unravel the Iran deal," the group said in a statement. "They can stand up against a course of action that could lead to an unconstrained Iranian nuclear program or another war in the Middle East."

On the right, the Zionist Organization of America, in a post by its president, Morton Klein, in advance of Trump's speech, opposed keeping the deal in place.

"The only things likely to slow Iran is pressure, including and especially renewed sanctions," Klein wrote. Decertifying the JCPOA but keeping the United States "in this deeply flawed agreement," he added, "is illogical and useless."

What happens next, Congressional version

Two prominent Republicans in the U.S. Senate, Tom Cotton of Arkansas and Bob Corker of Tennessee, are shaping legislation according to Trump's specifications. The legislation is still being drafted, but Corker last week released a summary of the proposal.

"The legislation automatically reimposes sanctions if Iran's nuclear program violates certain restrictions," the summary said. "These restrictions remain in force indefinitely, effectively ridding the JCPOA of its sunset provisions as they apply to U.S. sanctions; bolster IAEA verification powers; and limit Iran's advanced centrifuge program."

Enacting the bill as it stands now is unlikely. Advancing the legislation requires 60 backers in the Senate, as none of the 48 Democrats in the body of 100 are likely to get on board. Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N., said as much, re-

ferring to statements by Trump's top military advisers, who oppose killing the deal despite its flaws.

"We won't allow the Iran deal to be undone," Schumer said on Twitter after Trump announced his decision.

What happens next, international version

A likelier way forward would involve not Congress but U.S. allies who signed on to the deal. This would involve increasing pressure on Iran outside the context of the nuclear deal, which Trump could claim as an improvement.

The three European governments that signed the deal released a statement saying they opposed rupturing the pact, but were eager to squeeze Iran for its other malign activities, including missile testing and military adventurism.

"We stand ready to take further appropriate measures to address these issues in close cooperation with the U.S. and all relevant partners," the statement from the governments of Britain, Germany and France said.

Trump in his own remarks suggested he was open to that route.

"I urge our allies to join us in taking strong actions to curb Iran's continued dangerous and destabilizing behavior, including thorough sanctions outside the Iran Deal that target the regime's ballistic missile program, in support for terrorism, and all of its destructive activities, of which there are many," he said.

Trump could then legitimately claim that the international community was focused more holistically on Iran's overall bad behavior and not narrowly on the nuclear program.

Robert Satloff, the director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said in a conference call organized by the Jewish Federations of North America and the

Jewish Council for Public Affairs that this could offer a win-win: Keeping the deal in place for those who favor doing so while allowing Trump the opportunity to say it was improved.

"The main focus is trying to get our allies to get together with the United States and reach improvements, and then the president will say 'good enough,'" he said.

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Seven o'clock in the evening

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