

Tampa takes a week to celebrate 70 years of Israel

The celebration of Israel's 70th birthday was just too big for one day in Tampa.

Nearly 600 community members enjoyed the week-long activities, sponsored by the Tampa JCCs and Federation. Events began on Monday, April 16, and led up to the big celebration hosted at the Maureen and Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus on Sunday, April 22.

Fan favorites were a discussion about the declaration of Israel's independence, with *ABC News* correspondent Martin Fletcher, via Skype, and enhanced by "Stories Around the Bonfire" with local resident Malka Isaak (see story, page 12), and a food demonstration led by Sylvia Cohn titled "Hummus 7 Ways," which community members found both delicious and entertaining.

Moviegoers enjoyed the award-winning Israeli film *The Matchmaker* and the tween crowd participated in a canvas



Lexi and Ava participated in a painting class on Thursday, April 19. The finished canvases artfully represented Israel at 70.



The preschool set showed off their Israel pride with a parade through the JCC at a Tot Shabbat on Friday, April 20.



Brianna Miele sings the National Anthem and Hatikvah as the Jewish War Veterans color guard stand at attention during the opening ceremonies for the Israel Independence Day event on Sunday, April 22 at the Maureen & Douglas Cohn Jewish Community Campus.



Photo by Miriam Alster/Flash90

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu shows where the thousands of secret documents and CDs on Iran's nuclear program were stored, which were smuggled out by Israel agents.

Report: Mossad grabbed Iranian nuke docs in one night's work

(JTA) — Israel's Mossad intelligence service broke into the anonymous Tehran building that housed Iran's secret nuclear files and smuggled half a ton of documents and compact discs back to Israel the same night.

The Mossad discovered the warehouse in February 2016 and since then kept the building under surveillance, according to *The New York Times*, quoting a senior Israeli official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Mossad operatives broke into the building in January, took the original documents and returned to Israel the same night, the official told the *Times*.

In his nationally televised speech on

April 30, broadcast first in English to reach the widest possible audience, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the hiding place of the documents.

"This is where they kept the atomic archives. Right here. Few Iranians knew where it was, very few, and also a few Israelis," the Israeli leader said. "Now, from the outside, this was an innocent looking compound. It looks like a dilapidated warehouse. But from the inside, it contained Iran's secret atomic archives locked in massive files," he said.

On stage with Netanyahu were shelves of binders and a moveable wall of CDs.

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Ex-ambassador touts Israel's strengths at JNF breakfast

By THAIS LEON-MILLER
Jewish Press

Roughly 200 people sat down for the Jewish National Fund (JNF) Breakfast for Israel on Tuesday, May 1, and listened to former Israeli ambassador Danny Ayalon speak about the state of Israel, Iran and why "everything kumbaya" is not an option.

Ayalon was Israel's ambassador to the U.S. from 2002 to 2006. Before that he was a political advisor to three prime ministers: Ehud Barak, Benjamin Netanyahu, and Ariel Sharon. He continues to work as an Israeli diplomat whose main focus is strengthening the partnership between Israel and the U.S.

He opened his remarks at the breakfast, held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC in Tampa, with an anecdote:

A long time ago, a man asked another man about the state of the Soviet Union. The man replied, "In one word, good. In two words, not good."

"The state of the union of Israel, in one word, is good. In two words, it's very good," the former ambassador said.

"From a country that was really just developing 40 or 50 years ago, we've done amazingly well. A lot of that is due to the JNF."

Ayalon credited the JNF for providing a lot of the resources that contribute to a thriving Israel.

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Just a nosh..

Compiled from news wires

Reform seminary's president piloting small plane killed in crash

Rabbi Aaron Panken, the president of Hebrew Union College, was killed Saturday, May 5, piloting a small aircraft in the Hudson Valley area of New York state.

MidHudson News reported that the yellow 1946 Aeronca plane crashed in a wooded area in the Town of Wawayanda, near the New Jersey border, about a mile from the private airport where it took off. A passenger, Frank Reiss, a flight instructor, was injured.

A HUC release announcing Panken's death said he was 53. Panken was a licensed commercial pilot.

Panken had led the Reform movement's flagship seminary since 2014. Prior to serving as the chief executive officer of HUC's four campuses — in Cincinnati, Jerusalem, Los Angeles and New York — the native New Yorker held senior positions at the school, including vice president for strategic initiatives, dean of the New York campus and dean of students. He was ordained in 1991.

Panken was to have presided over the ordination of rabbis and cantors at ceremonies in New York on Sunday, May 6. This year the seminary will ordain 28 rabbis at three campuses, and six cantors.

At separate graduation ceremonies in New York on May 3, Panken told students: "For years, the Reform movement has stood for what is right and good, and I challenge our graduates today to do the same."

Towson U frat members targeted in possible anti-Semitic attack

Two members of the historically Jewish Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity at Towson University were victims of a possible anti-Semitic attack.

The fraternity members were walking near the campus when the two assailants began shouting "F*** the Jews" and called them by an ethnic slur, the *Baltimore Sun* reported. The assailants then began punching one of the fraternity members in the face. One of the victims recognized the assailants as Towson students.

The police report said that the victim "believes the assault was motivated by his religious beliefs," according to the newspaper. The assault reportedly is being investigated as a hate-bias incident. The victims have a year to press charges.

Towson is a public university with some 22,000 students located less than 10 miles from Baltimore.

Explosives-laden kite sent from Gaza ignites Israeli forest and fields

JERUSALEM — A fire burned dozens of acres of forest and agricultural fields in southern Israel after a kite carrying a firebomb crossed the border from Gaza.

It was the largest fire triggered by the kites sent from Gaza since their first use by Gaza Palestinians in late March, at the start of weekly protests at the Gaza-Israel border. Israel has experienced hot and dry conditions and high winds over the past few days.

The explosives-laden kites are an escalation of the weekly protests called the March of Return, which are scheduled to end on May 14, the 70th anniversary, according to the Gregorian calendar, of the birth of the modern State of Israel. Officials in southern Israel have told the Israeli media that the explosives-laden kites are now a daily occurrence.

Israel's population hits 8.8 million

The population of Israel now numbers 8.842 million people, a tenfold increase since the state's establishment, according to a special report published by the Central Bureau of Statistics for the Jewish state's 70th Anniversary.

According to the report, 805,000 people lived in Israel in 1948.

The data showed that Israel's population comprises 6.589 million Jews residents (74.5 percent of the total), 1.849 million Arabs (20.9 percent) and 404,000 (4.6 percent) others: non-Arab Christians, people of other religions and people unaffiliated with any religion.

Over the past year, the population has grown by 163,000, or 1.9 percent, the report said.



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painting class that artfully represented Israel at 70.

Friday the Tampa JCCs and Federation showcased the Tot Shabbat preschool age group with a parade through the JCC in honor of Israel.

The main event, Israel Independence Day, was enjoyed by an estimated crowd of 400 who enjoyed Israeli food, Israeli dancing, Israeli music and vendors displaying Israeli and Jewish-themed items. There were also carnival concessions, games and rides all afternoon.

The youngest children spent the early morning hour crafting camel paintings and enjoying PJ Library story time. The main celebration featured the presentation of colors by the Jewish War Veterans and ribbon cutting for the campus' newest gems: the Judy Cohn Plaza and Jack Roth Garden. The plaza was dedicated in memory of Doug and Maureen Cohn's sister, Judy Cohn. Within the park sits the garden, generously donated by Deborah Roth in memory of her husband Jack.

The biggest hit with the kids and adults was the zip-lining obstacle course. Other attractions included balloon twisting by Rick Weil and face painting cre-

ations by Jewel.

The afternoon closed with the traditional cupcake Flag of Israel and the joyful Happy Birthday song performed in English and Hebrew led by Talia Rosenberg and Orly Probasco.



Doug and Maureen Cohn in front of the plaques for the Judy Cohn Plaza and Jack Roth Garden.



An Israel-themed PJ Library storytime.



Fiona shows off her face painting by Jewels.



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Correction

An incorrect web address was listed in a story about the Scubi Jew program in the April 20 edition of the *Jewish Press*. The correct web address is www.repairtheseas.org.

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Iron Dome missile defense system voted top Israeli invention

(JNS) – The Iron Dome missile-defense system has been voted the winner of Israel’s Ministry of Economy and Industry contest ranking of the greatest Israeli inventions of all time, in honor of Israel’s 70th Independence Day.

In the first stage of the competition, 70 Israel inventions were listed and then whittled down to the top nine by 52,000 participants. In the second stage, some 63,000 online participants had to choose the single greatest Israeli invention.

In first place among the top nine came the Iron Dome missile-defense system. St. Petersburg’s own Eric Lynn, who worked for the State Department during the Obama administra-



In March 2013, officials, including President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, next to a battery of the Iron Dome, Israel’s U.S.-funded missile-defense system.

tion, was instrumental in getting the U.S. to financially back the system. Between 2011 and 2016, Iron Dome reportedly intercepted about 1,500 targets, a success rate of some 90 percent.

Behind the Iron Dome, the invention competition chose the Waze international navigation system; the drip-irrigation targeted watering system; Disk On Key data storage; the surgical-assistance robot Watergen,

which extracts water for use from the air; durable Shoresh sandals; Check Point IT security software and hardware; and the military spy satellite Ofek.

The inventions “are excellent examples of Israeli ingenuity, innovation and creativity that provide solutions to significant challenges, inspire the world and bring a lot of national pride for Israel,” said Economy and Industry Minister Eli Cohen.

Israel’s economy exceeds expectations

By YORAM ETTINGER
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In 1948, conventional wisdom considered the newly re-established Jewish state insolvent economically, indefensible militarily, a basket case, totally dependent upon handouts.

In 2018, *Forbes Magazine* quoted Warren Buffett: “I’m not Jewish, but Israel reminds me of the USA after its birth. The determination, motivation, intelligence and initiative of its people are remarkable and extraordinary. I’m a big believer in Israel’s economy.”

According to *Forbes*, “Buffett just purchased a \$358 million stake in Teva Pharmaceutical, 1.8 percent of Teva’s outstanding shares. ... In 2006, Buffett’s Berkshire Hathaway purchased an 80 percent stake in Israel’s Iscar for \$4 billion, its first international acquisition. ... In 2013, Berkshire bought out the remaining 20 percent for \$2 billion. ... Other Israeli companies purchased by Berkshire include eVolution Networks, creators of wireless network energy savings software, Ray-Q Interconnect, a distributor of electronic components and AgroLogic, a designer of electronic control units for agriculture.”

The new book, *Israel – Island of Success* by Adam Reuter and Noga Kainan, provides more critical data on Israel’s surging economy between 1987 and 2017:

- Israel’s population increased from 4.4 million to 8.75 million
- GDP went from \$35 billion to \$358 billion; GDP per capita, from \$8,000 to \$41,000; national debt to GDP ratio, from 155 percent to 59 percent
- Tax burden went from 45 percent

to 30 percent;

- Defense expenditures, from 17 percent to 4.5 percent of GDP; U.S. foreign aid from 7 percent to 1 percent of GDP;
- Exports, from \$10 billion to \$102 billion;
- Independent energy resources, from 4 percent to 65 percent (66 percent of electricity consumption); desalinated water, from 3 percent to 50 percent;
- Annual inflation, from 16 percent (450 percent in 1985) to 0.30 percent;
- Life expectancy, from 75 to 82 years; women’s participation in the job market, from 36 percent to 58 percent.

Since the year 2000, Israel’s economy has grown 65 percent, the second best among the 34 OECD (Organization for Economic and Development) countries.

Israel’s unemployment is 4 percent, the lowest in 40 years.

Brain drain? During 1980-2010, 30,000 Israelis with academic degrees left Israel for a year or more, while 265,000 olim (new Jewish immigrants) with academic degrees settled in Israel, representing a net gain of 235,000.

In 2018, Silicon Valley giant, KLA Tencor, acquired Israel’s Orbotech for \$3.4 billion. Other recent top sales of Israel companies include: Intel acquired Mobileye (\$5 billion), Lucent acquired Chromatis (\$4.75 billion), HP acquired Mercury (\$4.5 billion), Sundisk acquired M-Systems (\$1.6 billion), Mitsubishi acquired Neurodrum (\$1.1 billion) and Google acquired Waze (\$1 billion).

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Jewish author Michael Twitty wins James Beard book award

NEW YORK (JTA) – Michael Twitty won the James Beard Foundation’s 2018 Book of the Year award for his book on African-American Southern food.

The James Beard Foundation announced that Twitty, an African-American Jew-by-choice, won the book of the year and the best writing awards for *The Cooking Gene: A Journey Through African-American Culinary History in the Old South*. The book explores the history of soul food and its re-

lationship to the larger category of Southern cuisine.

In 2012, Twitty embarked on a “Southern Discomfort Tour” to trace the history of his black ancestors through food. On the journey, which he documents in the book, he learned about his ancestors’ fates, worked on historic plantations and took DNA tests to learn more about his heritage.

On May 2, he wrote on Twitter that he had received confirmation that he was the first African-

American to win the foundation’s Book of the Year award.

In the book Twitty, a former Hebrew school teacher, also details his Jewish journey and draws parallels between African-American and Jewish history.

“How I became Jewish began through food,” Twitty told JTA in an interview last year. His Christian mother, whom Twitty describes in his book as “the best challah braider I have ever known,” introduced him early on to the Shabbat staple.

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10 teens die in flash flood; 2 arrested after warnings ignored

(JNS) – The mood throughout Israel was somber following the deaths of 10 teens in a flash flood near the Dead Sea on April 26.

The students – 9 girls and 1 boy – died during a hike. They were part of a group of 25 young people who been accepted to the Bnei Zion pre-military academy in Tel Aviv and were participating in a bonding experience prior to the beginning of the program in September.

Survivors told rescue teams that a massive wave of water as high as 13 feet tall smashed into part of the group as it walked through a dried riverbed, washing 10 of the 25 students away. The 15 who managed to avert the wave or climb out of the water were saved by rescue teams and treated for light injuries and hypothermia.

All the victims were 17 or 18 years old. The lone boy who died aspired to be a teacher; one of the girls was a graduating dance student in Jerusalem's High School for the Arts, while another had tutored sick kids in Africa. The teens were described as sociable, optimistic, smiling, brilliant and charming.

The students were hiking in the Judean Desert along the Nahal Tzafit riverbed trail that empties into the Dead Sea when gushing water poured through.

Israel's Ministry of Education claims that it was not made aware of the trip, as per protocol. Nationwide, warnings had been made over the past several days for individuals to avoid flood-prone areas.

In Israel, rivers fill up with water during the winter rain season, which typically ends around the Passover holiday. The river had been dry for several weeks before unseasonable torrential downpours struck the country on April 25 and 26. When dry, riverbeds are popular hiking destinations. Yet during heavy rains, the water in the rivers can rise quickly, leading to flash floods. Hikers are warned to steer clear of river beds during inclement weather, when the riverbeds can be notoriously dangerous.

The riverbed was completely dry when the students started their hike. One of the survivors of the flood said that shortly after the water suddenly appeared, the rapids quickly swelled to a height of 3 to 4 meters (more than 10 feet). The hikers were caught in a steep area of the riverbed when the waters struck, with survivors holding on for their lives to trees or scrambling onto large rocks above the water's reach.

The principal of the Bnei Zion pre-military academy resigned a week after the tragedy. He and an instructor leading the hike were arrested on suspicion of negligent homicide for ignoring the flash flood warnings. They were released on a five-day house arrest.

Police said both suspects knew about the weather warnings ahead of the trip, but never-



9 of the 10 Israeli teens who were killed in the tragedy.

Photos from Facebook

theless decided to proceed with the hike, despite even some students voicing their concerns of the potential for fatal consequences.

"I cannot believe I'm going on a trip in such weather," one of the 10 students who died said in a WhatsApp group chat to friends before the hike, Israel's Hadashot TV news reported. "It doesn't make sense for us to go to a place where everything is flooding. It's tempting fate – we're going to die, I'm serious."

However, in a WhatsApp message ahead of the trip, the pre-military academy downplayed the threat, merely suggesting that students bring "a rain coat," "a rain cover for your bags" and "a change of dry clothes in case you need [it]."

"Don't worry," the message said. "We are well-prepared for the hike and the academy has checked with the relevant authorities. It will be fun and wet and an experience!"

Information from the JTA news service was used in compiling this report.

May recognizes Jewish contributions to American music

The month of May marks the United States' commemoration of Jewish American Heritage Month, a time dedicated to educating our community about the contributions Jewish Americans have made and continue to make to American culture and society.

Music, the theme of this year's Jewish American Heritage Month, provides an opportunity to recognize the many American Jews who have helped create the nation's soundtrack, from patriotic anthems and classical compositions to Broadway scores and rock and roll.

There are numerous examples of composers, conductors, lyricists, musicians and singers who have been shaped by American life, society and culture and in turn enriched America's musical repertoire:

- Songwriter Irving Berlin (1888-1989) was an Eastern European immigrant who produced timeless hits, including "God Bless America," while fighting for the United States in World War I.

- *West Side Story* composer Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990), whose centennial birthday is currently being observed worldwide, used the power of music to respond to the political and social crises of his day.

- Singer Fanny Brice (1891-1951), the child of Jewish immigrants, delighted audiences with her vaudeville acts, inspiring a stage and film portrayal by another widely successful singer and global stage and screen sensation

- Barbra Streisand (b. 1942) is one of only a handful of artists to have won an Oscar, Emmy, Grammy and Tony awards. With the 1983 release of the Jewish-themed *Yentl*, she became the first woman to write, produce, direct, and star in a major studio film.

- Chart-topping hits have been produced by Bob Dylan (b. 1941), Carole King (b. 1942), Paul Simon (b. 1941), Regina Spektor (b. 1980) and many more.

About Jewish American Heritage Month

On April 20, 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed that May would be Jewish American Heritage Month. The announcement was the crowning achievement in an effort by the Jewish Museum of Florida, led by then executive director Marcia Zerivitz, that resulted in resolutions introduced by U.S. Rep Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, urging the president to proclaim a month that would recognize the more than 350-year history of Jewish contributions to American culture. The resolutions passed unanimously, first in the House of Representatives in December 2005 and later in the Senate in February 2006.

Each year since, the president has issued a proclamation recognizing the month-long event. In this year's proclamation, President Donald Trump said, said that "Jewish Americans have helped guide the moral character of our nation."



Fanny Brice and Barbra Streisand as Brice in *Funny Girl*

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After nearly 29 years, Congregation B'nai Emmunah in Tarpon Springs disbands

By **BOB FRYER**
Jewish Press

Congregation B'nai Emmunah, a Reform congregation established in 1989 and located for most of its life in Tarpon Springs, will hold its final service on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m.

The temple will officially cease to exist as of June 30, when its contract with Rabbi Lynn Goldstein expires.

In its heyday in 1997, Congregation B'nai Emmunah boasted a membership of 62 families and had 30 children in its religious school. But the congregation has had financial ups and downs, including a filing for bankruptcy after its founding Rabbi Jan Bresky died in 1991, a lawsuit in which two factions battled for control of the congregation, then periods of growth and stability.

Prior to 1997, B'nai Emmunah congregants met in rented facilities in Tarpon Springs, Clearwater and near Palm Harbor. Then the temple bought property at 3374 Keystone Road, near the Pinellas-Hillsbor-

ough-Pasco County lines and renovated the house into a sanctuary and offices. That remained the home for the congregation until last year when financial difficulties forced the sale of the property.

Since then, the congregation has been sharing space with Unitarians and Buddhists in a facility in downtown Tarpon Springs owned by the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Congregation President Don Martin said the sale of the Keystone property rendered the congregation debt free and provided enough money to continue paying the salary of Rabbi Goldstein through the term of her contract. Rabbi Goldstein came to B'nai Emmunah in July 2015.

Martin contacted the *Jewish Press* May 1 to announce the congregation's final end, calling the closure "painful."

"I met a lot of wonderful people and caring individuals [at B'nai Emmunah] and we, just like a lot of other little places, got caught up in our inability to bring in youth and enough people," he said.

The membership, predominately elderly, had dwindled to only about a dozen people, Martin said.

Rabbi Goldberg praised the remaining congregants and said, "I think it is an incredibly sad day when a congregation like B'nai Emmunah is forced to close – not just for those in the congregation, but for the broader community as well. I will miss the members, will miss the warmth and closeness of the congregation."

Rabbi Goldstein said the bonds of those remaining members was very strong and that their attendance at services and classes was extraordinary. "On any given Friday, there is only one time I can think of we did not have a minyan," she said. (At least 10 are required for a minyan). She noted that attendance at Torah study and classes was always good. "These are people who are really dedicated and caring. It may have been a small group, but they were there all the time and they loved it," she said.

The rabbi said she has accepted another position outside of the area.

"Our members are visiting other synagogues and I'm sure [will] settle somewhere in the future," Martin said.

The final Shabbat service on May 25 will be an opportunity for members to say farewell to Rabbi Goldstein.

When the congregation moved last year, it gave its bima and ark to Hillels of the Florida Suncoast and both were used at the Hillel facilities at the University of South Florida during High Holidays. Linda Wolf, Hillels' assistant director, said the gift was appreciated and will continue to be put to use.

Also when the building was sold, an eternal light that was on loan from the Museum of Southern Jewish Experience in Mississippi was returned to the museum, Martin said. The light was first lit at a synagogue in Port Gibson, MS, and burned there for more than 90 years before that congregation disbanded.

As for the congregation's Torah scroll, "We are looking, with the assistance of the URJ [Union for Reform Judaism], for a home for the Torah," Martin said.

It's not just Palestinian leader Abbas: Blaming Jews for the Holocaust is widespread

By **CNAAN LIPSHIZ**
JTA news service

Even reliable supporters condemned Mahmoud Abbas when he blamed the Holocaust on the Jews' own behavior.

That claim and others made during the Palestinian leader's 90-minute address Monday, April 30, in Ramallah triggered the harshest wave of censures ever directed at him in the West.

Israel, the United States and a United Nations official used some of the strongest terms in the diplomatic vocabulary to denounce Abbas. *The New York Times* editorial board called for him to step down, and even the main Palestinian rights advocacy group in Germany criticized the speech and labeled it anti-Semitic.

Faced with a tsunami of condemnations, Abbas apologized in a statement Friday, May 4, in which he called the genocide against the Jews "the most heinous crime in history." It was a familiar pattern for someone who for decades has alternated between recognition and denial of the Holocaust.

But if the reaction to Abbas' speech was unusual, his discredited theories about the Holocaust are not – not among Palestinians, who used them as an ideological weapon against Israel, and not in Europe, where they are proliferating for different reasons.

European Jews, Abbas said in Ramallah, have been "subjected to a massacre every 10 to 15 years, since the 11th century and until the Holocaust in Germany." The Palestinian Authority president went on to say that the Soviet despot Joseph Stalin, who was not Jewish, was in fact a Jew and that Stalin and other Jews had said that "this anti-Jewish [sentiment] was not because of their religion, but because of their function in society, which had to do with usury, banks and so on."

Abbas, 82, then corrected himself and said he had meant to quote Karl Marx, not Stalin.

This trope that Jews brought genocide on themselves by controlling the levers of financial power is rooted in European classical anti-Semitism as expressed in the Russian forgery *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, according to Esther Webman, a senior scholar at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies in Tel Aviv. Her field of expertise is Arab anti-Semitism and perceptions of the Holocaust.

"In Arab discourse, these anti-

Semitic teachings are weaponization to foment hatred of Israel," she said.

The Holocaust as 'payback'

For various reasons, such theories are particularly prevalent in Eastern European countries whose populations were widely complicit in the Holocaust, according to Holocaust historian Efraim Zuroff, the Eastern Europe director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

"A very strong element of Holocaust distortion in the region is to justify complicity in the Holocaust by framing it as a payback for the actions of Jews," he said, referencing the outsize support by Jews for communism, which Russia imposed on the region with ruthless oppression.

For example, Zsolt Bayer, a co-founder of Hungary's ruling Fidesz party, wrote an op-ed in 2016 in which he justified Eastern European Holocaust collaboration as payback for the actions of communists.

"Why do we find it shocking that 20 years later he watched without pity as the gendarmes dragged the Jews away from his village?" Bayer said of the average villager in Hungary.

But in Abbas' case, his Ramallah speech was merely the latest of a series of statements that he has made since the 1980s that have been widely considered anti-Semitic.

Zionist complicity theory

In the introduction to his 1984 book titled *The Other Aspect: The Secret Ties Between the Nazis and the Leadership of the Zionist Movement*, Abbas wrote about the figure of 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust: "In truth, no one can refute or confirm this number. In other words, the number of Jewish victims could be six million and could be much smaller – even less than one million."

In the book, he also quoted the French-British Holocaust denier Robert Faurisson's discredited claim that the Nazis used gas chambers only for disease control rather than to murder Jews.

But since climbing up the ranks of the PLO, Abbas has largely stayed off the topic of the Holocaust, according to Webman.

"This is an unusual return for him," she said of the April 30 speech.

Abbas' journey from denial to justification represents an evolution in how Palestinian society as a whole has treated the Holocaust since the 1990s, according to Ita-

mar Marcus, founder of Palestinian Media Watch in Jerusalem, which monitors Arab outlets.

From outright denial in 1991, the press in the West Bank and Gaza have shifted to blaming Zionist activists for alleged complicity in the Holocaust, citing and exaggerating agreements made by Zionist activists with Nazi officials in the early 1930s that facilitated German Jewish immigration to pre-state Israel.

Abbas repeated that claim in his remarks, depicting what Zionists viewed as a desperate rescue mission as proof that Zionism was a Nazi-backed enterprise.

Amid international pressure over this distortion, Marcus said, the state-controlled Palestinian media in the 2000s began showing signs of recognition for the Holocaust. But that gradually gave way to drawing comparisons between Israel and Nazi Germany, including by Abbas.

Denial, distortion, justification

"In recent years, we're seeing a fifth stage: justification for the Holocaust becoming a main narrative," Marcus said.

He cited an article from 2011 in the *Zayzafuna* youth magazine of Abbas' PLO, whose author, a 10th-grader, imagined having a conversation with Adolf Hitler. She asks the Fuehrer if he's the "one who killed the Jews." Hitler replies: "Yes. I killed them so you would all know that they are a nation which spreads destruction all over the world."

Denial, distortion and justification of the Holocaust serve a clear political purpose in the Arab world, according to Webman.



Photo by Drew Angerer/Getty Images

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, center, next to Secretary-General of the United Nations Antonio Guterres, second from left, arriving at a meeting at U.N. headquarters in New York in February.

"In the Arab view, the state of Israel was created because of the Holocaust. So, to undermine the Holocaust is to undermine the moral grounds for Israel's creation," she said.

If the Jews brought the Holocaust on themselves, the reasoning goes, then there is no moral grounds for compensating them with a national home in what the PLO considers Palestine.

This ignores not just a Nazi obsession with Jews that did not discriminate by occupation, nationality, age or gender, but also the legitimacy of a Jewish project of self-rule in their historic homeland that predated and was well under way before the Holocaust.

"But this is not accepted in the Arab worldview," she said.

Claiming that Zionists were complicit in the Holocaust – a trope that is gaining traction among supporters of the far left in Britain – also feeds the notion that the West

is to blame for giving Palestine to the Jews, Webman said.

In the Arab world, Holocaust distortion is part of a broader effort to deny ties between the Jewish people and Israel, Webman said. And on that front, she added, "Abbas is a prominent voice, it's a big part of his legacy."

This effort by Abbas included promoting at UNESCO several resolutions since 2015 that deny or ignore Jewish historical ties to Jerusalem. And it also featured prominently in his Ramallah speech, although this element was eclipsed by his apparent justification of the Holocaust.

On April 30, quoting a widely discredited theory about the mass conversion to Judaism of the Turkic nation of the Khazars in the ninth century, Abbas said about Ashkenazi Jews, "They are not Semites and have no connection to Semites, neither to Abraham nor to Jacob."



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The Greening of a Rabbi

By RABBI RICHARD BIRNHOLZ
Congregation Schaarai Zedek

When I entered rabbinical school 54 years ago, I was like the 4th child at the Passover Seder – the one who did not even know to ask. That's because I thought I already knew what a Rabbi's job entailed. I was to answer theological questions, like, "Why bad things happen to good people?" I knew that if I could answer questions like these, my congregants would find comfort and love being Jewish.

I now realize that this assumption was flawed. Answers and logic would play a role in my calling, but not in the way I imagined. I learned this the hard way.

Short on life experience at 20, I was sent to a small congregation in Pennsylvania to lead Yom Kippur services. The student rabbi who was supposed to go had landed in the hospital and, because my name was alphabetically at the top of the incoming student list, I was asked to fill in. I had not yet experienced a day of rabbinical school. A faculty member gave me two sermons to read and sent me on my way.

Within hours I was introduced to a young woman in the congregation who had just lost her small child. I knew I needed to comfort her but did not know how. She asked why God did this to her. I answered her cry for help with a rational theological answer: "God has His ways." But that answer distressed her even more. She walked away and didn't attend services. I couldn't understand what had gone wrong. Hadn't I given her the right "God" answer?

With time and experience, I came to understand that my rabbinate was not about answers, but about people's hearts. Nevertheless, I was reluctant to give up my obsession with answers and the power of the mind to overcome obstacles. I convinced myself that anyone could give comfort, but a rabbi's job was to explain why the comfort made sense. How could people deal with their suffering if they didn't have a rational answer to explain it?

Half way through my rabbinate, however, I came across a teaching that transformed my outlook on life and on my journey as a rabbi. It also showed me where my thinking had gone wrong. The passage is found in the Talmud T.B. Berachot 5a-5b. In it Raba says: "If a man



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sees that painful sufferings visit him, let him examine his conduct. ... If he examines and finds nothing [objectionable], let him attribute it to the neglect of the study of the Torah ... If he did attribute it [thus], and still did not find [this to be the cause], let him be sure that these are chastenings of love. For it is said: For whom the Lord loveth, He correcteth." In other words, God crushes a man with suffering to show him that God loves him.

But then a different Rabbi named Raba asks, what if a man doesn't want that kind of love, even in exchange for prolonged life? No answer is given, and no answer seems to justify the unexplained suffering of these men. Finally, a few paragraphs later, another Rabbi offers a completely different perspective. R. Hiyya b. Abba fell ill and R. Johanan went in to visit him. He said to him: Are your sufferings welcome to you? He replied: Neither they nor their reward. (Rabbi Hiyya) then said to him: "Give me your hand. He gave him his hand and he raised him."

Almost 2,000 years ago, the rabbis already understood that wrapping an arm around someone in pain helps far more than trying to wrap his or her mind around a theological concept. I finally became a Rabbi when I understood this human dynamic.

This teaching also yielded an additional benefit for me. It still allowed me to address the pressing theological question: why does God allow tragedy to befall people who do not deserve it? But instead of having to give an answer that tries to make the tragedy somehow acceptable, (i.e.-God did it for your own good) or one that tries to save God's reputation (God isn't really all-powerful after all, or God has His ways), the Talmudic teaching allowed me to tell the truth: I don't know why God does what God does. I don't have an answer. But I can make God's presence quietly tangible through a sympathetic hug for those who need it most.

I wish I had known to give this answer, along with a sympathetic hug, to that young woman those many years ago. I still think of her every year on Yom Kippur when, in absentia, I silently ask her for forgiveness. At the same time, I also give thanks to my 54 years of congregants who gave me the invaluable gift of allowing me to grow. It remains the best gift I could ever have received.

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Congregations

Cong. Kol Ami

Camp: The congregation will host Camp Kavod for all incoming third through seventh graders from June 11-15. Camp activities will include arts, music, games and more. Camp will be open from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and a kosher dairy lunch and snack will be provided daily. Before and after care is also available. The camp is partially made possible through a grant from **Rich and Mary Kanter**. For more information, contact **Jennifer Halls** at (813) 962-6338 or education@kolami.org.

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.

Talmud: A Talmud study class with **Rabbi Howard Siegel** is offered on Thursdays from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Jewish law confronts everything from capital punishment to how to make rain. This is open to everyone from beginners through experts. Texts are provided.

Jewish ethics: Rabbi Siegel leads a course in Jewish ethics on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to noon. This course will use *Pirke Avot: Ethics of Our Ancestors* as a springboard to discussion and debate on issues of the day in the light of Jewish moral/ethical demands.

Knitting time: The Sisterhood Needle Workers hold weekly knitting sessions on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the boardroom. 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 charities. For more information, call the Kol Ami office.

Cong. Schaarai Zedek

Confirmation: A service and reception to honor the 2018 confirmation class will be held Sunday, May 20 at 10 a.m. The confirmands are: **Logan Black, Ellie Blumenthal, Hannah Cohen, Adam Feeney, Sabrina Feldman, Maya Fisher, Jake Forman, Sarah Frank, Samuel Glickman, Noah Halpern, Sofia Harwood, Benjamin Hochberg, Ella Mendelowitz, Bryan Miller, Ross Miller, Mya Rosenblatt,**

Shabbat & Shavuot Candle Lighting Times

May 11 • 7:52 pm
May 18 • 7:56 pm
May 19 • 8:54 pm
May 20 • 8:55 pm
May 25 • 8:00 pm



Lauren Ross, Claire Shames, Lainey Shapiro, Parker Shaw, Eden Stark and Rachel Steinfeld.

Senior luncheon: Rabbi Richard Birnholz will speak on "Shavuot: Our Spring Harvest Festival" at the next Senior Luncheon on Thursday, May 17, beginning at 11:15 a.m. Rabbi Birnholz will show clips from a History Channel video that asks: Where is the real Mt. Sinai? Lunch will feature traditional Shavuot dairy dishes like blintzes and cheese cake. The preschool singers will perform at 11:30 a.m. There is no charge, but reservations are required. RSVP to the temple office at (813) 876-2377 or [email office@zedek.org](mailto:office@zedek.org).

A rabbi's lessons learned: Rabbi Birnholz will lead May classes with the theme "Three Bible Stories and Lessons Learned from 47 Years as a Rabbi" on Wednesdays, May 16 and 23 from 7– 8:30 p.m.

The topics are:

- May 9: From "know it all rabbi" to "rabbi with no answers"— How not "knowing" has been liberating – Abraham's binding of Isaac.

- May 16: From Rabbi with a passion for logic to one who has found Judaism and logic incompatible – Living vs. Believing in Jacob's wrestling with God.

- May 23: From "classical Reform" rabbi to rabbi with no label – How a "Judaism for all seasons" has helped us survive and given me hope – Ecclesiastes (with help from Darwin.)

RSVP online www.zedek.org/RSVP or call the temple office.

Mah jongg and dinner: Join with the Sisterhood for an evening of mah jongg and Chinese food on Monday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. All levels of play are welcome. To RSVP, call the temple.

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BETH ISRAEL/ JEWISH CONGREGATION OF SUN CITY CENTER — 1115 E. Del Webb Blvd., Sun City Center • Mailing Address: P. O. Box 5203, Sun City Center, 33571 • Rabbi Carla Freedman • Shabbat Services: Friday 7:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Saturday 10 a.m., Torah Study: noon • Telephone: (813) 634-2590 • Web address: www.jcsc.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation BETH AM — 2030 W. Fletcher Ave., Tampa 33612 • Rabbi Jason Rosenberg • Joy Katzen-Guthrie, Cantorial Leader • Shabbat Services: 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays, 7:30 p.m.; 2nd and 4th Fridays, 6:30 p.m., potluck dinner to follow; Saturdays, 9 a.m. • Torah study 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m. • Telephone (813) 968-8511 • Website: www.bethamtampa.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation BETH SHALOM — 706 Bryan Road, Brandon, 33511 • Rabbi Richard Address (visiting) • Cantor Moshe Friedler (visiting) • Shabbat Service: Friday 7:45 p.m., • Telephone: (813) 681-6547 • Website: <http://bethshalom-brandon.org> • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Congregation SCHAARAI ZEDEK — 3303 W. Swann Ave., Tampa 33609 • Rabbi Richard J. Birnholz, Rabbi Nathan Farb • Cantor Deborah Cannizzaro • Services: Friday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Torah study, 9 a.m. • Telephone: (813) 876-2377 • Website: www.zedek.org • Affiliated with Union for Reform Judaism

Conservative

Congregation KOL AMI — 3919 Moran Road, Tampa 33618 • Rabbi Howard Siegel • Cantor Beth Schlossberg • Services: Friday 6:30 p.m. (Family Service first Friday of the month); Saturday 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9:15 a.m.; Monday-Thursday, 7:30 p.m. • Torah study every Saturday, 8:30 - 9:25 a.m. • Telephone: 962-6338 • website: www.kolami.org • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

Congregation MEKOR SHALOM — 14005A N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, 33618 • Hazzan Jodi Sered-Lever, Spiritual Leader • Services: Friday 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Telephone: (813) 963-1818 • Website: www.mekorshalom.org • Unaffiliated

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• Telephone: (813) 642-3244 • Website: www.ChabadatWiregrass.com.

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Temple EMANUEL — 600 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, 33803 • Rabbi David Goldstein • Shabbat Services: Friday 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m. Telephone: (863) 682-8616. • Website: TempleEmanuelLakeland.com • Affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism.

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In the Bedouin tent, students learned about the nomadic Bedouins, had a drum circle with songs in Hebrew.



Hillel honors Israel @ 70

Hillel Academy celebrated Israel's 70th year of independence on April 19 by studying some of the country's special accomplishments during these decades. Seven stations were set up, each representing a different decade in Israel's history. At each station, eighth grade students presented something special that happened during that decade.



Eighth graders leading the sixth graders in an obstacle course.

Congregations

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Annual meeting: The congregation will hold its annual meeting, with Shabbat dinner and officer installation service on Friday, June 1. The dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., and the cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children up to age 9. The annual meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. when a president-elect, trustees and endowment committee members are selected and the 2018 President's Cup recipient is named. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a Shabbat service and officer installation.

RSVP for the dinner by May 25 by calling the temple or going to www.zedek.org/RSVP.

Chabad Chai of South Tampa

Shavuot: Listen to the Ten Commandments during a service on Monday, May 21 at 11 a.m. A yizkor service will be included, then there will be a dairy brunch featuring cheesecake, ice cream, a salad bar, blintzes and lasagna. There will also be an interactive children's program.

Cong. Rodeph Sholom

Adult education: Rabbi Josh Hearshen will teach Torah study on Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Talmud study on Thursdays at noon. At 7 p.m. on Thursdays he teaches a class titled "Embracing Judaism."

Cong. Beth Am

Cocktail conversations: Some important conversations are better had in a relaxed atmosphere, maybe with a drink in hand. So, come to Cocktail Convos, the temple's newest way to learn and socialize together. Each month congregants will gather for casual but serious discussion – it might be related to current events, or maybe to our lives as Jews [and partners to Jews]. The next one will take place on Sunday, May 27 at 7 p.m. The discussion topic will be "Interfaith – How does Judaism/CBA look to the non-Jews among us?" This event will be held at GrillSmith at the Shops of Wiregrass. Everyone is welcome. RSVPs are requested, but not necessary. RSVP to admin@BethAmTampa.org

Shavuot services: On Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. there will be dessert, Havdalah and Shavuot services. For more information, contact Admin@BethAmTampa.org

Talmud study: An ongoing group is

now deeply into Tractate Sanhedrin, where they are learning the ins and outs of the ancient Jewish legal system. It is fascinating stuff, and drop-ins and "just want to try it out's" are always welcome. The next sessions are on Thursdays, May 17 and 24 at 9:30 a.m. at the synagogue.

For more information contact Admin@BethAmTampa.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. Mekor Shalom

Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Study, sing songs, enjoy snacks and play games on Saturday, May 19 at 8:30 p.m. This is a time to get together to learn and eat cheesecake.

Shavuot services: Come celebrate the receiving of the Torah on Sunday, May 20 and Monday, May 21, both days at 9:30 a.m. The Monday service will include Yizkor. Cheesecake will be served following both services.

Teddy Bear Shabbat: Calling teddy bear owners of all ages for a teddy bear Shabbat on Friday, May 18 at 6 p.m. Celebrate Shabbat in a "beary" joyful way. There will be an oneg Shabbat right after the service.

Cong. Bais Menachem Chabad

Torah class: Join a weekly Torah class on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Tampa. The class explores contemporary issues through a Torah perspective.

For more information, contact **Rabbi Levi Rivkin** at (813) 504-4432 or email bmchabad@gmail.com.

Practical kabbalah: Enrich the soul and mind with a touch of kabbalah. Learn practical spirituality for everyday life. Classes are held on Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7 p.m.

Cong. Beth Israel Sun City Center

Rummage sale: The congregation will hold a rummage sale on Tuesday, May 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the synagogue.

For information on donating, contact **Barbara Nova** at Barbaranova03@gmail.com.

Wedding

Stern/Friedman

Lennie Beth Stern and Mark Scott Friedman were married Oct. 21 by Rabbi Gerald Weider in Park City, Utah.

The bride, a Tampa native, is the daughter of Ellen and Dr. Mark Stern of Tampa. She received her doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Maryland, followed by a general practice residency at the Brooklyn Veterans Affairs. She is a general and cosmetic dentist in private practice in South Tampa.

The bridegroom is the son of Marcia and Dr. Sam Friedman of New City, NY. He graduated medical school from SUNY



Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, followed by a residency in internal medicine at George Washington School of Medicine and fellowship in gastroenterology at Albany Medical College. He is a gastroenterologist at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center. The couple currently lives in Tampa.

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Israel at 70

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How 1948 changed American Jews

By BEN SALES
JTA news service

One year after Israel's establishment, in the dead of night, three students ascended a tower at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York and raised the Israeli flag.

The next morning, the Conservative rabbinical school's administration took it down.

That act of surreptitious Zionist protest was one of several at JTS during the years surrounding 1948, when Israel gained independence, Michael Greenbaum wrote in an essay in *Tradition Renewed, a JTS history*. Students supported the new Jewish state. However, the seminary's chancellor, Louis Finkelstein, opposed American Judaism focusing all its efforts across an ocean, and also needed to appease a board wary of Jewish nationalism.

But the students persisted. Once, they sang the Israeli anthem "Hatikvah" following graduation ceremonies. Another time, they convinced their colleagues at the Union Theological Seminary, the Protestant school next door, to play the anthem from their bell tower.

Today, nearly all American Jewish institutions are vocally, even passionately pro-Israel. But even in the years after the Jewish state won its independence 70 years ago, that feeling was not yet universal.

Before the Holocaust, Zionism itself was polarizing among American Jews. Many, especially

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The largest ever celebration of statehood, marking the Israel's milestone 70th anniversary, was held on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem and featured more than 1,500 participants, including 150 musicians, 400 choir singers, 350 dancers and hundreds of flag-bearers. The festivities, held on April 18, coincided with the date on the Jewish calendar for the Declaration of Independence, May 14, 1948.



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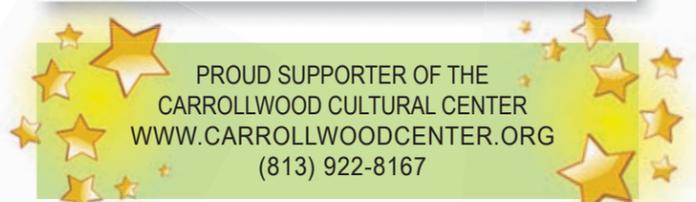
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in the Reform movement, felt support for a Jewish homeland would cause their loyalty to America to be called into question. The other side was represented by Louis Brandeis, the first Jewish Supreme Court justice, who saw no conflict between American values and Zionist aspirations.

By the time Israel declared independence on May 14, 1948, American Jews, scarred by images of the Holocaust and Nazism and inspired by newsreels of tanned kibbutzniks, were largely supportive of Zionism. But they were not yet turning out for organized political advocacy and mass tourism to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Instead they were getting used to the idea of a Jewish sovereign state – gradually incorporating it into their culture, prayers and religious outlook.

North American Jewish support for Israel was turbocharged by the Truman administration's quick recognition of the state, and by the Israeli army's victory against the Arab states in its war of independence.

In February of that year, Golda Meerson (later Meir), raised \$400,000 in one day (the equivalent of some \$4 million today) on behalf of the provisional state on just one stop in Montreal. In the weeks following independence, she started a drive in the United States and Canada for \$75 million more (or about \$750 million in 2018 dollars).

"There was a sense that once America recognized the state, Zionism had won, and everyone wanted to link with the winners," said Jonathan Sarna, a professor of Jewish history at Brandeis University. "It was growing very quickly, it took in all of these refugees, which solved that problem."

After Israel secured its independence, American Jews began to engage with the new nation in small ways. There was no rush of tourism, but American Jews would show their support by purchasing goods from Israel, reading books about Israel or holding Israeli dance classes in their community centers.

"Here's this new state they had to kind of develop this relationship with, [and] the cultural realm was really the place it was happening," Emily Alice Katz, author of the 2015 book *Bringing Zion Home*, said in a podcast. "There were these years in which it wasn't as much about rallying the troops for these massive outpourings of aid or political influence, but it was more of this coming to know Israel."

1950s America and the assimilation factor

Part of the reticence to support Israel stemmed from the ethos of 1950s America, with its focus on suburban growth, the "melting pot" and assimilation. Against that backdrop, American Jews were trying to prove they belonged as social and cultural equals in American society. So again they were fearful of "dual loyalty" charges that could stem from vocal support for a Jewish state.

In a watershed moment in that debate, Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion sent a letter in 1950 to Jacob Blaustein, president of the American Jewish Committee, which for many years had been hesitant to throw its support behind the Jewish national movement. Ben-Gurion pledged not to speak for American Jewry or intervene in

its affairs, and to dial down his insistence that American Jews move to Israel. In exchange, Blaustein recognized "the necessity and desirability" of supporting Israel in its nation building.

"The 1950s were the heyday of American Jewish assimilation," said Sara Hirschhorn, an Israel studies professor at Oxford University. "It was the postwar era, when American Jews were benefiting from the same things everyone else was benefiting from – the GI bill, all kinds of ways for people to move into the middle class – and they wanted to continue to make the most of that."

Gaining acceptance

Nevertheless, Israel began to show up in American Jewish religious practice. A Conservative prayer book published in 1949 had readings about Israel, but not the prayer for Israel that is now standard in many prayer books. Religious schools gradually shifted their pronunciation of Hebrew from European Ashkenazic to Sephardic-inflected Israeli. Non-Zionist religious leaders, like Finkelstein of JTS, eventually were sidelined.

The biggest shift, Sarna said,

was American Jewry viewing Judaism's history as one of "destruction and rebirth." That outlook posed the Holocaust and the establishment of Israel as its two poles and, Sarna said, remains dominant in American Jewish thinking today. He noted that Israel's Holocaust Remembrance Day and its Independence Day are commemorated about a week apart by design.

"The theme of destruction and rebirth becomes a very important theme in the lives of American Jews," he said. "So much so that American Jews don't know the history of Zionism going back, and have bought the idea that it's all about the Holocaust being linked to the birth of the State of Israel."

American Jews became more open in their celebration of Israel about a decade after 1948. *Exodus*, the 1958 novel by Leon Uris that painted Israel in heroic terms, was a national best-seller and was adapted into a popular movie in 1960 starring Paul Newman and Eva Marie Saint.

In 1961, the Yiddish star Molly Picon starred in a Broadway musical about a visit by American

Jews to Israel, *Milk and Honey*, which ran for more than 500 performances. A few years later, the Israel Pavilion at the New York World's Fair showcased the country's charms. And as Cold War tensions continued into the 1960s, Israel began to be seen as a U.S. ally against the Soviet Union.

In 1967, Israel's existence was again threatened by Arab armies. Between the anxious buildup to that war and Israel's lightning victory, American Jewish acceptance of Israel had turned to adulation, placing the Jewish state at the cen-

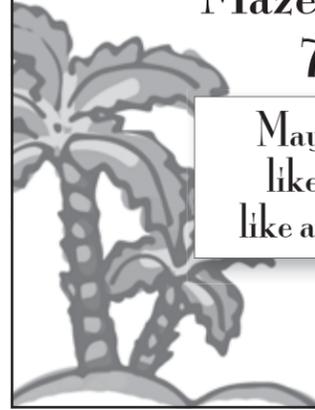
ter of their identity.

The few dissenters are found on the non-Zionist left, among various haredi Orthodox movements, and in the quiet grumblings of some mainstream leaders and rabbis who think the emphasis on Israel has thwarted the development of distinctly American Judaism.

"Slowly but surely, Israel became more important for American Jews," Sarna said. "1967 is at once a reflection of Israel's growing importance, but at the same time it is a great intensification of Israel's centrality."

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St. Pete teacher learns a lot about Israel, her Judaism during 10-month 'journey'

By **BOB FRYER**
Jewish Press

When Heather Hammerling was a student at USF St. Petersburg, studying to be a teacher, she went on a Birthright trip to Israel. It rekindled her interest in Judaism and sparked a desire to return to Israel.

During the Birthright trip she heard of the Masa Israel Journey program, which offers a variety

of experiences for American Jews who wish to come to Israel for a longer stay. One of the options is teaching English to Israeli students, so after she graduated in December 2016 and began teaching second grade at Lakeview Fundamental School in St. Petersburg, she applied for the program. Last September, she joined the Masa program and was assigned to teach

at a school in Netanya, a city on the Mediterranean coast not far from Tel Aviv. Hammerling, 24, will complete her 10-month stay in Israel soon and plans to return to teach third grade in St. Petersburg.

We asked her to share memories of her experiences in Israel, including the recent ceremonies to remember those who died fighting for Israel and the nation's celebration of its 70th anniversary. Here are her responses, edited for length:

Tell us what you like about teaching English to Israeli students and what the challenges are?

Teaching English to Israeli students is extremely rewarding, however, as with any job, there are daily challenges, the main thing being the language barrier. ... The teaching environment in Israel is much more casual; the students call you by your first name.

I love how excited the students are to learn English. When I first started teaching in September, the students had a much smaller vocabulary and communicating was very difficult. Now, having worked with the students for eight months, I am really getting to see their progress and see them having breakthroughs. I have also learned what their personal interests are and can use them to engage the students in English lessons. My students are very interested in American culture and I have had a lot of fun teaching them about certain holidays and traditions that are specific to the U.S. For example, we did a lesson on Halloween and Thanksgiving and we talk about football and American pop culture.

Tell us about sights and places

you have visited in Israel, your interactions with the Israeli people and how life in Israel differs from life in the U.S.

Over the holidays, when we are off from school, I have had the opportunity to travel and explore Israel. This has been a huge highlight of my time here. I have volunteered on a kibbutz, hiked part of the Israel National Trail and have had time to see both the north and south of Israel. ... The geography is really amazing, and the weather here makes being outside possible all year long.

I live within walking distance of my school and oftentimes I see my students and their families out and about. ... I feel very well taken care of and embraced by the community. I am never alone on Shabbat and have had dinner at the homes of my students, my colleagues and various members of the community. This is very different than in the U.S., where work and personal life are much more compartmentalized.

How has this experience enhanced or changed your views of Judaism?

I was raised Reform [in Montclair, NJ]. However, after my Bat Mitzvah my involvement in Jewish life was almost non-existent. It was not until my Birthright trip that I started to become curious about my Jewish identity and desired to explore it further. This experience has had a positive impact on the development of my Jewish identity. I feel much more connected to Israel and value the Jewish traditions. I have loved celebrating Shabbat every Friday and recognizing the

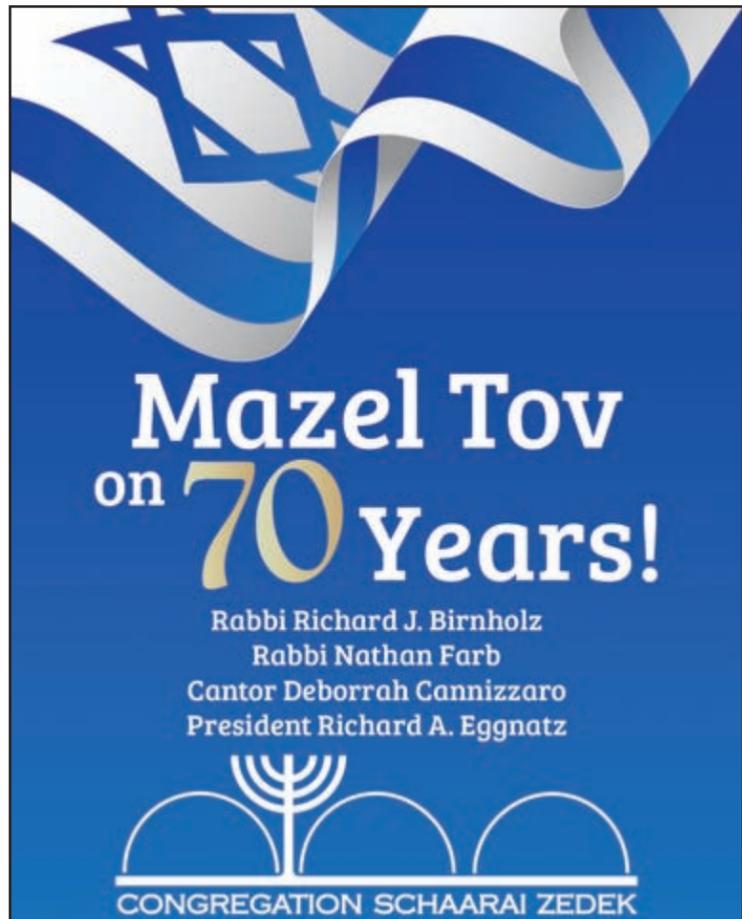
Jewish holidays. I plan to continue these traditions when I return.

Can you tell us about what you felt and heard at the Yom Hazikaron and Israel Independence Day ceremonies?

The ceremonies surrounding Yom Hazikaron and Israel Independence Day were very emotional for me. It was truly heartbreaking to realize that almost anyone you speak to in Israel has lost someone in the armed forces. I have felt very safe while living in Israel, and I know it is due to the young men and women in the armed forces who put their lives at risk every day. However, until it is brought to your attention and you hear the stories, it almost doesn't feel real. Now that I have this personal connection to Israel, these ceremonies made me feel extremely proud for the nation of Israel and grateful for the opportunities I have here.

What are some of your most treasured experiences from participating in this program and your time spent in Israel?

The ability to live in another country and experience another culture so fully has been my most treasured experience. Israel is such a unique place and I do not think you can really understand how precious it is until you've lived here. I love how on Fridays the entire country begins to slow down for Shabbat, and Saturdays are a clear day of rest. The emphasis on spending time with family is really heartwarming. If you go to a park on a Saturday, you will see tons of families sitting outside having picnics and barbeques.



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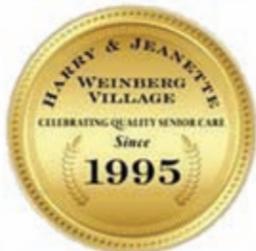
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Tampa area woman recalls childhood in Israel at dawn of statehood

Malka Isaak is a retired attorney who now resides in Odessa with her husband, Sam. But in 1948, she was a 12-year-old living in Israel and a witness to the historic birth of the Jewish state.

Born in 1936 in Czechoslovakia, her family moved to pre-state Israel in 1938, which coincided with the ascension of Hitler and Nazism in Germany and the intensified threat to the Jewish people throughout Eastern Europe.

Isaak grew up primarily in Netanya, along the Mediterranean coast. Her parents were part of Etzel, an underground organization that rose up against the British army. She recalls hiding guns and learning how to shoot at a young age – a necessary part of growing up at this time.

Although there was a shortage of food, Isaak said she and her family all came together to do their part.

Isaak told her story as part of the weeklong community celebration of Israel at 70. The program, which also featured a talk, via Skype, with ABC newsman Martin Fletcher, was held at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC. The program was moderated by Debbie Doliner.

She shared an emotionally charged story of when she and her neighbors first heard that the UN voted for *Eretz Yisrael*, the Land of Israel, to become a nation:

"It was already past midnight. Many people didn't even have a radio, but the radios were blasting out the vote, 'yes,' 'no,' 'yes,' 'no.' And the minute there were enough votes for the establishment of the State of Israel - I'm going to cry - My town, Netanya, had 40,000 people (and) at least 20,000 people were there, everybody started dancing the hora. And they danced and they danced and they continued to dance."

The Tampa JCCs and Federation collaborated with *Misaviv LaMedura* (Around the Bonfire), to bring the program to the community. The Around the Bonfire project is an initiative which began about two years ago with the purpose of connecting Israel's founding generation and its younger generations and to increase awareness and knowledge of the stories of the early years of Israel's statehood. The project uses these inter-generational connections to create awareness of the courage and resilience of the founding generation.

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"It is our duty as Jews to welcome the stranger and the Tampa Jewish Federation is proud to support an initiative that helps new immigrants acclimate to Israeli society. Our annual allocation to JAFI is not only an investment in the future of Israel and to the field of medicine, it is changing the lives of thousands of Israeli immigrants every day," said Alissa Fischel, Chief Development Officer of the Tampa JCCs and Federation.



Photo by Nir Kafri for the Jewish Agency for Israel
Anatoli Budylev, 29, went through the training program for immigrant doctors at the absorption center in Ashdod.

Moving your life and career to a new country, all while learning a new language, is challenging enough. Add the rigorous field of medicine as well as medical terminology to the mix, and the task is that much more daunting. But Anatoli Budylev, 29, a Russian immigrant to Israel, speaks about his work with shining eyes and in excellent Hebrew.

Anatoli, who immigrated to Israel in 2012, works in the internal medicine department at Carmel Hospital in Haifa. He arrived from

Russia knowing "only knew a few words of Hebrew, almost nothing," yet thanks to various components of the Jewish Agency's immigrant absorption assistance, he is now taking his first steps as a doctor in Israel. Both Anatoli and his wife, Sofia, went through the training program for immigrant doctors at the absorption center in Ashdod.

The absorption center here and elsewhere in Israel offer furnished rooms or apartments for rent at substantially lower rates than on the private market and provide new immigrants with a warm atmosphere as they become acquainted with Israeli society. Further, ulpanim (intensive Hebrew classes) are available at most absorption centers and are staffed by professional teams who have long-term experience in assisting immigrants.

"Like my wife, I already worked as a doctor in St. Petersburg (Russia)," Anatoli says. "She worked in Novosibirsk, and when I got to Israel I was referred to the absorption center in Ashdod. I went through the track in 2012, with a Hebrew ulpan. When I arrived I could only say 'yes' and 'no' in Hebrew. How is my Hebrew now?" he asked, speaking in excellent Hebrew.

Anatoli's doctor's training course included learning medical terminology in Hebrew.

"In practice, we learned the language and also medicine at the same time," he says. "That was the hardest thing – sitting down and studying Hebrew, and also studying for the exam. A high percentage of people from the project I was on tried to do that, and only three passed."

Anatoli proceeded to an internship at the Beilinson-Rabin Medical Center in Petah Tikva, which lasted one year. "The greatest thing is that, when someone comes to Israel and they are not familiar with the health system, the internship helps them see what, for example, an internal medicine department is, what a surgical department is, because it is different from the FSU and other places," he says.

Anatoli subsequently joined the Israel Defense Force in accordance with an agreement between Israel's Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, in which immigrant men who complete a medical internship serve in the army as doctors for 18 months.

"You go through about a month of basic training and then three months of training as a regular medical officer, when they try to give you some idea of what the army is like and what you are going to do, in contrast with your civilian role," says Anatoli. "After three months you are sent to a clinic or a regiment. Towards the end of the period, around half a year before my release, I started thinking about my place of work and I looked into invasive cardiology."

Anatoli and Sofia are well on their way to successful medical careers in Israel, and they are continually grateful for the doctor's training course at the Ashdod absorption center, where it all started.

"What, exactly, do the doctors gain from this program? It helps them learn in a safe environment. You can concentrate on your studies, including ulpan and learning medical terminology, and it is free," Anatoli says. "If we had to pay for this education, it is doubtful that we would have been able to afford it, or that we could become doctors in Israel."

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Brew bus adventure: The #Gather group will go on a brew bus adventure on Sunday, June 3 from noon to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 for unlimited bus rides throughout the day on the local loop bus as folks stop at various breweries, restaurants and bars in Tampa. Food and beverages are at the cost of participants. For information on where to meet, visit: <https://www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather> or <https://www.jcccohcampus.com/programs/young-adults>.

#Gather offers a mix of social and interactive activities designed to help young adults connect. It is open to young adults of all faiths and backgrounds. For more information or to RSVP for any #Gather events, visit: www.bryanglazerfamilyjcc.com/gather or contact **Lisa Robbins** at lisa.robbins@jewishtampa.com or (813) 769-4723.

Cheese tasting: The 20s-30s group, sponsored by Congregation Schaarai Zedek, invites all young adults to a Shavuot Cheese Tasting at Cheese Please restaurant, 3225 S MacDill Ave, Tampa, on Thursday, May 17 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Meet at Cheese Please for an evening of Torah Trivia for Shavuot as well as several courses of wine and cheese. Cost is \$20 per person. For questions, contact **Lindsey Dewey** at ldewey@zedek.org or (813) 876-2377, Ext. 221. RSVP at www.zedek.org/20s30s.

Jewish War Veterans

Volunteers needed: The Jewish War Veterans Post 373 is seeking members who would like to help ill and disabled veterans. For details regarding the Post and the latest post activities, visit www.jwvtampa.org. Contact **Commander Jack Rudowsky** at (813) 598-8061 or email rochelletrs@gmail.com.

Active Adults

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.

Chess lessons: Learn how to play chess on Mondays from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Cohn campus.

Mah jongg: Folks can play at both JCCs. At the Cohn campus, there is free open play 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 1-3 p.m. This is free for all members. Novices and experienced players are welcome.

JetSetters: The Phyllis Borrell JetSetters social group for adults of all ages meets at both JCCs for an hour-long program followed by lunch. The JetSetters group meets on the Cohn campus on the fourth Thursday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon. On Thursday, May 24 there will be a "Ciao from Italy" program. The lunch is free for members, though a donation of \$5 is suggested.

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. On June 13 the group will hear stories and songs of legendary singers and songwriters such as the Kingston Trio, John Denver, Roger Miller and more.

News talk: This discussion group, meeting at both JCCs, is led by **Pat Renfroe** and explores 'hot button' issues of the day. Upcoming News Talk sessions at the Glazer JCC are Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. The May 15 topic is on public and private schools and if there is a need for public schools. The May 22 topic is who will run for office in the mid-terms and the May 29 topic is on the history of the mid-terms and how they might change the direction

of the country.

The group at the Cohn campus, meets the second and fourth Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The topic on May 25 will be on how books and films portray the country's accomplishments and challenges and is in a fair manner.

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. The next class in on Wednesday, May 23. This is a discussion course with participation open to 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

Canasta: Meet in the senior lounge at the Cohn campus every Friday from 3-4:30 p.m. for friendly games of canasta.

Movie matinee: Enjoy a classic movie and popcorn on the first Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon on the Cohn campus. There is no charge to attend. The June 6 film will be a top-ranked film from the National Classic Jewish Film Guide.

Yiddish nostalgia: Join **Ruth Weston** and other Yiddish enthusiasts on Thursday, May 24 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Cohn campus to share favorite expressions and reminisce. This program is free.

Crochet lessons: Learn crochet with instructor **Judy Balber** 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.

Men's Club: This group will meet on Tuesday, May 22 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Glazer JCC for men to gather in relaxed and friendly surroundings. Potential activities include poker, billiards, ping-pong, sporting events, fishing or camping, community volunteering or discussions.

Parkinson's mixer: Come to the J Café Patio at the Glazer JCC on Wednesday, May 16 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for a free informational session on all of the Parkinson's resources the Tampa JCCs have to offer.

Bridge: Those who want to learn how to play bridge or improve their game can take bridge classes at the Glazer JCC on Fridays through June 8. This is for players at any level and sessions are from 1-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 for members; \$60 for non-members.

There is also open play bridge on Mondays, May 7-28 at the Glazer JCC from 10:30 a.m. to noon. This is free for members and \$10 for non-members.

Get tech savvy: Learn about web security and design, map navigation and social media. Volunteers will teach active adults about their computers and other devices during these free sessions. Laptops are available for those who want to come to the Glazer JCC and learn on Monday, May 14 from 4-5:30 p.m. To register, see contact information above.

Job-Links

Monday Morning Links: Free sessions of Monday Morning Links are offered at the Jack Roth Center for Career Development at TampaBay-Job-Links, 4100 W. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 206, Tampa from 9:30 - 11 a.m.

On May 14, the topic will be, "How to Ace a Phone, Skype or Online Interview."

Monday Morning Links is supported by the Vinik Family Foundation.

Job-search aids: There are Success workshops on select Thursdays to aid with job-search skills. On May 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the topic is "Is Your Brand Helping You Land a Job?" On May 31 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. the topic is "Financial Fundamentals for Now and the Future."

The workshops are 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.

Switching gears: A series of four evening workshops, each from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. are offered, targeting those in career transition. These sessions cover the nuts and bolts of career transition. People can enroll for the full series or come for any individual session. The sessions are on Tuesdays, May 15, 22 and 29 and June 5. Reservations are required. Cost is \$15 per workshop or \$50 for all four. To RSVP, call (813) 344-0200, email RSVP@TBJL.org.

Support groups

Alzheimer's caregiver: 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

Rachel Eden Fischel

Rachel Eden Fischel, daughter of Alissa and Paul Fischel of Lutz, will be called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, May 12 at Congregation Schaarai Zedek in Tampa.

Rachel is a seventh-grade student at Martinez Middle School. Active in softball, she also enjoys singing and is in the chorus. For her mitzvah project, Rachel volunteered at Weinberg Village Assisted Living Facility, spending time with residents, playing games, talking and exercising.

Alissa and Paul Fischel will host a celebration at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC on Saturday, May 12.



'Holocaust by Bullets' talk is May 20

Urszula Szczepinska, curator of education and director of research for the Florida Holocaust Museum, will speak at the museum on Sunday, May 20, about researching names of victims of what is known as the "Holocaust by Bullets" – the mass shootings of more than 2 million Jews by the Nazis and their collaborators during the Holocaust.

Szczepinska will present on-line resources that have the most updated information based on the latest historical research. She will also demonstrate how to use archival databases to look for information about individuals who perished in the Holocaust by Bullets. Retrieving identities of individual victims is one of the most significant memorial projects for the post-Holocaust generations.

Her appearance is jointly sponsored by the museum and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Tampa Bay. Members of both organizations as well as anyone in-

terested in Jewish Genealogy and Holocaust research may attend the program at no charge. The museum is located at 55 fifth St. S., St. Petersburg.

Szczepinska is the author of a study guide for the traveling exhibition on the Holocaust by Bullets by the French organization Yahad-In Unum, which works to locate execution sites and mass graves. She has taught the subject to various audiences, including honors classes at USF Tampa.

Registration for the event begins at the museum at 1:30 p.m. and the program starts at 2 p.m. Following the talk, an optional self-guided tour of the museum will be offered at no charge to members of either sponsoring organizations. Non-members may tour at a reduced charge of \$9.

For those planning to include a tour of the museum, advanced registration is requested by calling Sally Israel at (727) 343-1652.

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The Canadian-Israeli responsible for bringing one of world's top cycling races to Israel

By ELIANA RUDEE
Jewish News Syndicate

The biggest biking event in the history of the Jewish state has arrived, placing Israel in the center of the sporting map. The Giro d'Italia is second only to the Tour de France as professional cycling's most important race.

For the first time in the race's history, the event began outside of Europe, with three days of racing in Israel starting on May 4 in Jerusalem.

The driving force behind bringing the race to Israel is Canadian-Israeli philanthropist Sylvan Adams, a passionate biker and the honorary president of Giro d'Italia's "Big Start" in Israel.

The almost 60-year-old immigrated to Israel last year from Montreal, where he made his living in real estate.

According to Adams, the Giro will be "the largest and most significant sporting event ever held in Israel."

Last year, the race was broadcast on television to 840 million people

worldwide. This year, viewership is expected to be 1 billion during the three days and 16 hours of television coverage. Tens of thousands of tourists are expected to see it in real time. And some 25,000 people will be on hand to make the race go smoothly, making it the largest event ever held in Israel, both in terms of people watching and working. Tens of thousands of tourists are expected.

In the first stage of the race, helicopters will fly over famous sites such as the Western Wall, the Dome of the Rock and the Israel Museum, all in Jerusalem. In the second stage of the race, cyclists will ride in Haifa, Mount Carmel, Akko, Nazareth and Caesarea. They will proceed to Netanya, Tel Aviv and Jaffa, finishing by the beach. In the third stage, the cyclists will ride around Beersheva and by the Mitzpeh Ramon Crater, enjoying the Negev landscape, all the way to Eilat. The race will then move on to Italy.

"It will be dramatic in terms of the scenery," said Adams, who be-

lieves the Giro will benefit from Israel's scenic roads and sound weather, historical sites, restaurants and a wonderful cycling culture.

For Israel, Adams maintains that the race represents "an antidote to BDS." He firmly believes that through cycling and sports in general, Israel has the opportunity to "showcase everything positive about the country to the world, showing the beauty of our country and exposing an accurate view of Israel that people don't always read about in local newspapers."

Continued Adams: "It is priceless to show viewers something different in non-polemical way — let people come and see our open and pluralistic society. Let them see that we have 21 percent Arabs



Sylvan Adams

in our country — many who join the army and work in the Knesset, who work as judges in the Supreme Court, as doctors, lawyers, as policeman, incorporated into every part of society."

Two teams from Arab countries will be participating in the race: from Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. "BDS activists said they shouldn't come, and the athletes ignored them because they had two options: to participate in the Giro, the second-biggest competition in the world, or not," said Adams.

In all, some 22 teams from nearly 20 countries participate in the race, which comprises three weeks, or 21 days, of biking roughly 2,200 miles.

For non-Jews around the world, the event "will show that Israel is open, free, democratic and safe, and move the needle when it comes to tourism by inviting a billion viewers to Israel," he said.

Adams also voiced his hope that "the Jewish people will be proud that Israel is hosting this event on

its 70th anniversary. We must take great pride in the homeland of the Jewish people and its achievements. It belongs to all Jewish people, not just Israelis, but all of us."

Outside of promoting Israel to non-Jews and Jew alike, another goal is to expand the already-strong cycling culture in Israel. Adams is the driving force behind Israel's only professional cycling team — the Israel Cycling Academy, which is competing in the Giro — as well as the man behind the building of the Middle East's first-ever velodrome, due to be completed this year in Tel Aviv.

"All around the country, there are hundreds of cyclists riding together and a growing number of cycling clubs," he related. "Israel can reach the highest of the sport and race internationally. By bringing the absolute best athletes in the world, who will ride right in front of peoples' homes, I'm hopeful that Israeli kids and their parents will be inspired by the event, buy a bike and join our fast-growing sport."

Obituaries

RONALD A. FRIED, 58, of Tampa, died April 23. A native of the Washington, DC area, he was a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. Known for his two tenures with Miami-based VITAS, his portfolio included business development, mergers and acquisitions, public policy and regulatory affairs. He led acquisitions and joint venture initiatives for Tustin, CA-based Sun Healthcare Group. During the first internet boom, he took a temporary break from healthcare to lead business development and mergers and acquisitions for eGlobe, Inc., an application services provider and later handled the same responsibilities for New York-based Register.com, a provider of internet domain name registration services. He served on Capitol Hill as a legislative assistant to Florida Congressman Claude Pepper and as a public health policy advisor to former Florida Gov. Bob Graham. In 1991-92 he was national finance director for Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey's campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. A highly regarded leader of the American Hospice movement, he served as chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Association in 2013-2014. He was also a member of and vice president of the Board of Directors of Florida Hospices and Palliative Care Association and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hospice Action Network. He advocated for expanded access to hospice and comprehensive end-of-life care, accountability and quality standards for the nation's hospices, and a strong voice in public policy for hospice patients and their loved ones. Survivors include his wife Cheryl Hamilton Fried; daughter Nora Fried, Brooklyn; stepdaughter Audrey Hamilton, Tampa; brother and sister-in-law Brandon and Kim Fried, Chevy Chase, MD. The family suggests memorials to the National Hospice Foundation, Alexandria, VA or Homeward Trails Animal Rescue, Arlington, VA. (Segal Funeral Home, Beth David Chapel)

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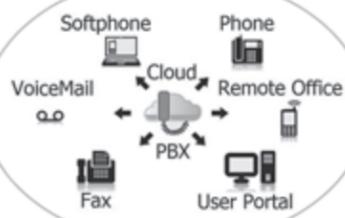
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Program draws big crowd

More than 400 supporters of Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida turned out at the Bryan Glazer Family "JCC In This Together" Tampa Bay Choice Affair Luncheon. Opening the program were board chair Laurie Cowan Phillips and board member Sara Golding Scher, who welcomed local politicians including Congresswoman Kathy Castor and former Tampa Mayor Sandy Freedman. Committee members

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Eileen Goldenberg and Whitney Holtzman

New book is out

Dr. Jeremy Gaies has just published his latest book on helping parents protect their children through the divorce process. The new book, *A Clear and Easy Guide to Collaborative Divorce*, explains how couples can have a peaceful divorce that benefits everyone – both parents and their children. He is also co-author of *Mindful Co-Parenting: A Child-Friendly Path Through Divorce*. Gaies interest was fostered in Israel, where he connected with other collaborative professionals, and he will be returning to Israel to conduct a training program in 2019. Gaies is married to Lisa, also a psychologist, and they have two daughters: Sarah, a student in occupational therapy at the University of Florida, and Talia, a psychology major at the University of South Florida.

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Rayna Weitzman, right, eating lunch with other students at the Civil Rights Museum in Atlanta.



Teens find Israel by traveling to Georgia

By THAIS LEON-MILLER
Jewish Press

It wasn't Rayna Weitzman's first trip to Atlanta, or even to Emory University. She had visited the school a few times before, getting the lay of the land where she hopes to enroll in a couple of years. This visit though, opened her eyes to a whole new view of Israel.

Noah Ray, 17, and Weitzman, 15, both of Tampa, took part in the Center for Israel Education (CIE) Teen Israel Leadership Institute in Atlanta last month. The program is designed to give teens a more comprehensive view of Israel, allowing them to share that knowledge with others. For both teens, that meant embracing the good and the bad.

Ray, a junior at Blake High School, decided to sign up for the program because it fell in line with his passion for teaching.

"Teaching is kind of fun," said Ray, a Rodeph Sholom teacher assistant. "I like kids, so I thought it would be great to take what I learned and share it with them. I saw it as an opportunity to learn more."

In all 23 high school sophomores and juniors from across the U.S. plus two from Israel attended the leadership institute

Emory University hosted the program and the students gathered at Emory Hillel for Shabbat and ice breakers. Afterward, Ken Stein, Emory professor of Contemporary Middle Eastern History, Political Science and Israeli Studies, gave a lecture on why Israel matters to American Jews.

Ray said Stein's talk resonated with him for an unusual reason: Stein said that Israel wasn't perfect.

"Israel is not perfect. It hasn't always been accepting of everyone," said the 17-year-old. "There's something I like about hearing that. Israel isn't as perfect as everyone wants to think it is,

nothing is ever perfect. But Israel is sure trying to be."

Weitzman, a Plant High School sophomore, said Stein's lecture stuck with her as well. She was surprised to hear about some of the less altruistic parts of Israel's history and happy to better understand Israel's political processes.

"His lecture stood out to me," she said. "He told us that in order to own a story, you have to know the story. We have to know everything about Israel to be able to claim it."

For these teens, that included learning about the good and the bad. They were both surprised to learn that when the state of Israel was first formed, European Jews were treated to nicer apartments and better food, while African and Middle Eastern Jews were kept in basically internment camps, said Ray. On the positive side, Weitzman was in awe of how the Jewish National Fund (JNF) was in existence and active even before Israel was an official state.

Throughout the weekend, the teens learned about Israel's geopolitical standing, geography and history. They also got to learn about each other.

Weitzman wants to be a surgeon one day and intends on getting her degree at Emory University. Her roommate during the weekend is taking some of the same classes she is in school, including Latin. She liked that no matter where the kids were coming from, whether they were Conservative, Orthodox or Reform, it was "cool to see we knew a lot of the same tunes."

For students that are interested in registering for next year's event, both Ray and Weitzman shared the same advice: study up on Israeli history and politics. Each teen said that was the main focus of the weekend and any previous knowledge certainly helped.

For more information on the CIT Teen Leadership Institute, visit www.IsraelEd.org/teens/.



Noah Ray in his hotel room at the CIE Teen Leadership program at Emory University.

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The material was not unveiled until now because the documents had to be analyzed and translated from Persian, the official said.

Netanyahu said during his presentation that the information had been shared with the United States and that “the United States can vouch for its authenticity.”

Among the documents, Netanyahu said, is proof of the existence of Project Amad, a program to design, build and test nuclear weapons. The program was scrapped in 2003 after the Gulf War, but work continued in other guises and with

the same personnel, according to Netanyahu, citing the documents.

Other documents also proved that the Fordow uranium enrichment facility was not intended to produce medical isotopes but uranium for nuclear weapons.

“Iran is brazenly lying when it says it never had a nuclear weapons program,” Netanyahu said.

However, Netanyahu did not appear to present evidence of ongoing nuclear activity in violation of the deal signed in 2015 between Iran and six world powers, which traded sanctions relief for a rollback of Iran’s nuclear program.

Netanyahu said he is certain that Trump will “do the right thing” in deciding whether to stay in the nuclear deal. “The right thing for the United States. The right thing for Israel. And the right thing for the peace of the world,” he said.

Trump is set to decide by May 12 whether the U.S. will remain in the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as the deal is known.

In a meeting with reporters in the White House Rose Garden shortly after Netanyahu’s presentation, Trump said that the disclosure “showed that I was 100 percent right” in criticizing the Iran nuclear deal. “That is just not an

acceptable situation,” he also said.

Trump declined to say what he would decide on the Iran nuclear deal.

“We’ll see what happens. I’m not telling you what I’m doing, but a lot of people think they know,” he said. “On or before the 12th, we’ll make a decision. That doesn’t mean we won’t negotiate a real agreement.”

The reaction to Netanyahu’s speech were mixed. “[W]hen Iranian officials claim – as they often do – that Iran [never had] a nuclear weapons program, they were lying,” James Acton, co-director of the nuclear policy program at the Carnegie Endowment, tweeted. “But, we knew that already. The JCPOA was designed on that basis.”

Opponents of the Iran nuclear deal said it confirmed that Iran cannot be trusted.

Conservative commentator Ben Shapiro wrote that the documents demonstrate “that the Obama administration lied constantly and repeatedly to the public about Iran’s newfound moderation in order to scam the public into approving Obama’s Iran nuclear deal – a deal that allowed Iran to maximize its regional power with income from the West.”



The JNF Breakfast for Israel drew about 200 people to the Bryan Glazer Family JCC.

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The diplomat said the Palestinians were wrong in thinking the Israeli people would come and go like other groups have before. With a population now of 8.9 million and a Gross Domestic Product of \$40,000 per capita 40 thousand (compared to \$53,000 in the U.S.) and climbing, Israel is becoming a leader in the world economy. He later added that “Israel can be proud of what we’ve achieved and should be optimistic of the future.” Even so, he insisted now was not the time to “rest on our laurels.”

Iran remains Israel’s biggest nemesis. Ayalon said Iran has threatened to raze Tel Aviv. Not only is Iran denying the Holocaust, they want to cause another.

“Iran is very much like 1930s Nazis,” he said. “If you recall, the Nazis invaded in a very incremental way. Iran wants to do the same thing. They are already in Iraq. They are already in Lebanon. Syria is the missing link and we must keep them away.”

Ayalon also shared his views on the Iran nuclear deal, which is under review with the current U.S. administration. It’s common knowledge the Iranians wanted to strike a deal in the first place, he said. They were on the verge of financial and political collapse when they negotiated a deal with the U.S., he asserted, adding that the deal gave them an infusion of cash that they then used to sponsor terrorism. “I don’t believe Iran will attack frontally,” Ayalon told the room. “The Iranians are no match for Israel’s capabilities. The best opportunity for them is through terrorism. They have a lot of Hezbollah cells.”

While Iran was negotiating, Israel was acting, preventing Iran’s entrenchment in Syria and thwarting attempts of Iran to get “weapons of mass destruction” to Hezbollah.

Then he told the audience another anecdote to explain his “never relax” worldview.

Henry Kissinger came to the Middle East after 1973 to visit several countries, said the diplomat. His staffers kept his schedule filled at all times, until one day he had



Former Israeli Ambassador Danny Ayalon spoke to the threat to Israel from Iran.



Chair Lynne Merriam addresses the breakfast.

a few hours free. The staffers decided to send him to the zoo before his next scheduled event. While there, he came upon a lion and a lamb, playing together in a pen. Kissinger was so impressed with seeing this, he searched for and found the zookeeper to ask how he could make this happen. “I bring the lion a fresh new lamb every day,” said the zookeeper.

Following Ayalon’s talk, JNF Breakfast Chairperson Lynne Merriam spoke before playing a video showing some of the services the JNF provides.

“So many people think JNF is trees,” said Merriam. While Israel is now the only country in the world to have more trees than it did a century ago, the main goal is to “enhance the quality of life for Israelis all around the world.”

Funding from JNF goes to support Israeli firefighters, water conservation efforts and Project Baseball: a program that promotes unity through play between Israeli and Arab children, among other projects. Merriam is particularly involved with the Special in Uniform program that trains and helps special needs adults contribute to the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) and is the only country to do so. Her son, who has cerebral palsy, received an honorary invitation to the IDF.

After the speaking and most of the eating had ended, students from Hillel Academy walked around collecting donations in paper JNF bags. In return, donors received a small blue and white Israeli flag.

Tampa Bay author brings personal perspective on triumphing over trauma to Parkland students

Roslyn Franken knows about hope and healing when it comes to survival and overcoming adversity. Her mother survived the concentration camps of Nazi Europe, including Auschwitz. Her father survived the Nagasaki atomic bomb as a prisoner of war in Japan. At 29, Roslyn survived cancer to become a long-term survivor.

On April 12, Franken spoke to survivors of the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, sharing her parents' inspiring story and the positive influence they had on her life. That story is told in her book, *Meant to Be: A True Story of Might, Miracles and Triumph of the Human Spirit*.

Her visit to Parkland marked the launch of a speaking tour Franken will make across the United States and Canada.

"Roslyn was able to bring such a positive experience to my students as they were feeling so down about everything," said Ivy Schamis, who teaches the history of the Holocaust at Stoneman Douglas High. "She brought so much brightness and hope to the students and just watching her the way they were watching her



Roslyn Franken, center, with students from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, where 17 were killed by a gunman on Feb. 14. All the students received a copy of Franken's book, which details her parents' inspiring life story.

when she spoke was just amazing. The kids were very enraptured by what she said and we are so thankful she was able to come to our school because any little bit of healing helps and Roslyn Franken did a lot of healing."

Franken said of her talk with the students, "We all have a choice in life. We can be bitter or we can choose to be better. So that message, I think, really resonated with the kids. You survived, and you're here, and that's why you need to make the most of your life, like my

parents did."

Franken also recently spoke about her book at the Israel Independence Day celebration, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Pinellas and Pasco Counties. A feature film adaptation of Franken's book is in development through Five Star Studios Inc.

For more information about the book or to invite Franken to speak at schools, visit www.RoslynFranken.com, call (613) 843-0155 or email info@roslynfranken.com.

Bunching: A way to take advantage of new tax law

With the tax overhaul, the Tampa Orlando Jewish Foundation (TOP) has experienced a spike in interest in creating or adding to a donor-advised fund for charitable giving and the use of what is known as "bunching."

Generally, people think of different fruits or vegetables when they think of "bunching." But recently, with tax reform, financial advisors have recommended the idea of "bunching" your charitable donations.

One of the most significant provisions of the 2017 tax act impacting individuals is the dramatic increase in the standard deduction. Because the standard deduction has almost doubled, it is anticipated that only a small percentage of taxpayers will continue to itemize and thus receive any tax benefit from specific tax deductions, such as charitable deductions.

In order to continue taking advantage of the charitable deduction, some taxpayers may want to consider strategically structuring their charitable gifts by "bunching" their donations into one year where they would be able to exceed the standard deductions amount of \$12,000 for singles and \$24,000 for married couples filing jointly.

This bunching strategy makes sense when combined with a contribution to a new or existing donor-advised fund or DAF. With a DAF, the donor receives a tax deduction immediately when contributing to the fund, then the investments in the fund grow tax-free. In some cases, donors may decide to alternate years in which they contribute to their donor-advised funds and receive the tax benefit while continuing to recommend grants to their favorite charities each year.

Donors can reap even more favorable tax benefits if

they donate long-term appreciated securities to their funds than if they contribute cash as capital gains taxes are eliminated. TOP also accepts more complex gifts such as private stock, real estate and limited partnership interests.

The minimum to establish a donor-advised fund at TOP is \$10,000 for donors 40 years and older. To encourage younger philanthropists, TOP's minimum to start a fund is \$5,000 for 21 to 39-year-olds.

"DAF donors may designate family members to make grant recommendations from their fund, which is a great way to encourage family communications and to teach the next generation philanthropic values. TOP's DAFs encourage fund holders to appoint successor recommenders, which creates a vehicle for multigenerational giving," said Ellen Weiss, TOP's executive director.

Many families also are realizing the ease and lower cost of establishing and operating a donor-advised fund compared to a private family foundation.

"We have seen an increased interest in migrating existing private family foundations when families realize the simplicity of operating a donor-advised fund. Another plus is that DAFs do not have an annual distribution minimum whereas family foundations are required to distribute 5 percent of their assets annually," said Michael Schwartz, an estate planning attorney and TOP Board member.

With all of these factors in play, the increased interest in DAFs bodes well for TOP and for the Jewish and greater communities that they substantially impact through distributions, said Weiss.

For more information on TOP and its DAF program, contact ellen@topjewishfoundation.org

Teen in JCC threat case accused of making similar calls from prison

(JTA) — The American-Israeli man accused of making hundreds of bomb threats to Jewish community centers in the U.S. is suspected of making another 100 hoax bomb threats in Israel from prison.

Bomb threats received by the Israel Police against schools in Tel Aviv and Kfar Saba were traced to Michael Kadar, Israeli news channels reported. Kadar, 19, of Ashkelon, is being held in prison pending trial.

In a hearing in Magistrates' Court in Rishon LeZion on the new charges, police said there have been more than 100 hoax threats to several schools recently that originated from the prison.

Kadar was charged in Israel in April 2017 with offenses that include publishing false information, causing panic, computer hacking and money laundering. He was arrested in Israel in a joint operation with the FBI.

Early last month, Kadar was indicted by the U.S. Justice Department for federal hate crimes. The hoax threats to the JCCs — including to Tampa's JCC pre-schools — and other Jewish institutions in the first three months of 2017 forced widespread evacuations and raised fears of a resurgence in anti-Semitism.

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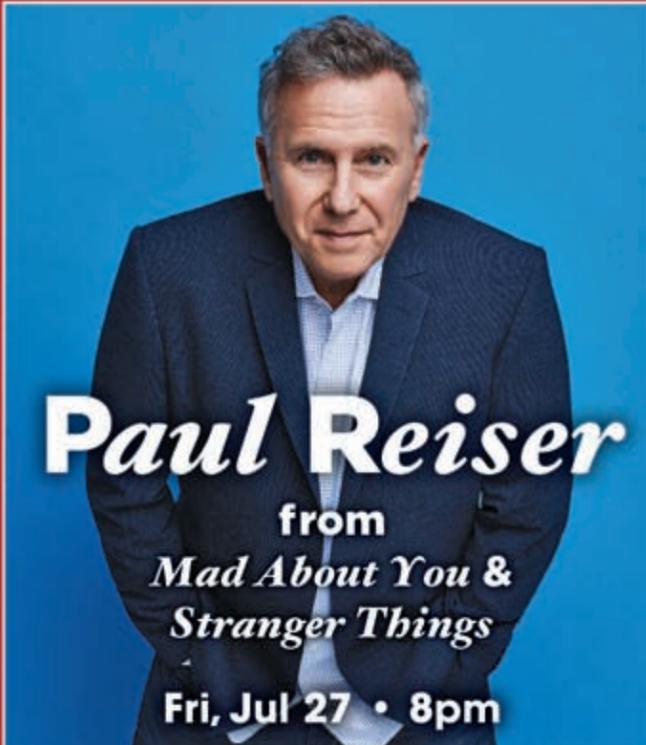
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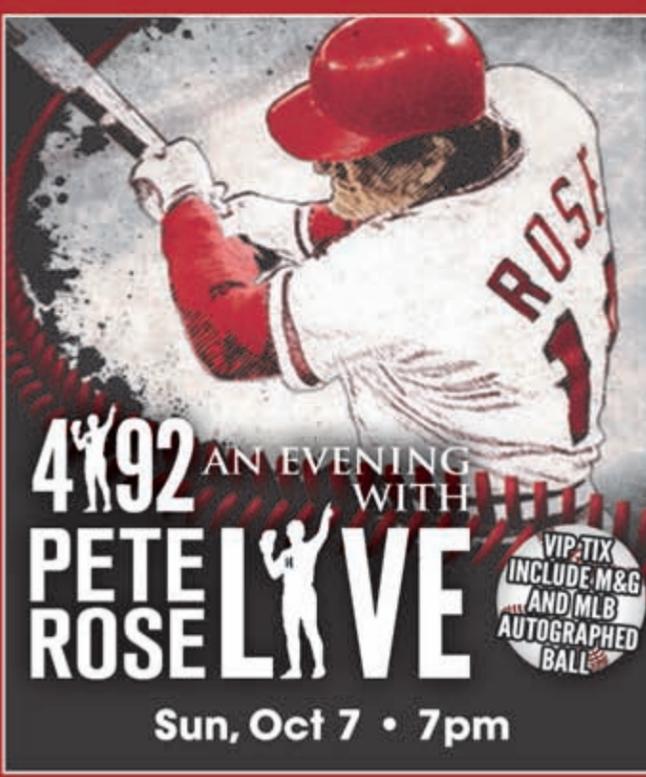
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'RBG' film connects Ginsburg's personal life, career

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN
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NEW YORK — One of the first scenes in a new documentary about Ruth Bader Ginsburg features the Supreme Court associate justice, then 84, vigorously lifting weights, doing leg exercises and holding herself in a plank position. The much buzzed-about workout routine has only added to her status as a cultural icon among young progressives.

Though Ginsburg joined the Supreme Court in 1993, becoming the second female justice on the high court, she attained pop culture icon status in the last decade as her dissents made her a loud liberal voice on an increasingly right-leaning court. Fans have given Ginsburg, now 85, the nickname "Notorious R.B.G." (a riff on the late rapper Notorious B.I.G.), memes of her have gone viral and Saturday Night Live has done sketches about her.

RBG producers Julie Cohen, 54, and Betsy West, 66, decided to make a documentary about the Jewish jurist's life for that very reason, they told JTA in a phone interview earlier this month.

"We felt that Justice Ginsburg had a lot of fans, many younger millennial fans, and many of them really didn't know her extraordinary story and the role she played in winning rights for women," West said.

The film opens locally May 11 at the Tampa Theatre and May 17 at the AMC Veterans in Tampa and the AMC Woodlands Square

in Oldsmar. (It may also be coming to other area AMCs, check your movie listings)

The film shows both the Brooklyn native's professional accomplishments and provides insight into her personal life, such as her twice-weekly workout. Shooting that scene presented its challenges, Cohen said.

"There is all this equipment around, and there are mirrors all around," she recalled. "Really for the logistics of the shoot it probably would have been better for us not to be in the room, but there was no way that Betsy and I were going to miss being in that room."

The New York-based pair had filmed Ginsburg previously — West for a project called MAKERS that spotlighted important American women, and Cohen for The Sturgeon Queens, a documentary about the iconic New York deli Russ and Daughters, a favorite of Ginsburg's. Still, Ginsburg was not sold on the idea.

"Her initial answer essentially was not yes," Cohen said.

But they persevered and came back to Ginsburg with a plan of action of whom they would interview for the film. A few months later she agreed to do an interview — in two years.

In 2016, with the participation of CNN Films and Storyville Films, Cohen and West started interviewing friends, relatives and others who know her, including former President Bill Clinton, who nominated her to the Supreme Court, and feminist icon

Gloria Steinem.

The documentary chronicles Ginsburg's journey to the Supreme Court, from enrolling in Harvard Law School in 1956 — one of only nine women in a class of over 500 — to not being able to get a job at a New York law firm due to her gender. It shows how she became a trailblazer in the fight for women's equality as co-founder of the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union, arguing cases to end gender discrimination, including six in front of the Supreme Court.

Interspersed with her career milestones are interviews that shed light on other aspects of her life.

"Our main goal in the film was trying to connect elements of her personal life with elements of her career life," Cohen said.

The film does not focus on Ginsburg's Jewish background, though it does not shy away from it. It includes the story of Ginsburg's Odessa-born grandfather, who faced anti-Semitism in his native Ukraine, and features her granddaughter, Clara Spera, explaining the meaning of "bubbe," the Yiddish term for grandmother.

Judaism "seems to be an undercurrent in her life, [but it's] something that we didn't deal with overtly" in the film, West said.

Cohen said that one challenge facing the filmmakers was getting Ginsburg to open up.

"Put her in front of a crowd of a thousand people and she's quite an amazing public



Courtesy of Magnolia Pictures

Eighty-five year-old U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg chats with her granddaughter, Clara Spera.

speaker," she said, "but in a quieter situation you have to draw her out."

Though the pair worried about what Ginsburg would think of the final product, the justice told them after a screening at the Sundance Festival that she was happy with how it turned out.

"She said that it exceeded all expectations and she thought it was a beautiful rendering of her life," Cohen said.

West said that Ginsburg's career, fighting for women's equality at a time when that was considered rebellious, is especially relevant today.

"At a time of #MeToo and Time's Up and a new consideration of discrimination that women continue to face," she said, "it is inspiring and perhaps instructive to take a look at the way Justice Ginsburg faced even tougher battles."

Birthright co-founder proposes opening lobby in Israel for North American Jews

By JOSEFIN DOLSTEN
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NEW YORK — The co-founder of Birthright Israel, Charles Bronfman, proposed opening a lobby in Jerusalem to demonstrate how Israeli policies will affect North American Jews.

Bronfman made the proposal in a May 3 address to graduates of the Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion's campus here, in which he spoke in harsh terms about Israel's treatment of non-Orthodox Jews. Bronfman was receiving an honorary doctorate from the college, the Reform movement's flagship institution.

"The time has come to demonstrate both the negatives as well as the positives that proposed Israeli legislation will have on North American Jewry," the Canadian-American businessman and philanthropist said. The lobby would include Israelis and Jews from abroad.

Bronfman co-founded the Birthright program, which offers free 10-day-trips to Israel to Jews aged 18-26, along with philanthropist and real estate magnate Michael Steinhardt in 1999. To date, over 600,000 participants from 67 countries have participated.

In his speech, Bronfman slammed the haredi Orthodox Chief Rabbinate's religious monopoly in Israel. "We have but one Jewish state. It shocks me to the marrow of my bones that Conservative, Reform, Liberal and Reconstructionist Judaism are legally unrecognized by the State of Israel," said Bronfman.

Religious rites in Israel, including marriage, divorce, conversion and burial, are controlled by the Chief Rabbinate, and ceremonies conducted by non-Orthodox rabbis in Israel are not recognized.

Bronfman also slammed Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for bowing to pressure from his Orthodox coalition partners and freeing last year a compromise agreement to create an egalitarian prayer section at the Western Wall.

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