HMREC Dinner of Tribute honorees

Jeffrey Miller (l) and Ted Maines

Their longterm commitment to Equality Florida was recognized in 2018 by the organization’s Voices of Equality award. Speaking out at a time when calls for LGBTQ+ rights were frequently met with violence, their stance required immense courage. Despite the consequences, they worked to create a community that embraces and celebrates diversity.

Pam Kancher, executive director of the Holocaust Center states, “Jeffrey Miller and Ted-Maine’s are a force for change in this community; they embody our mission to create a world free of hate and prejudice and are more than deserving of this prestigious honor.”

Past Dinner of Tribute honorees include Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, Harriet Lake; Harris Rosen; and Alexis and Jim Pugh, among others.

The Dinner of Tribute is set for May 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rosen Plaza on International Drive. Tickets and sponsorships are available; visit holocaustedu.org for details.

It’s Jew vs. Jew on anti-Semitism

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Jewish and pro-Israel leaders exchanged heated remarks at a congressional hearing on how to define anti-Semitism.

Tuesday’s hearing of the House Judiciary Committee took up a bill that would, among other things, define anti-Semitism language that “demonizes” Israel. Of the nine witnesses who addressed the committee, five said the language was necessary to stem anti-Semitism on campuses. Four argued it infringes on freedom of speech.

The witnesses at times directly addressed one another, violating congressional protocol. Exchanging barbs, each side questioned the bona fides of the other in defining anti-Semitism. In a bizarre twist, the co-authors of the language that the bill would codify argued opposing viewpoints.

Lawmakers, who also bick- ered at times, marveled at the Jewish family food fight they were witnessing. “It’s a little throwing a ball and having a scrum and seeing who wins,” said Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga.

At issue is the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act, which would codify the State Depart-
Chabad CTeen members befriend Pavilion seniors

By Pamela Ruben

Do you remember when the original trolleys ran in New York state? On Thursday, Oct. 23, 90-year-old Carl from Brookdale Island Lake reflected back on when the trolley ran through the city of Buffalo, sharing his memories with his new teenager friend, Matthew. Residents, Cyndee and Al, joined the trip down memory lane, recalling a time when the milkman and the doctor came right to their door. Teens from three local Chabad centers (Chabad of North Orlando, Chabad of South Orlando, and Chabad of Greater Orlando) spent time with residents of Brookdale Island Lake senior living community, and got to know them better with a fun and informative question and answer session. CTeen youth helpers, 18-year-olds Mimi Muniz and Reba Waggenson, shared that it was interesting to see the resident’s take on life, and learn about history, as well as experiences that they didn’t get to see (but would have enjoyed).

Rabbi Yanky Majesky of Chabad of North Orlando led the roomful of teens and older adults through lively renditions of familiar Jewish songs like Hava Nagila, accompanied by Walter Goldstein, Jewish Pavilion Intergenerational Program director. Goldstein commented, “Though this 7 p.m. program was later than most, the room reverberated with energy from singing, clapping, and story-telling amongst the generations. Thank you to Rabbi Yanky Majesky of CTeen North Orlando, Rabbi Ed and Bracha Leibowitz of CTeen Greater Orlando, and Shauna Zibell of CTeen South Orlando for bringing an engaging program that was interactive and enjoyable for participants of all ages.” Goldstein added, “Real connections were made, and age differences fell away, as youth and seniors carried on back and forth conversations.”

The Jewish Pavilion Intergenerational Programs are sponsored in part by the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando and the Irving Moskowitz Foundation.

JCC’s annual golf classic ready to tee off

The Roth Family JCC of Greater Orlando will hold its Annual Golf Classic at the Grand Cypress Golf Club on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017. Among this year’s sponsors are Fast Signs Orlando Central, Chepennik Financial, Pearson Bitman LLC, Universal Engineering and Halo Building Services.

This year’s tournament will include a catered lunch as well as special games at the holes. Prizes will be awarded to lowest foursome gross score and lowest foursome net score.

The JCC’s CEO, Keith Dvorchik, has been working diligently to ensure a successful event. “This tournament will be lots of fun with everyone having an enjoyable time,” said Dvorchik. “All proceeds from this event will be applied to the JCC Children’s Scholarship Fund, so we could really use the support of our entire community.”

The entry fee is $200 for individual players and $750 for a foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Monies raised help fund essential services that the JCC provides for the community.

For more information, please contact Keith Dvorchik at 407-621-4042.

JFS Orlando Fall Food Drive

The season of giving back is upon us! Donate your non-perishable food items to restock our pantry shelves during the month of November. Monetary donations are also very appreciated, with every $1 donated turning into $6 worth of purchasing power. Last year, JFS Orlando was able to provide food for nearly 65,000 meals to our hungry neighbors and we need your help again! Examples of nonperishable items include cereal, pancake mix, peanut butter, canned protein beans, canned vegetables, spaghetti/pasta sauce, pasta, canned fruit, soup, boxed mashed potatoes, Mac & Cheese, rice, canned tuna/chicken and snacks. Donations may be dropped off at JFS Orlando’s office, 2100 Lee Road, Winter Park, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday—Thursday.

Businesses, clubs and organizations are encouraged to host a food drive. Materials and a Food Drive Planning Kit are available for all participants. Contact Heather Betts for additional information, 407-644-7393.

Beth Sholom November schedule

Celebrate Shabbat and Thanksgiving at Our Saturday Morning Service led by Rabbi Karen Allen, at 10 a.m. on Nov. 25th. Socialize with our members at the Kiddush following the service.

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It’s time to move your body

On Monday, Nov. 20, at 7 p.m., Congregation Ohav Shalom Sisterhood will host Bethanne Weiss, aka “The Asist Queen,” who will demonstrate (with audience participation) simple, fun moves that will help reduce stress, pains, and improve posture for everyone. Weiss, a motivational speaker, author and ACE-certified fitness and nutrition professional, will have everyone up and moving as she makes “exercise” fun and practical.

RSVP to Mardi Shader at scorp194@aol.com or call 407-788-3725.

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By Caroline Click
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President Donald Trump initiated an important change in US policy toward Iran, as his recent decision to desynchronize the nuclear deal and negligence of the US diplomatic effort to solidify it indicate. The US President, who never committed to the deal in the first place, has clearly shown that he will not pursue a meaningful approach to international security as a whole.

Trump has demonstrated a personal interest in the case of Iran, which he has repeatedly described as a “real threat” to US national security. He has repeatedly criticized the deal, arguing that it is not strong enough to ensure Iran’s compliance with the nuclear agreement. He has also threatened to withdraw from the agreement if Iran fails to meet its obligations.

The US President has also imposed new sanctions on Iran, including on its financial sector. He has also announced plans to pull out of the nuclear deal unless Iran agrees to new terms, including a sunset clause that would allow the US to re-impose sanctions if Iran violates the agreement.

Trump has also called for a “better deal” on Iran, which he has described as a “disaster” and a “disgrace.” He has argued that the deal is too lenient on Iran and that it fails to address the country’s regionally aggressive acts.

Trump’s decision to transfer immediate responsibility to Congress for enforcing the nuclear deal has been widely criticized. His announcement has been met with a wave of criticism from both sides of the aisle, with some expressing concern about the potential impact on US national security and others expressing support for the move.

The decision has also sparked a debate about the role of Congress in foreign policy. Some argue that Congress should have a greater role in shaping US foreign policy, while others argue that the President should have more autonomy.

The decision has also raised questions about the future of the nuclear deal. Some worry that the move will lead to a collapse of the deal, while others hope that it will lead to a renegotiation of the agreement.

Trump’s decision is likely to have significant implications for the future of US foreign policy, as well as for the region. It remains to be seen how the deal will be implemented and what its impact will be on US regional policy.
Walking through the exhibit is enlightening, but it is the story of the descend-ents of the first Jews to ar-rive in Central Florida made the experience interesting. As I read about the Born- ing, Balfour Declaration (always meaning to) and the ways in which Jewish people have helped free the confines from the Soviet Union. "That's rather like a pot of cream that got pointed out to a princess as she pointed out to a princi-pality, or even a re-unification, for display. People who hadn't seen one other in years were hugging and reminiscing. A nice surprise was to see Paul and Faye Jones, who came from Los Angeles. Paul was once the executive director of the Federation and Faye, with her many talents, was a mainstay of Congregation Ohev Shalom.

Also in attendance was Mr. Ronald Balfour, Jr., the grandson of Lord Balfour. It suddenly occurred to me that she is older than the exhibit itself! Which just goes to show that 100 years isn't that long a period of time. This exhibit is priceless. The work that Roz Fuchs, Zerivitz, Lisa Schwarts, Ra-echel Heimovics Braun, Sara Stern and Richard Schwartz put into it over the past three years is phenomenal. Everyone one must go see this history. The entire exhibit is probably worth a good three hours of your time and there is a catalog of the exhibit (and more articles and photos avail-able in the History of the Family's gift shop. It is $20 and well-worth the investment, and all the proceeds go to the Jewish Federations of Greater Orlando. There was a public parking garage across the street and parking is always a good idea when try-ing to get around downtown. Admission is $6 for adults; $7 for seniors, students and military; $6 for children age 12 and under. Free for members and Florida educators. —Christine DeSouza
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Israel Folks Dacing—7:30-8:15 p.m. music session, 8:15-10 p.m. requests. Cost: Free for JCC members, $5 nonmembers. Info: 407-645-5933.

Congregation Ohev Shalom Sisterhood—Bethanie Weiss will get attendees moving their bodies at this meeting, 7 p.m. at the synagogue. RSVP to Mardi Shaider, scorp194@aol.com or 407-788-3725.

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Kehillat: A History of Jewish Life in Greater Orlando—ongoing exhibit at the Orange County Regional History Center, 63 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, and will continue through Feb. 20, 2018.

A Night to Bless Israel—6 p.m., The Rosen Plaza, 7900 International Drive, Orlando. Guest speakers, Steve Strong, CEO of Charisma Media; and Holocaust Survivor Jacques Weiss, open to the public, free of charge. Donations accepted to support Ezra International, Return Ministries and Cyrus Foundation. Info: 407-632-1855.

Sunday, November 19

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

Chabad of South Orlando—Monday, Friday, 10 a.m. and 8 minutes before sunset; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m. Info: 407-354-2660.

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael—Monday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m., 6:04-644-2506.

Congregation Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Daytona—Monday, 8 a.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m., 904-672-9300.

Congregation Ohev Shalom—Sunday, 9 a.m., 672-9300.

GOBOR Community Minyan at Jewish Academy of Orlando—Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.—8:30 a.m. Temple Israel—Sunday, 9 a.m., 672-647-3055.
The history of the $1 bill and who was Haym Solomon?

Do you know the history of the $1 bill? And do you know who Haym Solomon was? You may be in for quite a surprise!

Looking at the backside of the One Dollar bill, you will see two circles, Together, they comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a pyramid. Notice the face is lighted and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the west or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The pyramid is uncapped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity. It was Franklin’s belief that one man couldn’t do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything.

The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, ‘God has favored our undertaking.’

The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, ‘a new order has begun.’

At the base of the pyramid is the Roman numeral for 1776. (MDCCLXXVI)

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States.

It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most heroes’ monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what these symbols mean.

The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons: First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it. Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.

Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country cannot stand alone.

At the top of that shield there is a white bar signifying Congress, a unitary factor. We were coming together as one nation.

In the Eagle’s beak you will read, ‘E PLURIBUS UNUM’ meaning, ‘from many—one.’

Above the Eagle, we have the 13 stars, representing the 13 original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one.

Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

And finally, notice the arrangement of the 13 stars in the right-hand circle. You will see that they are arranged as the Star of David.

This was ordered by George Washington who, when he asked Haym Solomon, a wealthy Philadelphia Jew and political financial broker, if he could do something for his people. The mon said he wanted nothing for himself, but he would like something for his people. The Star of David was the result.

For Washington’s war chest was completely empty; as was that of Congress. Without food, uniforms and supplies, Washington’s troops were close to mutiny. Washington determined that he needed at least $20,000 to finance the campaign. When Robert Morris, the Superintendent of Finance, told him there were no funds and no credit available, Washington gave him a simple but elegant order: “Send for Haym Solomon.”

Solomon raised $20,000, through the sale of bills of exchange. With that, and the $1,400,000 personally loaned by Robert Morris, Washington conducted the Yorktown campaign, which proved to be the final battle of the Revolution. Solomon died a pauper a few years later.

Therein lies America’s Judeo-Christian beginning. Most American children do not know any of this. They are not taught because their history teachers do not know this. (They were not taught!)
Israel's judo warriors take the ‘gentle way’ in pursuit of athletic glory

By Andrew Tobin

TEL AVIV (JTA)—Israel’s national judo team put on a tutorial in sportsmanship last week in Abu Dhabi. Despite being snubbed by opponents and officials alike, the athletes won five medals and treated the tournament and their opponents with respect. Moshe Ponte, the president of the Israel Judo Association, said the team was guided by the Japanese meaning of the word ‘judo’ itself: the ‘gentle way,’ or using the strength of one’s opponents against them. But if you don’t think that sounds like the Israeli way, you’re not alone.

“The medals are a finger in Abu Dhabi’s eye,” Israel Culture and Sport Minister Miri Regev said Thursday, according to reports. By comparison, the Israeli team, like metaphor after the first day of the three-day Abu Dhabi Grand Slam. Israel won, she said, even though their opponents tried to hide the Israelis “in the dark.”

Regev was referring to Abu Dhabi’s ban of Israeli symbols at the tournament. The Israeli flag did not appear during medal ceremonies, and the national anthem was not played for Israel’s gold medalist, Israel, and the United Arab Emirates do not have relations.

The news of Israel’s ranking up medals at the tournament—and videos of their opponents scurrying away during the handshakes or of one Israeli winner platently singing the words of Israel’s national anthem despite the ban—set off torrents of Israeli pride and indignation. And if Israel, which is currently a member of the cross-country team, having recently retired from competitive gymnastics after six years. Her hobbies and interests include cooking, art and any athletic activities.

She is also a member of Kudama. Sharing in the family’s simcha will be Morgan’s sister, Sydney; grandparents, Viviane Ackerbaum and Susanna Cox of Orlando; aunts and uncles, Karen (Cookie), Stephanie Griffiths of Naples, Fla., Martin and Linda Ackerbaum of Orlando, and Michael Cox of North Carolina; as well as friends and relatives from Switzerland, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Israelis, Tohar Butul, went undefeated throughout the UAW tournament, the Israeli athletes quietly found ways to highlight their national identity. Tal Flicker, who won gold Thursday in the men’s under-66-kilogram category, sang the Israeli anthem “Hatikva” while the International Judo Federation’s anthem played in the hall. The federation’s flag, not Israel’s, hung above him.

After winning the bronze medal in the over-100-kilogram category, Israel’s Or Sasson, who also won bronze at the Olympics, pointed to the bare patch on his uniform where the competitors from other countries had their national flag.

“As you can see, I don’t have the flag,” he said. “But my heart is always, always with the State of Israel. I hope I made you proud, and I will always continue to represent you with pride.”

At the end of at least two matches, athletes from Arab countries, one from Morocco and the other from the United Arab Emirates, refused the outstretched hands of the Israelis who defeated them. One Israeli, Tohar Butul, went on to win bronze in the men’s lightweight category. Moshe Ponte, the president of the Israel Judo Association, said he decided not to take pride in representing Israel. But first, he said, they are athletes, which is why he agreed to go to the tournament even knowing the limitations that would be put on his team. He said Regev, a fervent nationalist, had left the decision to him, but she chose not to accompany the team once Abu Dhabi’s conditions became clear.

“It was a hard decision,” he told JTA, saying he was guided by judo’s “gentle way” philosophy. “I did what was best for my athletes.”

Meanwhile, in Israel, some questions have arisen as to why the team, led by Ponte, decided to go to the tournament. Irak Shazo, a columnist for Israel’s popular Yedioth Ahronot newspaper, on Sunday outlined the divide in public opinion between the “patriots,” who support boycotting the tournament, and the “pragmatists,” who are displeased with the limitations but welcome the chance to make a statement on the mat.

“According to [the patriots], the elevator that plays instead of the anthem for gold medal-winner Tal Flicker was indeed embarrassing, and the Israeli flag on the athletes’ backs indeed looked like some scribblings, but if they are letting us slam some goyim in Jerusalem’s skyline, the United Nations condemning it, wouldn’t it be a shame to waste the opportunity?” Shazo wrote.

Regev acknowledged both viewpoints when she greeted the team on its return Sunday night to Ben-Gurion Airport, where she waved the Israeli flag and sang “Hatikva” with the team. She said once Ponte decided to go to the tournament, she demanded he bring home medals.

“Fight everywhere for the flag and the anthem,” she said, Israeli would be able to do more medals this year than last year, and the gold forced the anthem issue.

“Hatikva” with the team. I told him he can make a statement in part in what happened on the mat. The team won three more medals this year than last time, and the gold forced the anthem issue.

“I think winning makes a difference,” she said. “At this point, it’s worse for them to discriminate against us than not.”

Ponte said he hoped Abu Dhabi would change its rules as promised. But he said regarding Israel’s national anthem at the competition gathering points to qualify for the 2020 status of Israel’s president, Reuven Rivlin, said, Israeli would be able to see their flag and hear their anthem.

“If one of my athletes would have to qualify for the Olympics because we refused to come to Abu Dhabi, then you’d really see people angry,” he said, laughing. “Israelis will see the flag and hear the anthem in Tokyo, and that’s the most important thing.”
Chocolate Quinoa Cake Recipe

By Paula Shoyer

(The Nosher via JTA)—I love the combination of chocolate cakes made with cooked quinoa and didn’t quite believe the myth of chocolate and quinoa until I tried it. This cake is surprisingly moist and delicious. Note: This recipe is gluten-free, dairy-free, and Passover-friendly. You can make this cake up to three days in advance, and it also freezes well.

For the glaze:
5 ounces bittersweet chocolate
1 tablespoon sunflower or safflower oil
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

For the cake:
4 ounces bittersweet chocolate
1 tablespoon unflavored cocoa powder
1 cup quinoa
2 cups water
1 cup orange juice
4 large eggs
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
3/4 cup coconut oil
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon xanthan gum
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions:
1. Place the quinoa and water into a small saucepan and bring it to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover the saucepan and cook the quinoa for 15 minutes, or until all the liquid has been absorbed. Set the pan aside.
2. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Use cooking spray to grease an 8-inch round pan. Sprinkle the potato starch over the quinoa and then the pan to remove any excess starch.
3. Place the quinoa in the bowl of a food processor. Add the orange juice, eggs, vanilla, oil, sugar, cocoa powder, salt, and process until the mixture is very smooth.
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For the glaze:
5 ounces bittersweet chocolate
1 tablespoon sunflower oil
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

For the cake:
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup quinoa
2 tablespoons potato starch
3/4 cup orange juice (from 1 orange)
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup cocoa powder
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup sugar
2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
3/4 cup coconut oil
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon xanthan gum
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
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1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Directions:
1. Place the quinoa and water into a small saucepan and bring it to a boil over medium heat. Reduce the heat to low, cover the saucepan and cook the quinoa for 15 minutes, or until all the liquid has been absorbed. Set the pan aside.
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A girl's pendant found at Sobibor reunites a Jewish family spread across the globe

On Nov. 13, more than 30 relatives of the girl, Karoline Cohn, gathered in Frankfur- t am Main, Germany, to dedicate a "stumbling stone" memorial—a small brass plaque with the date of her birth and place of deportation at her last known address, Thomasiusstraße 10.

The memorial was installed by artist Gunter Demnig, who created the project in 1996. Since then, more than 50,000 of the memorials have been installed throughout Europe.

Many of Karoline's kin have never met before. They will be coming from the United States, Israel, Japan, Great Britain, Nicaragua and Hong Kong to honor the memory of someone they never knew.

"I had this person who was completely forgotten, even by her surrounding relatives," said the amateur genealogist, Chaim Motzen, who pieced together Karo- line's family tree. He said some people he contacted did not even know they had any con- nection to the Holocaust.

"Through this pendant, people are learning about each other and their history, and about Karoline," said Motzen, speaking from Jerusalem, where he lives. "We now know the fate of Karoline's cousins, aunts and uncles, many of whom were murdered in the Holocaust; people who were mostly forgotten."

It wasn't easy. Soon after the pendant's discovery, researchers at Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust Archive, led by Joel Zisewine, used records to link the place name and birth date on the pendant to Karoline Cohn. Papers revealed that she and family were deported from Frankfurt to Minsk on Nov. 11, 1941, when the girl was 11. Karoline may have been among the 2,000 Jews sent to Sobibor in Nazi-occupied Poland in 1943.

Spurred by the news of the sensational find at Sobibor, Motzen, a renewable energy entrepreneur by day, set about piecing together a family tree of Karoline's relatives of the Cohn and also those who perished in the Holocaust. He found clues in the Yad Vashem archives, in obituaries, in marriage and death records. One contact led to another. Motzen recently located rela- tives in California who have "a trove of letters, including one from the mother of Karoline in piece in America. They are being translated."

He managed to identify more than 100 cousins around the world. Among them was Barry Eise- mann, 72, of Arlington, Virginia, and his extended family. A first cousin of Karoline Cohn, Eise- mann hadn't even known of his existence until Motzen contacted him and his daughter, Mandy, in January.

Motzen, who also attended the memorial ceremony, "started talking about the pendant, and how the only other one known had been- ing to Anne Frank," Mandy Eise- mann told JTA in a call this week. "To me, the image is haunting. It is no bigger than an inch, but I think if I held it in my hand, "I'd say don't forget me.'"

The triangular pendant is nearly identical to one that Anne Frank, who was also to have worn.

From Motzen, Barry Eise- mann learned that his father's sister, Elsa, had married Rich- ard Cohn, and that they had had two daughters, Karoline and Gita—Eisenmann's first cousins who all died in the Holocaust.

"I did not even know their names before," Barry Eise- mann told JTA, speaking from his home. His father, Morris (formerly Morton) "never really talked about the Holocaust and what happened to the family... He was protecting my sisters and me from knowing about the tragedy and the horror."

While in Germany, Barry Eise- mann will visit the town of his father's birth, Bad Orb. "I wanted them to experi- ence this because it's part of our family history which they should know about, but also Jewish history and world his- tory," Mandy Eise- mann said. "I want them to understand how fortunate we are to be here."

The stepping-stone event was sponsored by the Con- ference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany, which funded the filming of the excavation at Sobibor and backs the Yad Vashem Archive.

Following the memorial ceremony, archaeologists Haimi of Israel and his Polish colleague Wojciech Monuk spoke at the Philanthropin Jewish school in Frankfurt, which Karoline most likely attended. Teenagers from the Anne Frank Public School attended, and held a workshop and dialogue.

"For always talk about Anne Frank, but sometimes we forget that there were other children that maybe experienced something similar to that little girl," principal Nicola Gudat said in a telephone interview. "We thought it would be interesting for our students and to think of another girl about the same age, also living in Frankfurt, about how her life would have been."

Some 1.5 million children have been murdered in the Holo- caust.

"People understand the magnitude," said Greg Schneider, executive vice president of the New York- based Claims Conference. "But the names and stories of specific people are not known, they are forgotten."

"We are using this one story, putting together the known pieces, and trying to say that we can't forget who these people were and how they were murdered."

In all, some 250,000 Jews were murdered at the extermination camp in less than two years. About 10 years ago, the ar- chaeologists began searching for clues in the ruins of Sobi- bor. They found the remains of the hut where women were forced to undress and shaved before being gassed. They lo- cated the remnants of four gas chambers, each capable of kill- ing up to 100 people at a time. They found hairpins, jewelry and other small objects.

Karoline's pendant report- ably will be kept at a Holocaust memorial in Poland.

What happened to her "happened for hundreds of thousands of people," Schnei- der said.

"I want them to understand how these people were and how they were murdered."

By Toby Axelrod

BERLIN (JTA)—In late 1943, the Germans were de- sperate to cover all traces of their death camp in Sobibor, Poland. They demolished buildings, bulldozed the evi- dence, planted trees. More than 70 years later, archaeologists led by Yoram Haimi of the Israel Antiquities Authority set about excavat- ing the site, uncovering gas chambers, mass graves—and, last year, a girl's silver pendant. It is engraved with a Hebrew word "maazal too." A cry from the earth, the remnant from a killing ground.

A girl's pendant found at Sobibor reunites a Jewish family spread across the globe

A pendant found at an excavation of the Nazi death camp in Sobibor, Poland, was identified as belonging to Karoline Cohn, a Jewish girl from Frankfurt, Germany, who is not known to have survived the war.
Eitan Press (second from right) says he has “anointed” the beards of hundreds of men, including his wife, who sports an impressive red male beard. “I’ve seen how it truly inspires confidence. It changes people,” he said. “It takes a frizzy, unruly beard, and makes it sleek and masculine.”

Dr. Brent Harold Weinman, 67, of Ocoee; a former Florida House representative and grandfather, Brent is survived by his former wife, Susan; his daughter, Sarah; two grandchildren, Rabbi Ari and Rabbi Eitan Press of Ocoee; son-in-law, Rabbi Jaron Press of Orlando; sister, Dr. Leah Weinman of Encinitas, Calif.; and sister-in-law, Dr. Lea Weinman of Ojai, Calif. Services will be held at Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel, 648 Lee Road, Orlando, on Friday, Nov. 24, 7:30 p.m.

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Dr. Brent Weinman
What was the Jewish role in 1917 Russian Revolution? Moscow museum gives a full picture

By Cnaan Liphshiz

(UTA)—Of all the many loaded issues tied to the bloody history of Jews in the former Soviet Union, none is as sensitive today in that part of the world as their role in the 1917 revolution that brought the communists to power.

The outsized prevalence of Jews in the ranks of the revolution that broke out a century ago on Nov. 7 has remained a mainstay of anti-Semitic rhetoric. But it’s still being used today to incite hatred against local Jews, including among devout Christians who were persecuted by the anti-Semitic Soviet authorities.

Living in religious societies that by and large feel victimized by communism or its effects, many Russian-speaking Jews and their leaders have either remained silent on communism or downplayed the Jewish role in it.

It’s a logical strategy, given the rhetoric of senior politicians like Peter Tolstoy, the deputy speaker of the Russian parliament. At a January news conference, he blamed Jews with interfering in a plan to relocate a church in Saint Petersburg. Tolstoy said Jews use their posers in the media and government to continue to "pull down our churches in 1917.

Or the anti-Semitic hate campaign leveled at a Jewish director, Alexei Uchitel, whose studio in the same city was firebombed in September, presumably for his unfavor- able depiction in a feature film of Nicholas II, the czar whose reign the revolution ended.

Yet ahead of the cente- nary, Russia’s main Jewish museum—which since its opening in 2012 has tackled head-on the subject of revolutionary Jews in a permanent display—unveiled an exhibition that undermines unapologetically how and why Jews became central to the revolution.

“For many years, neither Jews nor the authorities wanted to open up the subject to which became the stuff of myths for the ultranational- ists, neo-Nazis and other anti-Semitism,” said Boruch Gorin, chairman of Moscow’s Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center. “But now the time has come to look at the facts.”

The facts emerge from hundreds of photographs, documents, propaganda leaflets and artworks that comprise an exhibition that opened in 2013 under the title “The History of One People During the Revolution.”

They bust some myths, including the fallacy repeated in 2013 by none other than President Vladimir Putin, who said Jews were not Jewish emancipation through anti-Semitism, the monar- chists fighting for the czar, the NKVD was an instrument of the many Jews that made their way to the NKWD,” said Gorin.

But the facts also reaffirm in essence assertions like the ones made by Mark Weber, a promoter of Holocaust denial. In 2003, he wrote, “Although officially Jews have never made up more than five percent of the country’s total population, they played a disproportionate and probably decisive role in the infant Bolshevik regime,” adding this was a “taboo” that many historians for decades preferred to ignore.

The Bolsheviks were mem- bers of the radical faction that ultimately dominated other streams in the communist revolutionary movement against the czar’s rule.

Among the items in the exhibition, which opened on Oct. 17, is a picture from 1918 of activists for the Socialist Revolution, who werePoster: "The Jews' role in the Revolution," an exhibition at the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center in Moscow, that opens to the public on Oct. 17, 2017. The exhibition uses documents, propaganda leaflets and artworks to challenge myths about the Jewish role in the revolution. (Cnaan Liphshiz/Heritage Florida Jewish News)

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However, the Bolsheviks did have an outsized role in the revolution. But it also confirms that there were very good reasons for this. Similarly, we’re not for the adoption of anti-Semitism by the Whites—the enemies of the communist Reds-- “many Jews may well have made cause with the Whites, who were not all monarchists but included also democrats,” Gorin hypothesized.

Among the more evocative displays in the permanent exhibition is a video based on contemporary testimonies recounting the story of a Jewish woman and her son who were captured by the monar- chists, tortured and forced to confess to spying for the Bolsheviks if the monarchists spared the son’s life. Both were hanged after the confession in what today is Ukraine.

“Revolution offered Jews many opportunities, but it was a hav- en from a wave of pogroms in which 150,000 Jews in present-day Ukraine were murdered. In a book of histori- ans, historians call a dress re- hearsal for the Holocaust. A Jew in 1917 had two choices: revolution or exile.”

Zsolt Bayer, a co-founder of Hungary’s ruling Fidesz party, last year wrote in an op-ed: “Why are we surprised that the simple peasant whose determinate experience was that the Jews broke into his vil- lage and beat his priest to death, threatened to convert his church into a movie theater -- why do we find it shocking that twenty years later he les are a people made up of very different individuals with different goals who, in 1937, were facing some very difficult choices.”
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Brazilian students simulate Nazi human experiments for science fair | RIO DE JANEIRO (JTA) — Brazilian high school students in Rio de Janeiro are among the latest to conduct experiments that the Nazis conducted on concentration camp inmates during the Holocaust.

A small group of students near downtown Rio de Janeiro are among a handful of students around the world to conduct experiments that the Nazis conducted on concentration camp inmates during the Holocaust.

The students at Milicimo da Silva High School in Rio de Janeiro were recently afforded the opportunity to participate in the science fair for a science fair. According to the Brazilian Federal University of Santa Catarina, the country’s umbrella Jewish group, the purpose of the experiments is to show students the supposed scientific progress made by Nazi doctors working in concentration camps.

Photos posted on Facebook showed the students in the school with swastikas and white letters saying “Nazi laboratory.” In the so-called fake blood-stained lab, students playing doctors told each other about “the Holocaust.”

Among the bill’s backers are the co-chairs of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, Rep. Keith Ellison, D-Minn., and Mark Pocan, D-Wis.

The bill “highlights Israel’s system of military detention of Palestinian children living under Israeli occupation as a violation of international human rights violations,” she said on her website.

A number of progressive organizations have endorsed the legislation, including Churches for Middle East Peace and Jewish Voices for Peace. The results are expected to support the other groups backing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel.

Jewish tradition teaches that each and every single person has inherent dignity and worth and must be treated accordingly,” JVP said in a statement. “This legislation is a manifestation of inherent dignity and worth for Palestinian children and women who are under the occupation of Israel and the United States is committed to a future with freedom, equality, peace, and justice for Palestinian and Israelis.”

“Jews are not Israeli citizens through a military occupation and colonization imposed by the Military Watch Count nonprofit that monitored the treatment of minors in Israeli military detention between 2013 and 2015,” JVP said.

Minor children experienced physical violence at the hands of their detained and 33 percent of them were abused.

JVP said that it was in response to the report, the Israeli army said it has made recent moves by the Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government with the United States to work on the treatment of Palestinian children in Israeli “non-Orthodox streams, was led by our government in cooperation with the UN and the Diaspora," the lawyer said in a statement to the Interfax news agency.

The avuncular Rivlin also remedied the crowd of the traditional issues that have tended to Bennett’s Jewish relations, the negotiated peace process, and security needs, a mutual fight against anti-Semitism and a commitment to boycott Israel and U.S. support for the Jewish state. He has been criticized by local and international Jewish groups and organizations

Whether we like it or not, it is a fact that in the country, “religion and state” is a political issue—maybe the most explosive one,” said Rivlin, addressing some 3,000 students and educators at the event. “I know, my friends, around five Israeli children, the bill reads.

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On Wednesday, a Western security official told the BBC that the US was setting up a permanent base on a site used by the Syrian army near el-Khuss, 8 miles south of Damascus and 30 miles from the Israeli border.

The two Israelis operating the two Orbiter 1K drones refused to carry out the attack despite threats from their superiors, according to the complaint. The two senior members of the Aeronautics Defense Systems team then attempted to fulfill the Aeronautics Defense Systems contract, which was never fulfilled, said the source, and the two Israelis were dismissed.

Under Israeli law it is illegal to carry out weapons tests on real targets without a permit, which is rarely granted. In that case, the firm would have had to apply for a permit from the government.

Aeronautics Defense Systems denied the substance of the allegations.

The firm said it expected to make a $20 million deal in the next two years with the “significant customer,” according to a documents obtained as part of the investigation.

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By Joefien Dolsten

NEW YORK (JTA)—For many home cooks, spices are an afterthought, sprinkled on a dish lacking in flavor. Israeli-born, French-educated chef Lior Lev Sercarz wants to change that.

“If you want to make good food and beverages you need to know about spices, and I would like to help you know more about it, whether you’re a home cook, whether you’re a professional,” Sercarz, 45, told JTA recently at La Boîte, the small spice and biscuit shop he opened in the heart of New York’s Kitchen neighborhood of Manhattan.

Since opening La Boîte in 2011, Sercarz has amassed some 50 clients, including restaurants, bakeries and breweries, as well as cheese, popcorn and chocolate makers. He has also published two books about spice blending and created a unique line of spices for Eataly, a chain of luxury Italian upscale indoor markets.

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Dead Sea

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later, when he realized the majority of those salty structures appeared to be out of the water and more visible. While climate change has helped Bedein capture the hidden beauty beneath the Dead Sea, it comes at a great cost. With the structures out of water, they fall victim to intense dry heat, and over time, can break down and crumble. In his presentation, Bedein stated that scientists estimate that the sea level drops one and a half meters a year, and by 2030, the Dead Sea will be nothing more than a middle. At UCF, Bedein filled a lecture room with a captivating photograph showing a visit to the northern portion of the Dead Sea. He explained to us how climate change has left a large ecological footprint, not only on the Dead Sea, but on the Jordan River as well. A huge source of the Dead Sea’s water supply comes from the Jordan River, whose depth has also been reduced significantly. As a result, what’s left of the Jordan River carries water to replenish the Dead Sea. To do so, Bedein and his neighbors in the Palestinian Authority Territories, Syria, Jordan, and even Saudi Arabia, are looking to find viable solutions that would save the lowest point on Earth from reaching even lower depths.

To help make light of a dark situation, Bedein brought out his virtual reality demonstration, made with the help of CNN VR Productions. Twice a month, Bedein takes tourists and Israeli citizens with him on his expedition but since he couldn’t bring his audience to the Dead Sea, he brought the Dead Sea to his audience. One by one, students impatiently tried to view on the VR headset and see what it’s like to explore the Dead Sea. It was an experience that had us craving the real thing, and don’t doubt that many of these students will visit the sea on their next trip to the Holy Land. After speaking with students across the country, Bedein believes that there is an environmental activist in all of us. By continuing to reach out to colleges as he did for the students of UCF, Bedein hopes to evoke an appreciation for the Dead Sea’s beauty and inspire his audience to do whatever they can in order to keep the Dead Sea afloat.

UCF students holding some of Noam Bedein’s photographs. Bedein is kneeling in front in the blue shirt.

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the ayatollahs’ domestic opposition against Iran and the Iranian forces by arming and otherwise assisting the Iraqi Kurds to defend and maintain their control over their territory, and helping Israel cleave to the Jerusalem and the Sunni states and Israel,” he said. “If MBS succeeds in creating a modern Saudi Arabia, one can imagine a Saudi Arabia somewhere down the line and Saudi Arabia could have open ties.”

Schleifer elaborated, however, “But we are in very early days.”

Benyamina Abba, a former Israeli peace negotiator, said Saudi Arabia’s sudden summoning of Abbas was another positive sign signaling Crown Prince Mohammed’s moderating tilt. Abraham Kurie, who is now the Israel Fellow of the Israel Policy Forum, said it was a “welcome sign” that the Saudis began to feel the heat 20 days ago when their young prince, Mohammed bin Salmans came a week or so after a quiet visit to Saudi Arabia. Allegedly, there was a great deal of pressure on President Donald Trump’s son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner to offer only qualified backing to the Saudi government. “The US Ambassador there who is now a fellow at the Institute for National Security Studies in Israel, said Saudi should be wary of being drawn into a war with Hezbollah—one that would damage Hezbollah, destroy its European bastion in Lebanon, and damage Saudi and its goods in Qatar. BDS and the Palestinian leadership would be the leaders in a political vacuum that the Saudis now realize create a vacuum that the Saudis now realize have to fill in order to keep the vacuum there is nothing more to fill the vacuum created at any time in what was considered to be a rudderless, U.S. foreign policy.”

Boghardt said the Saudis “are not putting anything on the table,” she said. “In the case of the U.S. government, it is not putting anything on the table, as well.”

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To help make light of a dark situation, Bedein brought out his virtual reality demonstration, made with the help of CNN VR Productions. Twice a month, Bedein takes tourists and Israeli citizens with him on his expedition but since he couldn’t bring his audience to the Dead Sea, he brought the Dead Sea to his audience. One by one, students impatiently tried to view on the VR headset and see what it’s like to explore the Dead Sea. It was an experience that had us craving the real thing, and don’t doubt that many of these students will visit the sea on their next trip to the Holy Land. After speaking with students across the country, Bedein believes that there is an environmental activist in all of us. By continuing to reach out to colleges as he did for the students of UCF, Bedein hopes to evoke an appreciation for the Dead Sea’s beauty and inspire his audience to do whatever they can in order to keep the Dead Sea afloat.

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Concerned about making sure he still maintain his professional image at work, Press experimented with making a beard balm at home. The result was a hit among friends and a year later he started selling it. Since then he has sold some 200 cans, split evenly between customers in Israel and the United States. He said recently started selling the beard in Tel Aviv barbershop. He just using Alphel Male for bearded. Haredi Orthodox are men using the beard to style their sidelocks, and a woman recently told him she was using it on her split ends. Press also sells T-shirts with the Alphel Male logo, and it’s been expanding its product line to include beard oil, brushes and grooming products.

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The latest craze in Israel: pole dancing

By Andrew Toh

TEL AVIV (JTA)—As Hebrew pop music blares, a half-dozen young Israelis swing around stripper poles. Clad in skimpy outfits, the men and women dance, twirl and flip above the hardwood floor.

“Most men laugh until they see what we really do,” he said. “I’ve been getting a lot more interest lately from straight men, who want to learn power tricks to do on the beach, like flags and backflips.”

Rodrigues aspires to eventually go to the Olympics, or at least send an Israeli team. “One day, hopefully, I can get Israel there. That would be the dream,” he said. It is not entirely a fantasy. The Global Association of International Sports Federation, or GAISF, this month gave the International Pole Sport Federation “observer” status, provisionally recognizing pole dance as a sport. According to a Washington Post story on the development, full recognition by the organization “serves as a great boost for any sport hoping to one day land in the Olympics.”

Other newly minted observers include the World Dodgeball Association and International Table Soccer Federation—also known as foosball. In announcing the picks, GAISF President Patrice Baumann said the organization would do everything possible to help these sports “realize their full potential” and “one day maybe become part of the Olympic program.”

Whether or not that happens, pole dancing is experiencing increased legitimacy in the Jewish state.

In 2013, Ayelet Finkelstein, 38, the daughter of a religious Zionist rabbi, opened a women-only studio in Jerusalem that teaches exotic pole dance. “There are tons of studios these days, and you see stories all the time on TV or in the newspaper,” she said. “I still don’t discuss it at school or work, just because those are more formal places. But my friends know, and my dad talks about it openly with me now.”

But for pole dance to truly be taken seriously and reach its full potential, Rodrigues thinks it needs to alter the stereotype of exoticism on display at strip clubs—which are ubiquitous but increasingly criticized in Israel.

“I don’t want to see my girls on high heels touching their boobs,” he said. “That’s the stereotype we need to get away from—that is something for gay men and easy women.”

Yet even among its most avid followers, not everyone agrees with Rodrigues’ vision for the future of Israeli pole dancing.

“I feel like I’ve built some credibility,” she said. “It’s also a form of art and community and a way to be sexy.”

In 2013, Aydel Finkelstein, 38, the daughter of a religious Zionist rabbi, opened a women-only studio in Jerusalem that teaches exotic pole dance. Many of her students are Orthodox women and girls, she says.

Although she says she turns away women who identify themselves as strippers, Finkelstein sees sexuality as an essential part of pole dance’s appeal and power. “I think it’s wonderful that pole dance is becoming so athletic and that it’s probably going to end up in the Olympics, she said.”To disconnect it completely from strip clubs I agree with. But I think it’s also fun that they’re sexy. Women connect and relate to that.”

Rodrigues acknowledges his “sporty not sexy” viewpoint may also be informed by old-fashioned values, as odd as that may seem. Born and raised in South Africa, he studied at the Chabad House in Johannesburg and now identifies as Jewish. Israel’s haredi, or ultra-Orthodox-dominated Chief Rabbinate has thus far refused to convert him, which would enable him to citizenship, but this year he was granted a work visa in recognition of his contributions to pole dancing in Israel.

“I feel like I’ve built something great here,” he said. “I just want to stick around to see it through.”