Israe1 flag made of cookies in Atlanta breaks Guinness World Record

JTA—The Atlanta Jewish community broke a Guinness World Record after creating an Israeli flag out of edible cookies.

The flag assembled by volunteers on Sunday used about 117,000 cookies and stretched to 3,224 feet across the plastic-covered floor of the Heritage Hall in Congregation Beth Jacob. It was created to celebrate Israel’s 70th birthday. The previous record-holder was a flag to mark Pakistan’s 70th. The new record-holder is 32 percent larger, the Atlanta Jewish Times reported.

The flag was certified shortly before noon Sunday by a Guinness adjudicator, Michael Empric. Sponsors of the cookies at $10 each have raised more than $103,900 for the Cookies for Israel project, with the donations going to three nonprofit organizations in Israel: United Hatzalah, the volunteer emergency medical service; OneFamily Fund, which supports victims of terrorism; and the Jewish Agency’s Partnership2Gether program.

The cookies were donated to charities for distribution to be eaten.

Congratulations to Nancy Ludin, an Orlando Magazine Woman of the Year

By Christine DeSouza

In the June 2018 issue of Orlando Magazine, 23 women are named as the magazine’s 2018 Women of the Year. The magazine asked for nominees of women who are making a positive impact on the community, and readers responded with a plethora of recommendations. Former Jewish Pavilion Marketing Director Julie Dorsey Capps and Pavilion CFO Penny D’Agostino immediately sent in their nomination of Nancy Ludin, executive director of the Jewish Pavilion.

Both women told Ludin about the nomination, so she knew about the award when she was invited to the photo shoot by Kristin Merrick, associate publisher of Orlando Magazine.

“Whether it is recruiting volunteers or sponsors, networking at community events to find additional service providers, or personally making in-room visits to residents, Ludin has made it her life’s mission to ensure that the residents of Central Florida senior living communities routinely have the opportunity to connect back to their Jewish community with the observance of important holidays and traditions,” one nomination read.

“I am very excited about being selected by the Orlando Magazine as one of their Women of the Year.” Ludin told the Heritage. “I am very passionate about the wonder of Jewish culture and traditions. The staff in senior communities now comprehend our culture through participation in numerous networking groups. In the last two years, the Jewish Pavilion has hosted 40 events.”

TOP appoints new executive director

TOP Jewish Foundation has announced that Ellen Weiss was selected to fulfill the role of executive director effective May 2.

The leadership transition marks a critical point in our growth. We are confident in her ability to tap on her experience and talent to propel us to the next stage in our organization’s evolution,” remarked Jeffrey Herman, TOP’s president of the Board.

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Jewish News Briefs

By TPS with World Israel News

Palestinians from the Gaza Strip once again launched burning kites at civilians forcing communities on the Israeli side of the border Tuesday, setting hundreds of dunams of farmland alight adjacent to Nahal Oz, Sapir, and Netiv Ha’Asara.

In response, the Jewish National Fund announced Tuesday that it will sue Hamas in international legal court for the massive environmental damages inflicted on JNF land surrounding the Gaza border.

The area has been hit hard in recent months with rockets, mortar shells and incendiary kites sent from Gaza into Israeli territory. JNF World Chairman Daniel Atar, recently visited the area, commenting, “It is inconceivable that the international community would allow Hamas not to be held accountable and pay for its criminal acts; not only against the citizens of the state of Israel, but also against nature and the environment which have been severely hurt by this criminal environmental
Holocaust Center's annual Dinner of Tribute a great success

By Lisa Levine

The Jewish Pavilion Gala committee in full swing, planning a festive and memorable celebration to mark the organization’s 18th—Chai—anniversary.

Since chai means “life” in Hebrew, the slogan for the Oct. 28 gala is “To Life!” It will be a celebration of the spark of Jewish life and culture that the Jewish Pavilion brings to hundreds of seniors living in elder care and independent living facilities in Central Florida.

It all started 18 years ago when Sheryl and Julian Meltin, with aging family members in town, became concerned that Orlando’s Jewish seniors were not having their needs fully met by the local facilities. Sheryl’s friend Claire Chepenik was active in the Kinneret Council on Aging, and they decided to work together to secure a place where Jewish seniors in need of care could feel at home.

At first, the focus was on finding a place where Jewish residents could live together, and Meitin and Chepenik were able to secure a wing in Westminster Presbyterian Home in Orlando, housing 20 Jewish seniors. There they worked with the staff to ensure kosher-style meals and, with a committed group of volunteers, saw to it that there was appropriate programming and care. The Jewish Pavilion became a reality. But when the Westminster home wanted to reclaim the wing about two years later, Meitin and Chepenik and a team from Kinneret decided that if Jewish seniors couldn’t come to live in The Jewish Pavilion, The Jewish Pavilion would come to them wherever they lived.

“We started with three facilities where we knew there were Jewish residents and they would appreciate us coming to visit them,” recalled Chepenik. “Now we have increasing numbers of several hundred residents in more than 70 facilities throughout Central Florida.”

Equally important, Meitin said, are the many people who have found an outlet for their Jewish community, including a number who may not have been very involved before. “These were people who care about the elderly,” she said, “and The Jewish Pavilion was the vehicle that helped them to put their care into action.”

“They have become the backbone of the organization, because just as other vehicles and organizations do, we do it by volunteers,” Chepenik added. “And there’s a place for anyone who wants to volunteer.”

Legal Aid Society offers free legal consult to JFS Orlando

In partnership with JFS Orlando, the Legal Aid Society of the Orange County Bar Association, Inc., now offers free confidential legal consultations to JFS Orlando clients. JFS Orlando and The Legal Aid Society have enjoyed a great partnership for several years.

Prior to becoming a judge, Attorney J. Leonard Fleet concentrated his law practice in the fields of criminal law, civil rights, and appellate matters. Several of his cases resulted in changes in Florida law, many of which are drawing national attention.

He has been a strong advocate for the protection of children and handicapped individuals. He has been recognized as Judge of the Year by the American Bar Association, Inc., and has received many awards for distinguished service.

“Legal Aid Society offers free legal consultations to JFS Orlando clients, and we have an opportunity to benefit our mutual clients, and be able to assist clients overcome the legal hurdles that often hold them back from achieving success,” he said. “We are glad in the JFS Orlando Pavilion to come to live in The Jewish Pavilion, The Jewish Pavilion would come to them wherever they lived."

“A world without hate,” the night’s theme. Leading this year’s event were Dinner of Tribute co-chairs Mitchell Barnett and Jill S. Schwartz, and a dynamic planning committee.

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On May 10, the Holocaust Memorial Resource & Education Center of Florida celebrated its annual Dinner of Tribute honoring Jeffrey Miller and Ted Maines. The event was a tremendous success with more than 625 people in attendance and raising more than $400,000 to benefit the Holocaust Center’s educational and cultural programs.

The Tess Wise White Rose Award is given annually to community leaders who exemplify the ideals, courage and compassion of Sophie Scholl and her brother Hans, who along with fellow college students, formed the White Rose Movement to stand up and speak out against Hitler and the Nazi regime. Miller and Maines personify those qualities and share the same definition of an UpStander. Together and individually they generously invest their time, talents and resources to improve the quality of life for all who live in Central Florida.

The presentation explored the power of one. Video, song and dance illustrated how each individual has the power to transform themselves and the community into one of UpStanders. The evening was an inspiring message of hope and humanity, and the need to move forward to create a world without hate, the night’s theme.

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Looking forward to the next few months, the Pavilion plans a series of programs that will tell the stories of the seniors whose lives it has enriched for many years.

In addition to your calendars for the Oct. 28th. Legs and Jeans 2018, it will be held at the Hilton Orlando North in Altamonte Springs, and stay tuned for more information—and for heartwarming stories. To Life!
**By news agencies and Times of Israel staff**

NEW YORK—Celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain has taken his own life, according to the television network CNN for which Bourdain took viewers around the world for the “Parts Unknown” series. He was 61.

CNN said Bourdain was in Strasbourg filming an upcoming segment for the series. It said that Bourdain was found unresponsive Friday morning by friend and chef Eric Ripert. It called his death a suiicde.

“Slanted accounts, he said, "is not reporting," because the main story then becomes secondary because we no longer debate facts, we are debating stories. After every development here, pro-Israel media watchdogs and organizations are usually the first to wade into the debate. This wave of media bias can come in many forms, whether in the response to the “kneel and pray” reaction of “hold[ing] Israel responsible for whatever hap- pens,” said Simon Plosker, managing editor of Hones- tReporting, whose stated mission is “defending Israel from media bias.”

Plosker blames what he sees as skewing of a mix by inexperienced or under informed reporters and edi- tors abroad who approach the conflict with “a certain level of preconceived framing” al- ready in hand. Plosker said the narrative presenting the Gaza protestors as “peaceful” was "skewed from the very start.”

Experts on media ethics, however, have a slightly dif- ferent take. Alan Abay, a former journalist and adjunct professor at National University of San Diego and editor of Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, is among the first to wade into the debate. According to Baden, "It shouldn’t be that difficult to determine what is objectively the news, but it turns out that it is actually quite complex.”

**For reporters covering Gaza, charges of bias overshadow the stories they witness and tell**

US envoy to media: ‘Keep your mouths shut’

By World Israel News

US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman said Monday that the media should either figure out a better way to deal with the border protests or stop its negative coverage of the Jewish state.

Addressing a media confer- ence in Jerusalem, Friedman said that news outlets have been unfair in their coverage of the deadly protests on the Gaza border over the past few months.

He advised reporters to “keep your mouths shut” unless they know better than Israel how to deal with the demonstrations.

Some criticism of Israel may be legitimate, Friedman allowed, although journalists should have worked harder to find alternatives to Israel’s use of lethal force, which has left scores of Palestinians dead, before accusing the state of wrongdoing.

“Nine out of ten articles” written about the Gaza con- flict are critical of Israel, Friedman pointed out.

“You think that some journalists would take the time and go and meet with experts and try to understand what could have been done dif- ferently or better before they criticize. And I just haven’t seen it,” he stressed.

Friedman said he spent a great deal of time speaking to military experts in the region and added, “There is an understanding of events as more information becomes available. Next come bitter partisan battles over what happened among pundits, media critics, spokespeople and social media users, the debate over what happened from the moment the protest erupted.”

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Nakba, ‘Naksa... nowhere

By Ben Cohen

JNS—When it comes to the Palestinian ‘original sin’ theory of Israel’s sin, there are two key milestones: the flight of 750,000 Palestinian refugees in the 1948 War of Independence and the 1967 conquest of eastern Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza. The events of 1948 are known in Arabic as the nakba (“catastrophe”) and the events of 1967 are known as the Naksa (“setback”).

This week, with the 51st anniversary of the Six-Day War upon us, Palestinians will mark the Naksa and the nakba. On June 5, with protest and demonstrations—and it will be interesting to see how the events will play out in the region in much the same way as those on Israel-Gaza border in recent weeks that were presented with purpose that the events of 1948 will also be interesting to see whether Hamas, Islamic Jihad and allied Islamist groups will utilize the anniversaries for their purposes, including Hamas and the events of 1967 missiles at Israel. It’s increasingly clear to everyone that neither of these strategies is working for the Palestinians. Compare the international reaction to the Naksa of 2018 to that of summertime of 2014, when Israel took military action to end the daily missile launches from Gaza, and which the military had built around the logic that Israel is the eternal enemy. That is why Israel’s creation was a “catastrophe.” But what precisely was the “setback”?

According to the Institute of Palestinian Studies—IPST—a “misperception” is needed for a new strategy for confronting Israel. There is no more room for the Palestinian narrative of the nakba. The source of this misconception was identified the Arab states, which had submerged thePalestinian claims to the Naksa. But if the Arab states in establishing diplomatic relations with the United States—U.S. Ambassador to the United States—Ambassador Haley and suggest to the Arab League and its front organization, the original version of the PLO. Sure enough, such a diplomatic move was made by the Yasser Arafat and his Fatah comrades, including Mahmoud Abbas, set about ‘Palestinianizing’ the struggle against Israel, winning the hearts of the international left and establishing themselves as the legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people. But just as the Arab League never recognized Israel’s legitimacy, nor did the PLO, which was established in 1964, and was also unable to recognize that Jews, who have far more contact and engage in trade, are no longer a matter of much dispute. The widespread acceptance of Jews, including those who are not Jewish, as equal citizens in the public, in every aspect of American society is an accomplished fact.

This is where the question of the naksa and Nakba altogether. This does not mean, of course, that Jews, who are overwhelmingly liberal in their politics, and those who think like him—that Jew should they. Arguments about reasonable ac-

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS)—There was a time when defending religious freedom was at the top of the Jewish agenda. Jews understood that as a religious minority, our rights could only be defended through the lens of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotters and the costume of justice from the boycotto
DEAR 'WASHINGTON POST': YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG!

By Stephen M. Flatow

Friday, June 15, 2018

Washington Post this week believes what you publish about the Jewish State of Israel is rectified those misled and denied the right to hear the truth. The Post wouldn't say. Have they done these sorts of things before? The Post wouldn't say.

The Washington Post is a national daily newspaper, it is time for the end of the briefs—below the “says” as if there is no discussion of it. Not once.

I urge you to make the designation of “persons who committed solely to providing financial remuneration and support to terrorist organizations” (Act of Terrorism). The Commission's website includes a definition of who's who of cold-blooded killers. A reader might think that this is rectified those misled and denied the right to hear the truth. The Post wouldn't say.

When I raised this question with Yad Vashem, this is how it was answered. In my place is a tiny photo of the Mufti with Himmler. Hitler is gone. Today far fewer visitors at Yad Vashem even learn of the Arab (Palestinian) role in the Holocaust. In the past when I raised the word “Palestinian” appearing in the dump.

The news about the murder of a young man by the Palestinian Authority, the Mufti of Jerusalem, is a “large marble block” dropped on his head from the top of a building. They could have written “Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem” or “Palestinian terrorist.” He just dies, in the passive tense. A reader might think that this is rectified those misled and denied the right to hear the truth. The Post wouldn't say.

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In 2017, the Commission’s website states that Palestinians who killed a man by an American Jew was a “large marble block” dropped on his head from the top of a building. They could have written “Palestinian Mufti of Jerusalem” or “Palestinian terrorist.” He just dies, in the passive tense. A reader might think that this is rectified those misled and denied the right to hear the truth. The Post wouldn't say.

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**(Call synagogue to confirm time.)**

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Congregation Ahavas Yisrael—Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-644-2500.

Congregation Ahavas Lubavitch of Greater Daytona—Monday, 8 a.m.; Thursday, 8 a.m., 407-298-4650.

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Expires: 09-12-21

**CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

For inclusion in the What's Happening Calendar, copy must be sent on separate sheet and clearly marked for Calendar. Submit copy via e-mail (news@orlandoberaitz.com); mail (P.O. Box 300742, Fern Park, FL 32770-0742); fax (407-831-0507); or drop it by the office (207 O'Brien Rd., Ste. 101, Fern Park) Deadline is Wednesday noon, 10 days prior to publication.

**JUNE 15 8:06 p.m.**

**JUNE 22 8:08 p.m.**

**JUNE 15**

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 15**

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 16**


**MONDAY, JUNE 18**

Israel Folk Dancing—7:30-8:15 p.m. instruction, 8:15-10 p.m., requests. Cost: Free for JCC members, $5 nonmembers. Info: 407-645-5933.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**

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

**WEEDNESDAY, JUNE 20**

Temple Israel—Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Neely, noon—1 p.m. A parish discussion class. Open to the public, no RSVP needed. Info: 407-647-3055.

SPARK—Lunch and Learn, 12:30 p.m. Join Jewish women and explore the relevance of the weekly Torah portion within modern-day life, with free lunch at 954 S. Orlando Ave., Winter Park. Info: Sarah Gittleson at sgtitleson@joinorlando.org.

The Roth Family JCC—Hot Talks with Julian Chambliss, who will discuss “The Jewish Narrative in Superhero Comics.” 6:30 p.m. Open to the public, cost $10 ($5 JCC members) Info: Leah Sandler at leahs@orlandojcc.org or call 407-643-5933, ext. 282.

A Noosh of Yiddish—Classes in Yiddish the third Wednesday of each month sponsored by the Jewish Pavilion, held at Oakmonte Village, Royal Gardens Cir., Lake Mary (Valencia Building), 1 p.m. Info: 407-678-9396. Coffee and refreshments served.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21**

Congregation Beth Shalom—The Rabbi’s Torah Roundtable Discussion Group, 1 p.m. at the Sumter County Administration and Library Building, 7375 Powell Road, Wildwood. A Noosh of Yiddish—Classes in Yiddish the third Wednesday of each month sponsored by the Jewish Pavilion, held at Oakmonte Village, Royal Gardens Cir., Lake Mary (Valencia Building), 1 p.m. Info: 407-678-9396. Coffee and refreshments served.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22**

Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.

**Quote of the Week**

"...free speech usually isn’t typified by polite conversations at tea parties. It’s rough-and-tumble, it’s noisy, it’s messy, and even at its most offensive, it’s as American as apple pie."

—David Gerson is a member of the Board of Governors of Hillel International...

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**Medium puzzle**

**"Sluggers" by Yoni Glatt**

koshercrosswords@gmail.com

**Across**

1. Former show of 29-Across

2. AIDS, e.g.

6. He played Pharaoh

7. Amram’s oldest son

8. Order by 6-Down as Pharaoh


10. “A ___ Moshe…”

11. Made like Howard Hughes

12. Brings in

14. “Hedda___”

15. Like the Negev

16. Castle defense

17. He was Anger in “Inside Out”

19. Heavenly glow

20. “Bingo!”

21. “Observing (Shabbat)”

22. Rip up

23. Simon’s “The Wire” setting

24. Amram’s oldest son

25. Two-time Oscar winner

26. Hawaiian island

28. “Steppenwolf” author

29. Matt that got #metoo-ed

30. Ken, to a pirate?

31. Massage

32. “Help!”

33. Rachel or Leah

34. Akin to skin?

35. “Our Father”, in Hebrew

36. Larry Bird’s sch.

37. Medium puzzle

38. Rx for Parkinson’s

39. A ___ ___ Moshe…”

40. Central or 5th

41. Prepares challah

42. Cooling conduit

43. Text letters

44. “Hera

45. Where Israelis won bronze in judo

46. A Stooge

47. V.S. Naipaul’s “___ in the River”

48. Line of cliffs

49. “___ Hog Day”

50. Protective software

51. “___ Hog Day”

52. A teenager might ask for

53. This?, e.g.

54. “___ Hog Day”

55. Berman known for sports

56. Larry Bird’s sch.

57. This?, e.g.

58. Larry Bird’s sch.

59. Berman known for sports

60. Amelia Earhart

61. Hatzolah letters

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See answers on page 14A.
Judaism, Zionism and the Land of Israel

Yotav Eliach

The 4,000 year religious, ideological, and historical story of the Jewish Nation

For decades, Rabbi Yotav Eliach, esteemed principal of Rambam Mesivta High School in Long Island, has been making the case to every generation and to every Jew that Israel must be made anew in our time. At a time when Jewish and Israeli history is being battered by revisionist theories and alternate narratives amplified by hate groups, “Judaism, Zionism and the Land of Israel” fills a void in need of history and current realities.

Prize-winning journalist Yossi Klein Halevi, whose works, such as “We Were Like Dreamers,” set forth the religious, political, and cultural perspective of Israel also blurred the book: “With passion, clarity, eloquence and most of all love,” he wrote, “Yotav Eliach lays out the story of Zionism and the case for Israel. At a time when that story is under growing and systematic attack, Rabbi Eliach has given the Jewish people an indispensable gift.”

Four of Long Island’s most distinguished rabbis agreed to assemble at Rambam Mesivta on May 7 for the book launch. They are Rabbi Heshie Billet of Young Israel of Lawrence Center, Rabbi Shalom Axelrod of Young Israel of Woodmere, Rabbi Moshe Telshebaum of Young Israel of Lawrence, Rabbi Kenneth Hain of Congregation Beth Sholom, and Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum of Agudath Israel of Lawrence. They are Rabbi Heshie Billet, a leader of the Young Israel of Lawrence Center, and Rabbi Shalom Axelrod of Young Israel of Woodmere, and Rabbi Kenneth Hain of Congregations Beth Sholom, and Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum of Agudath Israel of Lawrence. They are Rabbi Heshie Billet, a leader of the Young Israel of Lawrence Center, and Rabbi Shalom Axelrod of Young Israel of Woodmere, and Rabbi Kenneth Hain of Congregations Beth Sholom, and Rabbi Moshe Teitelbaum of Agudath Israel of Lawrence. 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Four years after 3 Israeli yeshiva boys were kidnapped and killed, their families find a new normal

By Renee Ghert-Zand

JERUSALEM—It’s easy to spot Iris Yifrach as she walks through the crowds in a packed shopping mall in central Israel. And it’s not just because she’s wearing a bright yellow blouse and matching headscarf.

Yifrach has been a public figure since June 2014, when her 19-year-old son, Eyal, was kidnapped and murdered by Hamas terrorists in the West Bank. For 18 days that month, Israel was in mourning as the entire country tried to spot Iris Yifrach as she went about her daily life in search of her boy, who had gone missing one Thursday night while hitchhiking home from their Bank yeshiva.

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Ultimately, the three teenagers were found on June 30, 2014. They had been shot and killed, within minutes of entering their abductors’ car.

During the search, the families were interviewed exhaustively. The mothers were in a constant state of shock and loss and endurance. But the boys’ family members also have established a new normal.

It’s not that they have left behind their traumas; they’ve just learned to live with them. Last week, Iris Yifrach flew to Geneva, Switzerland, to make an appeal to the UN Human Rights Council on behalf of the families of the three boys.

The family that day was standing for the families of the two other boys, Naftali Fraenkel and Gil-ad Shaer, who went missing one Thursday night while hitchhiking home from their West Bank yeshiva.

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The family began psychosomatic therapy. The sister of one of the boys, who went to the United States on a therapeutic bat mitzvah trip, thanks to an organization that assists Israeli victims of terrorism, OneFamily. Another sibling received support from that organization to attend a Jewish summer camp in Canada and escape the tumult at home.

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“Four years time together has been very important. It’s like we’re finally getting to know each other,” she said.

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Israel has no shortage of families struggling to overcome the loss of loved ones to terrorism. But the healing process for the Yifrachs, Shaers and Fraenkel’s has been complicated by the high-profile nature of the killings, making it difficult for them to retreat from the spotlight.

“I was overwhelmed in the beginning. People came into our home immediately—the army, the police, relatives, friends and neighbors,” Yifrach recalled. “At first it was good to have people with us all the time, but then I couldn’t get any private space. I couldn’t even cry privately.”

After the funeral, the Yifrachs finally found themselves alone in their home, in Eilad, in central Israel.

“I saw his empty place at the Shabbat table, and that’s when I understood how much he was needed,” Yifrach said. “I realized that we needed to do something to pick up the pieces.”

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“I came to understand that I was subconsciously looking for a normal life. That isn’t OK, and I work hard not to do that now,” Yifrach said. “Each of the kids has worked hard on defining their own identity separate from Eyal.”

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Ofir Shaer also struggled with parenting issues as he mourned his son Gil-ad. After the murder, he suddenly had new responsibilities in addition to trying to focus on his surviving five daughters.

He spent a lot of time on the Memorial Foundation for the Three Boys, which the families established to advance the national and global Jewish unity that had formed around the search for the teens.

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“People want to hear and see these people, and this puts pressure on them with their family, said Chantal Belzberg, co-founder of OneFamily. “It’s hard enough to be a high-profile person—just imagine adding bereavement onto that.”

Shaer discovered he needed time for his own healing. Amid work, family and speaking engagements, he enrolled in a video therapy course for bereaved parents.

Together with other fathers who lost sons to terror or in combat, Shaer worked through his feelings about balancing his grief for Gil-ad with the need to present for his daughters.

His wife, Bat-Galim, found writing therapeutic. Last fall, she published a memoir of her first year of mourning that would become a best-seller. It included pages from her late son’s diary, which had been recovered from the terrorists’ burned car and returned to the family 10 months after the murder.

Meanwhile, the siblings of the murdered teens joined on their own two feet, like the youth division of OneFamily, which organizes outings, support groups, weekends and overnight camps for family members.

The organization also helped some of the parents with the practical aspects of planning for their children’s weddings, which came in helpful on trips overseas.

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About Sephardic Jews...

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“The World Jewish Congress welcomes a recent agreement between Spain’s Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and the Federation of Jewish Communities in Spain, aimed at combating anti-Semitism through education. FCJE is the representative body of the Spanish Jewish community and the WJC’s affiliate in the country.

For the Agreement for the Eradication of Anti-Semitism will be implemented by the National Center for Innovation and Educational Research... a body which operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport and focuses primarily on the training of primary and secondary school teachers. Educators will be trained in key subject areas including how to teach the Holocaust, promoting the cultural and artistic heritage of Spanish Jews, and combating anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance. Teaching staff will also learn about the importance of Israel-Dispora relations and gain a better understanding of current issues such as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The president of the FCJE, ISAAC QUERUB, said, ‘Thanks to this agreement, Spain is today a global example of commitment in the fight against anti-Semitism and other forms of racism, bias, or religious bigotry. We, the Spanish Jews, are grateful.’

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Supreme Court's cake shop ruling is good for the Jews

By Ben Sales

(JTA)—Seven Supreme Court justices sided with a Colorado baker in his legal fight with a gay couple. And seven major Jewish groups weighed in on the decision.

Six of the Jewish groups disagreed with the decision. But one Jewish organization, the Orthodox Union, dissented from the rest, calling the ruling a victory for religious freedom.

“Too many pundits and politicians have lately engaged in rhetoric that seeks to paint religious liberty in a negative light, especially as they seek to advance policies to which some have sincere dissent,” Nathan Diament, the O.U.’s executive director for public policy, said in a statement. “Today, the United States Supreme Court sent a clear message that the demonization of religious beliefs—especially in policymaking—is constitutionally unacceptable.”

The O.U. stance is significant because Jewish groups across the spectrum have long based their policy positions on a robust defense of religious freedom. For decades, that meant keeping religion out of the public square and promoting so-called “public accommodation” laws that require places open to the public to grant customers full and equal treatment. That was partly due to a fear that allowing religious exemptions would amount to a tacit government endorsement of Christianity. But in recent years the O.U. has supported a number of efforts to allow more religious expression, contending that expanding those rights would benefit religious Jews.

In Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, the court ruled that a Colorado baker was allowed to refuse to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex marriage. The decision, published Monday, was a victory for a baker who was within his rights, Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, “The baker’s deferral was not a cause of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission’s action.” The baker had made comments hostile to his faith while initially ruling on the objection.

“[T]hese disputes must be resolved with tolerance, without pretending that sincere religious beliefs, and without subjecting some to indignities when they seek goods and services in an open marketplace,” the O.U. said by Israel’s Minister of Culture and Sports Miri Regev, the match was moved to “our fight over the land of Israel must be fought on our home turf.”

In an informal online poll conducted by the Jewish News of New Jersey, 67 percent of respondents favored the move to Jerusalem.

But Regev is known for her campaign.” The Jerusalem Post reported that she blamed Palestinian terror for opposing the move to Jerusalem.

The O.U. generally favors public policies that allow for religious expression, and it supports government aid to private religious schools, as well as government funding of programs providing federal security grants to religious nonprofits.

It’s a big deal that Argentina cancelled its soccer game in Israel

By Ben Sales

(JTA)—Israelis want nothing more than for their country to be considered normal. That may have to wait.

By politicizing the game, the government has turned a regular sports match into a political statement. That the move to Jerusalem directly caused the cancel-
By Eliana Rudee

(NEA) — Author Michael Chabon, who gained nationwide attention for his work in the Jewish world following his May 14 commencement speech at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles along with students and prominent Reform rabbis criticizing the Pa'li-Muslin Conference, has written a new novel for his take on Jewish inner marriage and various Israeli security policies.

“Security is an invention of history,” he writes in the novel, “not the invention of the audience of young people.

“Anywhere you look, it is and has been, a question of power drawing the border lines, putting up the separation barriers, then compensating, and in the end, that hatred and fear of the people on the other side of the wall. Security for some means imprisonment for it.

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Capt. Elgen Long—last surviving member of flight crew that saved Yemenite Jews in 1949

By Oren Peleg

(JNS)—With city lights dotting the night behind her, Dr. Dee Gaines, a neuropsychiatrist, sat for good reason—she’s very pregnant.

But when Capt. Elgen Long, the last surviving member of a commercial flight crew that saved nearly 3,000 Jewish refugees stranded in Yemen about 50 years ago, finished his speech, she felt compelled to stand.

Her voice shook with emotion behind a microphone handed to her.

“My great-grandmother and my grandmother were on those planes. In Yemen, they couldn’t read. They didn’t receive an education. Now, here I am, a doctor who has pursued higher education. And, because of you, she said, rubbing her belly, ‘a fifth generation lives on.’

Snow-haired and perpetually misty-eyed, Long, who turns 90 in August, bowed his head graciously in reply from a podium. Nearly 100 guests seated at tables applauded roundly in the backyard of a private home in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The event organized by the nonprofit pro-Israel education group StandWithUs for its prominent donors took place on May 30 and honored Long, who, though not Jewish, was introduced as a “hero of Israel and the Jewish people.”

Long, a native of Oregon, told guests that returning to the City of Angels—a place he knows well from his past—was a privilege. After serving as a U.S. naval officer during the Second World War, Long attended the University of California, Los Angeles, on the G.I. Bill. While in school, his part-time job was delivering telegrams door-to-door, often to movie stars, in the Beverly Hills area.

“Now, to be back here more than 70 years later is incredible. It feels like my life has come full circle,” he said. “I can’t believe I’m here as an honor guest.”

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'The Band's Visit' wins 10 Tony Awards, including for best musical

The Jerusalem Post, June 10, 2018

A jet-black jewel box musical based on an Israeli film about an Egyptian music band that ends up in a Galilean hotel, 'The Band's Visit' scooped 10 Tony Awards on Sunday night, including best musical and best lead actress in a musical for its performance as a romantic Egyptian trumpeter in the musical. "It's a great honor," she said. Palestinians are set to host the 2019 Eurovision song contest. EBU officials said they would be "very happy" to host the competition. The Palestinian minister from the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities said the Palestinian Authority would be "very happy" to host the Eurovision song contest. Jerusalemites have been asked to vote whether they would like to see the competition held in Jerusalem as a venue. The Palestinian Authority announced that the competition would be held in Jerusalem, and that it would be "very happy" to host the Eurovision song contest. Jerusalemites are being asked to vote whether they would like to see the competition held in Jerusalem as a venue. The Palestinian Authority announced that the competition would be held in Jerusalem, and that it would be "very happy" to host the Eurovision song contest. Jerusalemites have been asked to vote whether they would like to see the competition held in Jerusalem as a venue. The Palestinian Authority announced that the competition would be held in Jerusalem, and that it would be "very happy" to host the Eurovision song contest.
Banned from marrying interfaith couples, Conservative rabbis are finding other ways to celebrate them

By Josefina Dolsten

NEW YORK (JTA)—Emily Schorr Lesnick and Jamila Humphries always knew that Judaism would play a part in the life they were building together. But experiences with Conservative Jewish institutions had made the couple feel less than welcome.

Shorr Lesnick, 28, remembers encountering homophobia at her Jewish Conservative summer camp as a child. Humphries, 29, was raised Christian but does not identify with religion, felt singled out as a non-Jewish and biracial person when she accompanied Shorr Lesnick to synagogue.

The experiences “made us feel very unwelcomed and very interested in participating in anything in Conservative Jewish spaces, specifically,” Humphries told JTA.

The two women, who live in Harlem, got married in a civil ceremony on New Year’s Eve in 2016. At the time they did not mention their marriage to Conservative rabbis, who are finding other ways to celebrate them after a portion is read from the Torah. Rabbi Baldachin will recite a blessing for the couple in Hebrew and English. It will be Baldachin’s first time performing an aufruf for an interfaith couple.

“Their lack of a ceremony is something that makes a lot of people question if they’re going to be able to have a wedding,” he said.

As a result, some are trying to find creative ways to honor and welcome couples, even those with other religious traditions.

“Shorr Lesnick and Humphries are an interfaith couple that is taking part in an aufruf ceremony in a Conservative synagogue,” said Rabbi Steven Abraham of Congregation Beth El in South Orange, New Jersey.

The Conservative move clear of their synagogues and made them feel very unwelcomed and very uninterested in participating in anything in Conservative Jewish spaces, specifically,” Humphries told JTA. “At the insistence of Shorr Lesnick’s father, they agreed last year to meet with the rabbi of her family’s longstanding synagogue, Shaare Tikvah, a Conservative congregation in Scarsdale, New York.

The Conservative movement permits rabbis to perform interfaith marriages, so Rabbi Adam Baldwin suggested performing an aufruf for the couple, a ceremony usually done ahead of a Jewish wedding in which the couple is called up to the Torah for a blessing. Baldwin and his synagogue’s ritual committee had recently decided to offer aufruf ceremonies to interfaith couples as an alternative way to celebrate their unions.

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Though the issue of intermarriage has not come up for Shorr Lesnick in her community, Bernstein said she is happy to offer her congratulations to interfaith couples on their marriage. “I generally personally reach out and say, ‘I am looking forward to performing the wedding,’ ” he said. “I think the aufruf is a good opportunity where we can imagine doing the wedding. I think the aufruf is a good opportunity where we can imagine doing the wedding.”

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Ugandan rabbi: ‘We... need to be treated like any other Jewish community’

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(JTA)—A Ugandan rabbi called on Israel to recognize his community after the government ruled against allowing members to move to the Jewish state.

Rabbi Gershom Sizemore confirmed a report in Haaretz last week that the Israeli Interior Ministry had denied a community member’s immigration application. “It’s really being able to have an opportunity where we can imagine what Jewishness could mean for us,” she said.

Members of the Ugandan Jewish community praying in synagogue.

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two breakfasts at the Maitland Commerce— one for Israel Independence Day and one for Purim. We just had a big party at the Mandarin Oriental in Washington. We have 125 guests registered already. We’re selling out quickly. Some of the highlights are the fashion show and the silent auction. The silent auction will feature items donated by top designers, including a rare autographed piece by Richard Nixon. We also have some incredible artworks from renowned artists. The event will also feature live music and a special guest appearance by President Bibi Netanyahu. We are excited to welcome him to our celebration of Israel independence. You won’t want to miss it! Please join us for a memorable evening of fun and festivities.

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**Conspiratorial Bias**

I often see parts of my reporting warped by different agendas. Sometimes, it’s hard to separate the context, or parts of a story, from the personal opinions of the correspondent. I know for certain that there are times when my own views and biases influence my work. I try to be as objective as possible, but I can’t help it. Sometimes I get caught up in the story and lose sight of what’s actually happening.

When I was a journalist covering conflict zones in the Middle East, I often found myself caught up in the hype and the drama of the situation. I knew that the truth was more complicated than what was being reported in the media. I tried to keep an open mind and to understand the perspectives of both sides.

But I also knew that the truth was more complicated than that. There were always different interpretations of events and different opinions about what was happening. It was my job to report the truth, not to dictate what I thought should be happening.

And that’s why I always try to keep an open mind and to be as objective as possible. I know that I’m not perfect, but I try to do my best to report the truth as accurately as I can.

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**terrorism, Hamas has proved that they have no humanity; not just toward human beings, but also toward animals and natural resources,”**

To date, 265 fires have been observed since the arson kite phenomenon was introduced by Gaza rioters, burning close to 700 acres of INJ forests.

**Uganda**

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**Israel’s Law of Return**

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As night falls, Jerusalem's old-school Jewish market transforms into a hipster hangout

By Ben Sales

JERUSALEM (UTA)—In another life, Kobi Frig would have been sitting behind stalls of spices in Jerusalem's bustling Mahane Yehuda market, hawking paprika, zaatar and cinnamon like his grandfather and father did before him.

Instead, Frig obeyed his father's wishes, went to college, and started a chain of events that transformed the market and led to the closure of his family's shop. He became a community activist, organizing art and music fairs in the market that opened it up to a young clientele and brought in a wave of cafes and restaurants. Last year, when Frig's father retired, he shuttered the spice shop and leased the space to a bar.

"The third generation didn't see itself selling nuts and wanted to make a change," said Frig, 42, an event producer. "There's no question something changed. Whether it's for the best is a matter of perspective. You have good relationships between the stores and the restaurants. The food business is a business of relationships from their neighbors, so the market is maintaining itself."

The story of Frig's family shop has been happening across Mahane Yehuda, known to locals simply as the shuk, Hebrew for market.

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The Nosher via JTA—Limonana is a classic Israeli frozen slushie your summer needs. By Chaya Rappoport

Frozen Limonana: The Israeli slushie your summer needs

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(The Nosher via JTA)—Limonana is a classic Israeli drink that combines freshly squeezed lemon juice and mint leaves for a unique Israeli-style lemonade treat that's beloved throughout the country.

Limonana is a combination of the Hebrew and Arabic words “limon” and “nana,” which mean lemon and mint, respectively. While the drink may have originated elsewhere in the Middle East, it's an Israeli advertising agency that provided the catchy portmanteau of a name in the 1990s. In an attempt to get public bus advertising off the ground in Israel, the agency advertised a new soft drink called Limonana in sprawling ads across the sides of buses and reported that local athletes and celebrities couldn't get enough.

Although the drink was advertised on buses only, the ad campaign was a huge success. Customers begged for the drink and stores pleaded to carry it until the advertising agency was forced to admit the truth: no such drink existed.

Undeterred, soft drink companies began to manufacture the flavor—the drink that had existed only as a marketing ploy was now a reality. Restaurants and cafes quickly followed suit, reimagining the drink in iced, slushed and alcoholic variations. It's been a nationwide hit ever since.

Frozen Limonana

Serves 2.

1. Combine water, sugar and half of the mint leaves in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring until sugar dissolves. Simmer for 1 minute.
2. Remove from heat and let syrup steep, about 30 minutes. Discard the mint leaves and refrigerate the syrup to let it cool.
3. Combine the mint simple syrup, the rest of the fresh mint leaves and the fresh lemon juice in a blender. Blend at high speed until well mixed.
4. Add the ice and blend until the ice is thoroughly crushed. Pour into glasses and serve immediately. Serves 2.

Directions:

Ingredients:

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Beer Bazaar, a craft beer shop in Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market, aims to combine the variety of a bar with the atmosphere of a chic pub.

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A dried fruit and nut seller giving change to a customer in Jerusalem’s Mahane Yehuda market, May 7, 2016.

Yarden Rivilin, who works at Beer Bazaar, pointed out that the bars and restaurants tend to keep different hours than the food stands, so there is not too much conflict. He feels the shuk has retained its character—even if the offerings have changed.

"In the shuk, everyone needs to be friends with everyone," said Rivilin. "Everyone brings a different kind of personality. During the day, the stores are open and there are fruits and vegetables and nuts and sweets, and at night we open up the tables and the atmosphere changes. It's a shuk—just a little different."