**Rosen JCC names Romirovsky as CEO**

Dr. Reuben L. Romirovsky, an accomplished executive with three decades of leadership roles at Jewish community organizations in New York and New Jersey, has been named chief executive officer of The Jack and Lee Rosen Jewish Community Center. Previously, Joel Berger was the executive director and Eric Lightman was the assistant director. Both are no longer at the Rosen JCC and no reason was given for them leaving.

Dr. Romirovsky joins the Rosen JCC from New York’s Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty, where his efforts included elevating annual giving to $5 million, developing new branding and messaging and the launch of a new website.

“We are delighted to welcome Dr. Romirovsky to Orlando,” said Rosen JCC President-Brett Specter. “With decades of service to Jewish communities and great success developing strong financial support, his leadership and wisdom ensure a bright future for our organization.”

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**Jewish pros, cons regarding Barr**

By Jackson Richman

(JNS)—U.S. President Donald Trump’s pick to become attorney general has elicited mixed reviews from Jewish groups.

William Barr, who served in the same role under the late President George H.W. Bush, is scheduled to face the Senate Judiciary Committee on Tuesday and Wednesday.

“We endorse his nomination for attorney general. We know that he has exhibited sensitivity to protecting religious rights in the workplace,” National Council of Young Jews President Farley Weiss told JNS. “He is clearly very well-qualified having previously been attorney general. We look forward to working with him.”

Progressive groups such as Bend the Arc: Jewish Action and the Jewish Democratic Council of America expressed concern about his lack of transparency with Congress and willingness to adhere to rule of law as it relates to holding President Trump fully accountable for possible violations of the law. The independence of the attorney general and the Department of Justice must be paramount.”

However, organizations such as the Republican Jewish Coalition and Agudath Israel disagreed, and instead applauded the nomination.

“The RJC congratulates William Barr and the president on this fantastic choice,” RJC spokesperson Neil Strauss told JNS. “Mr. Barr is highly qualified, having served with distinction as President George H.W. Bush’s attorney general. Barr has received concerned about Barr regarding Barr

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**Jewish Community Relations Council**

The Jewish Community Relations Council members with Congresswoman Val Demings at MLK interfaith program.

JCRC show support at MLK interfaith ceremony

The Jewish Federation Jewish Community Relations Council members were among more than 100 people who participated in a march through downtown Orlando that culminated with an interfaith ceremony at the United Methodist Church of Orlando on Sunday, Jan. 21.

The ceremony, themed “Discord into Symphonic,” brought together faith leaders of all kinds.

“I believe that love triumphs over hate, and I think we all have a responsibility to speak out against injustices in society,” said Rep. Val Demings (D) in an interview with WESH TV news.

“The event was the first of many for the week. The annual Martin Luther King parade was held Saturday, Jan. 19, followed by Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 21.

Rafi Layish is a book illustrator on his way to the movies

By Christine DeSouza

Almost every year during Passover, Rafi Layish’s family would watch “The Prince of Egypt,” an animated movie about the Exodus. He loved it.

“It was a really cool movie all around for animation, soundtrack,” said Layish. It was also the inspiration for what he wanted to do with his future.

He loved the newspaper comics, too. “Pearls Before Swine” was one of his favorites. When he was a child, he and friends would spend hours drawing pages and pages of comics. And even today if he thinks of a funny gag that can be done in three or four panels, he’ll draw it. As a teenager, Layish switched from free-hand drawings in Disney cartoons to digital formats, Layish’s interest grew.

“The movie ‘Spiderman: Into the Spider-Verse’ was a real game changer for me because it presents animation in a different way,” he said. Now 21, Layish is in his fourth year at UCF, majoring in experimental animation. He hopes to one day be in a place like Sony Pictures Imageworks.

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“I like to create and tell a story,” said Layish. “I like to draw and tell a story.”

It always helps to have a goal, or as Layish says it, “It’s keeping me on track to where I’m going.”

Layish is the illustrator of a just published book, “Hidden Wings of the Time Keeper” by Briana R. Gilbert, the first in “the Contrary Collection” series.

Author Gilbert found him through Facebook. “She was looking for an illustrator for her book and I applied!” said Layish. “I like to create and tell a story.”

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**Image 15A**

The mural Rafi designed that is on a wall in the Hillel building at UCF.
The Central Florida Jewish Book Festival comes in February

Israel guest speaker at annual Sister City (Cocoa and Beit Shemesh) gala

Genealogical Society helps you learn genealogy software

Workers busy with new road construction in Beit Shemesh, Israel, have uncovered remains of a city from the time of the first Temple. The Sister City program of Cocoa, Florida, and Beit Shemesh invites the community to learn more about these exciting new finds at its annual Sister City ship gala, on Monday, Jan. 28 from 5:30—8 p.m. at the Central Life Church (behind Temple Beth Shalom), 3959 N. Wickham Road.

After a light supper of Israeli food and live Israeli music, guest speaker Meir Malka from Beit Shemesh will illustrate new archaeological discoveries at Tel Bet Shemesh and the ancient city of Beit Shemesh from the time of the Kings.

“A three-hundred-member team is working hard over the next six months to excavate the ancient Beit Shemesh city,” said Malka, a life-time resident of Beit Shemesh and retired director of the Keren Shemesh Foundation. He said another great discovery is a beautiful mosaic floor in a Byzantine church from the time of the Emperor Justinian.

“The stones do talk,” said Malka. “You just have to listen very carefully. There are so many mysteries that I would like to share with you. I’ll even try to tell you the stories that have been hiding for over 2000 years.”

Malka has visited Brevard multiple times. He recalled his first visit in 2005 when he met with the Jewish Federation and others. A new video that salutes his efforts and outlines the history of the organization, “Why Sister City?” will be shown.

For 2019 Sister City plans a Purim celebration in March and will welcome Israeli scouts in June. Other activities include upcoming trips to Israel. The event is free and open to the public.

I love the ’90s, how about you?

The group Anti-Idol will perform at the Decades Party at the Rosen JCC.

The job of a genealogist is to discover, make sense of, organize, and preserve family history. Genealogists use a variety of methods and tools to collect and analyze family history information. The Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Orlando is offering a class on how to use the Family Tree Maker software. Participants will learn about the program and its many amazing features.

Some of Family Tree Maker’s key features include a user-friendly interface to quickly and easily build a family tree, update your tree with Ancestry.com using FamilySync, get match suggestions with FamilySearch, organize your tree with a photo repair tool, Family Tree Maker also includes a locations database with more than three million place names for consistent data entry, access to online street and satellite maps, a digital version of the Companion Guide and a convenient onscreen Help system. The technology can be overwhelming, but genealogy software is essential for anyone doing family history. This meeting allows you to learn directly from the software company, and help you efficiently and effectively use the program and its many amazing features.

Family Tree Maker is offering a special price on the software at this meeting.

For more information, go to www.jgsgo.org, email info@jgsgo.org, or call the society’s voice mail line, 407-494-4238.
Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said state will sanction Airbnb for delisting Jewish settlements

By Marcy Oster

(JTA)—Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Florida would take action against Airbnb for its decision to remove listings of rooms and homes for rent in West Bank Jewish settlements.

Airbnb announced in November 2018 that it would remove the listings of some 200 apartments and homes for rent in Jewish settlements in the West Bank, but not in Palestinian communities, and said that it chose to do so in order to learn about the historical disputes in the region in order to make a decision about whether it should be doing business in “the occupied territories.”

DeSantis said on Tuesday that the state would suspend the use of Airbnb for state-paid travel, and would consider presenting the state’s pension fund from investing in Airbnb. The company is not currently publicly traded but reportedly is planning to go public as early as June 2019, or at least by 2020, according to trade publications.

SPSLC has designated the Nation of Islam as a hate group, but did not specifically cite this as a reason for leaving the national March.

Daily Beast also noted that EMILY’s List does not appear on the list of women’s partners and that the National Council of Jewish Women told The New York Jewish Week last week that it would not be a partner in this year’s March.

Stephen Wise Free Synagogue Senior Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch announced Friday that his New York-based congregation will disassociate from Women’s March Inc., and that it will join the 2019 Women’s March "on NYC under the auspices of the Women’s March Alliance."

"As early as 2017 we heard rumblings of troubling accu- sations of anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism within the organization and amongst the leadership of the Washingtonian March," Hirsch said in a statement. "At the time we pushed our discomfort aside in deference to what we considered the bigger issues threatening our country. But now, in the aftermath of Pittsburgh and mindful of the surge in anti-Semitic incidents in the past two years, anti-Semitism can no longer be a narrow concern. If you tolerate or are sympathetic to those who are prejudiced against Jews, we cannot stand with you. If you deny the State of Israel’s right to exist, we cannot stand with you."

Carol Channing, the original star of ‘Hello Dolly!,’ dies at 97

By Marcy Oster

(JTA)—Actress Carol Channing, who originated the starring role in “Hello, Dolly!” on Broadway and won a Tony Award for her portrayal of the boisterous widow, has died. She was 97.

Channing was the daughter of a Jewish mother and a Christian father and identified as “part Jewish.” At 16, she learned that her father was multi-racial, with an African-American mother and a German father.

She wrote in her memoir of her five-year marriage to her first husband, Theodore Naidish, that she learned to speak Yiddish from his grandfather, Sam Cohen, who lived in Brooklyn’s Brighton Beach.

The Seattle native first starred playing fluffy Lorelei Lee in the 1949 pro- duction of “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes,” where she sang the iconic “Diamonds Are a Girl’s Best Friend.”

Channing played Dolly Levi in “Hello, Dolly!” winning the Tony in 1964. She played the role for the last time in a 1985 revival. Barbara Streisand was Dolly in the 1969 film version and Bette Midler also won a Tony for her portrayal in the 2017 Broadway revival.

Channing was recognized with a Lifetime Achieve- ment Tony Award in 1995 and was inducted into the American Theatre Hall of Fame in 1981. She made guest appearances on many television shows including "Seinfeld," where she performed a parody of “Hello Dolly” called “Hello Sammy,” a love song to the Jim Henson character Sammi the Snake.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 15, of natural causes just days before her 98th birthday. Channing was married four times and has one son.

Robert Luck named to Florida Supreme Court

By Marcy Oster

Gov. Ron DeSantis appoints Judge Robert Luck to the Florida Supreme Court during an announcement at Scheck Hillel Community School in North Miami Beach.

(JTA)—A Jewish judge in the state was named to the Florida Supreme Court at the Jewish day school where he attended school and officiating the ceremony by reciting a Jewish prayer.

The appointment of Robert Luck, 39, was announced Monday at the Scheck Hillel Community School in North Miami Beach. Luck’s children attended the school.

Florida’s new governor, Ron DeSantis, was on hand for the announcement, which featured a large Israeli flag dis- played at the school along with the Associated Press reported.

Luck, who now serves on the Broward County Bar Association’s Family Law Certification Committee, is the first Jewish justice appointed to Florida’s highest court in 20 years, according to the Miami Herald.

Luck, known as a conserva- tive, is a former Miami federal prosecutor and Circuit Court judge.

He recited a blessing from the Amidah prayer, Politico reported: “You grace humans with wisdom and teach humans to revere you. You give us Your knowledge, insight and understanding. Bless us with the grace of wisdom.”

The Zionist Organiza- tion of America praised the appointment, saying Luck “strongly respects the rule of law and will not be an ‘activist’ judge who ignores what the framers and legislators intended.”

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Carol Channing
By Danny Danon

(INS) – Over the past several weeks, much discussion has been made about the events last spring on the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. Most of it accurately depicted the actions of violent rioters inspired by Hamas (a terrorist organization) and those of other organizations, which sought to undermine the sovereignty of a democratic liberty. This abhorrent argument demonstrates a false moral equivalency, and, above all, misses the context of the events.

Last spring, Hamas-inspired rioters gathered on the Gaza side of the border with Israel in what was billed as the “Great March of Return.” With such a provocative name, the question bears asking: a return to where?

The answer that much of the media has been compartmentalized is “to their ancestral homelands.” This is a politically correct euphemism for a violent coup against the Jewish state.

Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar was more explicit: “to tear down their [Israel’s] fence and bring this process to a recognition of fact, both in word and deed.”

In carrying out this directive, a group of rioters that briefly managed to infiltrate into Israel were brandishing butcher knives and shouting “Jews, we’re coming.”

Accordingly, the blunt truth of Hamas is: It is driven by a hatred of the Jewish people and seeks the destruction of the Jewish state.

In short, it is one of the most anti-Semitic organizations in the world. This statement is not hyperbole or an intense personal opinion. It is a recognition of fact, both in word and deed.

The global community of countries commonly calls for the destruction of Israel, and its leaders have regularly stated that they “love death and seek destruction of the Jewish people” as part of the “Arabische Spring”.

In action, Hamas has turned the Gaza Strip into a launching pad from which to realize its genocidal goals. This is an effort to unilaterally expand every soldier and civilian out of the Strip in the 2005 disengagement, the Palestinians had the opportunity to govern themselves and prove to Israel and to the world that they could exist alongside the Jewish state in peace.

Yet Hamas seized power and increased its roster of terror attacks against Israel. In September, Israel, as well as Egypt, imposed a naval blockade to prevent the terror organization from acquiring weapons from foreign suppliers such as Iran, its primary sponsor. In 2017, based on terrorist organization’s violation of their commitment to protect its civilian communities in the south, Egypt would soon do the same to prevent Hamas from moving sand in any way.

In the more than 10 years it has ruled the Gaza Strip, Hamas has done nothing to improve the lives of the Palestinian people. Instead, it has stolen international aid to fund its terrorist agenda, kidnapped Israeli commanders, lauded launches of mortars and rockets, and gawked at the Israelis as if they were using the people of Gaza as human shields.

This brings us to the riots. Many claim to have seen these as “non-violent” protests, which is objectively false. Others try to paint the image that these events were another demonstration of Palestinian creativity and ingenuity. This is a stark state in America—to suggest an innocent kid (who had long since been misled) is responsible for firebombs. Instead, it has stolen international aid to fund its terrorist agenda, kidnapped Israeli commanders, lauded launches of mortars and rockets, and gawked at the Israelis as if they were using the people of Gaza as human shields.

What followed was a beautiful pluralistic service led by a very knowledgeable self-identified female rabbinical student and a more traditional male congregant who sang the prayers in Hebrew using traditional markings. We found a sense of security in the customs, symbols, and texts associated with Shabbat and the Jewish holidays. They wrap their own cultural and religious identities in a sense of religious piety which insulates them from criticism in the public debate.

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The Forward's deal with the Jewish world a blow to the kishkes

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

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JCC 39ers—Meet & Mingle Monday, Cogniciti Brain Health Workshop, 1 p.m. (behind Temple Beth Sholom). The event is free and open to the public. Info: 407-862-3505.

Israeli Folk Dancing—7:30-8:15 p.m. instruction, 8:15-10 p.m., requests. Cost: Free for JCC members, $5 for nonmembers. Info: 407-645-5600.


Roth Family JCC—Mah Jongg Tournament, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: $36 and includes a light lunch and refreshments. Info: 407-647-3055.

Cornerstone Hospice Volunteers—Training class 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at 5655 S. Orange Ave. Info: 407-647-3055.

B'nai B'rith—Jewish men meet weekly for a 90-minute fellowship session at the JCC of Central Florida. Info: 407-862-3505.

Jewish Genealogical Society—Meeting with author Mark Olen, 7 p.m. at The Roth Family JCC. Cost: $5 for nonmembers. Info: www.jewishfl.org or call 407-494-4230.


Grief Support—JFS Orlando and The Jewish Pavilion, in cooperation with The Hospice of the Comforter and VITAS Healthcare, host a grief support group, 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. at Loundes Covenant, 515 North Kola Drive in Orlando. Registration: call 407-644-7500, ext. 247. $5 per session contribution suggested.

Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando—Jewish Family Services, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the JCC of Central Florida, 3200 N. Goldfinger St. Info: 407-647-3055.


“J.B. Pritzker, years old, slept in the train station at first, then found a job selling the Chicago Tribune on street corners. His son and grandson, Pritzker’s father, later became successful lawyers.

**Quote of the Week**

“The age of self-inflicted American shame is over, and so are the policies that produced so much needless suffering. Now comes the real new beginning.” 

—U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in his speech at the American University in Cairo, Jan. 10, 2019

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**What’s Happening**

**Light Shabbat Candles at**

**SHABBAT CANDLES AT**

**JANUARY 25**

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5:47 p.m.
By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA)—Kamala Harris, the junior senator from California, is reportedly set to announce her bid for the Democratic presidential nod.

Harris, 54, is a progressive on most issues who draws some ire from the left for her tough-on-crime posture when she was California’s attorney general. She pleaded Demo-
cratic hearts, meanwhile, with her tough treatment of President Donald Trump’s sec-
ond Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh, during his Senate confirmation last year.

The daughter of a mother who immigrated from India and a father who immigrated from Jamaica, Harris has some Jewish nuggets in her history.

She smashed a glass at her wedding.

She met her Jewish hus-
band, Douglas Emhoff, on a blind date in San Francisco, arranged by friends. They married in 2014—Harris’ first marriage and his second—Emhoff has two chil-
dren from his first marriage. Emhoff’s Twitter feed is

She's big on tackling hate crimes

Harris created a hate crimes unit as San Francisco District Attorney and made hate crimes a focus of her work as the state’s attorney general. (Harris reported that in 2012 anti-Jewish hate crimes were the most commonplace religion-based hate crime.)

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More than half of the Democratic caucus in the Senate gets the endorsement of J Street, the Jewish liberal lobbying group that believes pressure is necessary to start peace talks. J Street did not endorse Harris. Her only as-

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By Paul Lefton

For its 25th installment, Choices, the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando’s signature women’s philanthropy event, returned to the simple elegance that marked its beginning, with a festive cocktail hour followed by a seated dinner at Congregation Beth Shalom in Maitland. The 250 women and men in attendance were welcomed to Choices 2019 by Loren London, the woman who brought Choices to Orlando 25 years ago. London is also the first Harriet Ginsburg Woman of the Year. In her welcome remarks, Loren London used an umbrella to illustrate the symbiotic relationship between the Federation, local Jewish organizations and the community.

After dinner, attendees heard from Michelle Sheplan and Dori Gerber, both alumni of the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project Momentum trips to Israel, which are underwritten in part by the Federation in collaboration with SPARK. Both Sheplan and Gerber spoke passionately about how the Israel trips touched their lives and inspired them to get more deeply involved in the Greater Orlando Jewish community.

Sheplan said the personal connections she made with other women on the trip is a testament to the common ideologies shared by Jewish women. “As the trip unfolded, each woman in our group stood up and remained standing based on our work, philanthropy, volunteering and other involvements in Jewish causes. By the time she reached the end of her list, every woman in the room was standing, a testament to the contributions all have made to the Jewish community. After dinner, attendees heard from Michelle Sheplan and Dori Gerber, both alumni of the Jewish Women’s Renaissance Project Momentum trips to Israel, which are underwritten in part by the Federation in collaboration with SPARK. Both Sheplan and Gerber spoke passionately about how the Israel trips touched their lives and inspired them to get more deeply involved in the Greater Orlando Jewish community. We honor those who paved the way as we exercise our powerment. The experiences I had on that trip helped to elevate the Jewish practices my family and I share in our home since my return,” Gerber said. The trip “helped to change the trajectory of my career in education and my contribution to Jewish education and advocacy work.”

As a result of the connections she made during the trip, Gerber got involved with, among other organizations, the Jewish Council for Public Affairs, which is the hub for 16 national Jewish agencies and more than 125 local Jewish Community Relations Councils, including the Orlando JCRC, which is a committee of the Federation. Gerber currently is the co-chair of the Orlando JCRC.

The evening’s featured speaker, Lynn “Moira” Dictor, journalist, tells the extraordi-

nary account of her parents’ ordeals, both in one of the darkest times in world history and their present-day lives. The multi-award-winning book “THE CRATE: A Story of War, a Murder, and Justice,” which launched last summer, is the true story about Levison’s parents, who in 1930 discovered a wooden crate nailed shut under their lakeside cottage. Inside the crate were the remains of a young mother, brutally murdered.

“The discovery traumatized my family, especially my fragile parents,” said Levison in an email to the Heritage. “It dredged up their memories of the Holocaust,—of surviving concentration camps, cattle cars, death marches—and forced them to confront violence yet again. THE CRATE has been called a ‘brilliant story,’ “heart wrenching,” and a “necessary read. The themes are relevant and timely; of refugees and the need for sanctuary; domestic violence and racial intolerance; and the seemingly limitless human capacity for evil. It is a speculation on violence and hate in our society. ‘The Crate’ is available on amazon.com.

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Joshua Academy is now 99.9 percent germ free

In an effort to reduce student and teacher absences, Joshua Academy of Orlando completed installation of the Violet Defense patented germ-killing technology. The UV-operated products are designed to prevent the spread of 99.9 percent of bacteria and viruses, including E. coli, Salmonella, Norovirus, and superbugs like MRSA. The technology will help protect the students, staff, and faculty of MO from these illness-causing germs, including flu.

The school is now the first K-5 school in America to be fully outfitted with Violet Defense’s system. Each of the school’s classrooms, along with the computer lab, library, science classrooms, restrooms, and lunchroom, is automatically disinfected each night. The school also has access to mobile options to deploy in any spaces without an installed solution, or in the event of immediate distraction needs, such as with a sick child.

“The safety and health of our students is always of primary concern to us,” said Head of School Alan Russonik. “Less absences leads to a healthy campus and more learning. We are grateful that the donation of the Violet Defense technology has likely contributed to these findings.”

Joshua Academy of Orlando serves central Florida students of all faiths from grades kindergarten through fifth. The school delivers a whole-child education fostering academic excellence and character education rooted in Jewish values. Jewish Academy of Orlando is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools. Beginning in fall of 2019, the school will offer a transitional kindergarten.

To learn more about Jewish Academy of Orlando, please visit: jewishacademyorlando.org or follow the school on Facebook, facebook.com/JewishAcademyOrlando.

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Activist who said Israel is a ‘terrorist entity’ attends Tlaib swearing-in, private dinner

By Jackson Richman

(JNS)—Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) met with Abbas Hamidieh, a Palestinian activist who has said that Israel is a “terrorist entity,” over the weekend.

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Executive director of the Palestine Right to Return Coalition Abbas Hamidieh (Photo: Abbas Hamidieh/Twitter)

Kraft, 77, will be giving the money “to initiatives combatting anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice as well as attempts to de-legitimize the State of Israel,” according to a statement.

“Tlaib stands unequivocally against Abbas Hamidieh’s radical record and his extremist anti-Israel views which should be condemned by all,” the organization told JNS.

Since August of last year, JDCA has repeatedly stated our strong policy disavowals with Rep. Rashida Tlaib and we urge her to make clear where she stands with regard to Abbas Hamidieh.”

Max Samarov, StandWithUs’ executive director of Research and Campus Strategy, told JNS: “It is disturbing that a member of Congress would pose with an extremist who glorified child murderer Samir Kuntar as a ‘legendary Hezbollah martyr.’ Political leaders should not associate with racists or supporters of terrorism.”

“Christians United for Israel has decided that we are not going to dignify Rep. Tlaib’s steady drumbeat of appalling statements and actions with a response,” spokesperson Ari Morganstern told JNS.

Zionist Organization of America president Mort Klein told JNS that his organization “condemns Rashida Tlaib for meeting with a fellow anti-Semitic seeker of Israel’s destruction, Abbas Hamidieh, founder of Al-Awda—Palestine Right of Return Coalition. This [is] further evidence of her hatred of Jews and the Jewish state of Israel.”

“Tlaib supports BDS and openly calls for the replacement of Israel by an Arab-dominated state, thus seeking to deny Jews the sovereignty independence she demands for Palestinian Arabs,” he added.

“She lies about Israel, claiming it discriminates against those darker skinned”.

“The ZOA’s Jewish Congressional Leaders Sena- tor Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Speaker of the House Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and other Democrats to condemn Tlaib for her vicious anti-Israel words and deeds,” he added.

Last week, in response to a bill in the Senate that includes combating the anti- Israel BDS movement, Tlaib attacked Republican lawmakers and opponents of BDS by tweeting: “They forgot what country they represent.”

She continued, “This is the U.S. where boycotting is a right & part of our historical fight for freedom & equality. Maybe a refresher on our U.S. Constitution is in order, then get back to opening up our government instead of taking our rights away.”

By Josef Dolsten

(JTA)—New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft wins $1 million ‘Jewish Nobel’ prize

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This award amplifies my ability to raise both awareness and additional funds to fight anti-Semitism, attempts to de-legitimize Israel and other forms of prejudices,” he said in the statement.

Kraft will receive the award at a gala in June in Jerusalem. He joins artist Anish Ka- poor, violinist Itzhak Perl- man, former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and actor-director Michael Douglas as previous recipi- ents. The foundation has sometimes been criticized for giving the prize to mil- lionaires, but says the goal is to leverage the recipients’ influence and example to improve the world.

Last year, the foundation recognized Natalie Portman but canceled the ceremony after the actress said she would not travel to Israel to receive the award in protest of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s policies.

The prize, started in 2013, is financed through a per- manent endowment of $100 million established by The Genesis Prize Foundation.

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By Gabe Friedman

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Places to visit in Israel in 2019: If you really want to learn

By Moshe Phillips

Are you a family member planning to go to Israel in 2019? Are you looking for something more than the average “Israel Experience”? Here are some ideas on what to see if you choose to extend your trip and your mind. Don’t give in to the critics of Israel who want you to believe the opposite and see Israel as fighting to free Israel from the Jewish control in which it was born.

Birthright may take you to the Telot (Western Wall), the Sea of Galilee, the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, and/or Masada and those are all worthwhile but there are other places to visit that will help you to understand the amazing history of the pion- eers who created the Jewish state in 1948 and the children that allowed that the modern State of Israel to be declared. Below is a list of eight places to visit in Israel that will help you to develop a more accurate picture of the struggle to build the Jewish State.

Acre Prison

Acre Prison is where Zion- ister leader Ze’ev Jabotinsky and three of his comrades were imprisoned by the British in 1920 for defending Jewish neighborhoods in Jerusalem from Arab rioters. Later the British imprisoned Simon and Hannah Aloni, and 12 other fighters there. Several Zionists fought for their release and were executed by the British. The prison is perhaps best known for the “Acre Prison List” of 135 fighters under an underground ground that was depicted in the movies “Sons of the heritage” and the 1960 movie.


Another prison where the British held Irgun and LEHI fighters was the Central Prison in the Russian Compound. The museum there has significant exhibits that relate the stories of the terrorist leaders who were imprisoned. For more information go to http://aflaalotjerusalem.org.

The LEHI underground launched a campaign to free Irgun and LEHI fighters in Eretz Israel. Its founder Yair Simcha Ben Yehuda was a leader in the Irgun and formed the LEHI in order to fight the British at all costs. The LEHI Museum is housed in the building where Stern threw a grenade at the British in 1942. For more about the museum go to https://www.jewishvirtu- alibrary.org/etalz-museum.

Etzel Museum

And it was also known as the Etzel. This museum in Tel Aviv details the history of the Irgun and its impact on the British decision to leave Eretz Israel as well as the group’s combat role in the War of Independence. More information goes to https://www.jewishvirtu- alibrary.org/etalz-museum.

Temple Israel of DeLand

To better understand the Jewish History Center in Jerusalem.

For more about the cen- ter go to the center’s web- site: http://www.begincenter.org.

Jabotinsky Institute

Jabotinsky was the Zionist leader that created a hol- new vision for Zionism based on Herzl’s programs. He founded the Jabotinsky Institute in Tel Aviv houses a museum dedi- cated to teaching about him (see http://en.jabotinsky.org/ jabotinsky-institute/) and an intriguing special exhibit that highlights the AF IFIL’s gift that rescued Jews from Nazi Europe and brought them Eretz Israel.

Tel Chai was a settlement in the Galilee that was the site of a battle against Arab raiders in 1920. The Zionist hero Joseph Trumpeldor and seven other valiant fighters died in the defense of Tel Chai against a much larger force. Trumpeldor had been instru- mental in forming the Jewish Legion in the Irgun and Jabotinsky named his movement after Trumpeldor.

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This Greek high school has a novel solution to problem faced by many small Jewish communities

By Larry Luxner

ATHENS—In a small, non-descript classroom in Greece’s capital city, 10 Jewish eighth-graders study a biblical text about Jacob and Esau under the guidance of Rivkah Carl, a member of the Jewish Community of Athens. Minos Moissis, president of the Jewish Community of Athens, said that “the Athens Jewish community still has only about 1,000 members, our community is very small.”

“Judaism is such an important part of who we are that we have to stand up in a class of 20 children and make sure that our kids continue Jewish education in Athens without necessarily having your own Jewish school,” said Minos Moissis, president of the Jewish Community of Athens. By law and tradition, Jewish education in Athens is public; however, there’s a particular need for a small community to continue Jewish education in Athens without necessarily having your own Jewish school, said Minos Moissis, president of the Jewish Community of Athens. By law and tradition, Jewish education in Athens is public; however, there’s a particular need for a small community to continue Jewish education in Athens without necessarily having your own Jewish school, said Minos Moissis, president of the Jewish Community of Athens. By law and tradition, Jewish education in Athens is public; however, there’s a particular need for a small community to continue Jewish education in Athens without necessarily having your own Jewish school, said Minos Moissis, president of the Jewish Community of Athens. By law and tradition, Jewish education in Athens is public; however, there’s a particular need for a small community to continue Jewish education in Athens without necessarily having your own Jewish school, said Minos Moissis, president of the Jewish Community of Athens.

“If this gift hadn’t come from the America College of Greece, we would have lost this program and the majority of our students would have been forced to stop studying Jewish history,” said Joanna Nahmias, a member of the Pierce Jewish Studies program.

“But Yekutiel, who is Jewish, is being protested weekly, accused of espousing ‘racist, anti-Semitic’ views.”

By Marcy Oster

(UTA)—Manny Yekutiel opened his eponymous Manny’s in November, calling it “to create a central, accessible and affordable place to go to become a better informed and more involved citizen.”

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“A Jewish cafe owner in San Francisco deals with weekly protests over his ‘Jewish ideals’

By Marcy Oster

The financial crisis coincided with a surge in nativist sentiment and anti-Semitism. The neo-Nazi Golden Dawn party captured 7 percent of the vote in the September 2015 elections, and a 2014 ILO survey found that 38 percent of Greeks harbor anti-Semitic attitudes—the highest levels of any country in Europe.

“Due to emigration, the Jewish primary school is now down to 68 students from 141 in 2013. To keep the school viable, the community voted years ago to open enrollment to any child with at least one Jewish parent. Over half the school students come from interfaith marriages.

Nevertheless, more than 90 percent of graduates from the Jewish primary school enroll in the Jewish track at Pierce—a challenging future slip from our hands. We’re working hard to make sure that Jews in Greece have not only a great past, but a great future.

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The brewery obtained its kosher certification from Oregon Kosher, which is a division of a network of organizations of the Kashrut Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The brewer, Theo Leikam, and his wife, Sonia-Marie Leikam, are both Jewish. They met while working at a kosher supermarket in Chicago before moving to Portland in 2010 to open a brewery that would be certified kosher. They founded Oregon Kosher, which is a division of the KUDOS (Kashrut Division of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America).

The Leikams told Willamette Week that it will expand its certified operations this week that it will expand its certified operations. The brewery is located at 2300 NE 10th Ave.

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Why did ‘Three Identical Strangers’ ignore just how Jewish this story was?

By Rohki Vafshizm

In 2005 a miracle happened in Israel, not with a technological assist. Sisters Hana Katz and Klara Bleier were reunited, 45 years after being separated in the Budapest ghetto, each having survived the war thinking they were the only one.

Decades later they both deposited testimony with Yad Vashem and, with the help of a new computerized database, realized that they were in fact not alone. As fate would have it, Hana and Klara had both settled in Israel and raised families a mere 45 miles apart.

While most survivor reunion stories are not quite as dramatic as Hana and Klara’s, postwar family reunions are an emblematic Holocaust narrative, weaving together the anguish of loss with the inestimable shock of reunion.

I couldn’t help but think of their reunion when I watched the 2018 documentary “Three Identical Strangers,” which I was given an Academy Award for in the Documentary category. The film is the story of three sets of triplets, all adopted separately, who were separated at birth, raised by different families, and then reunited as adults. “Three Identical Strangers” is absolutely compelling, in part because it carries within it surprising, discomfiting evidence of the Holocaust and Hana and Klara. I knew enough about the triplets that just putting on the DVD filled me with a sense of dread. What I wasn’t prepared for was how the film minimized the Jewishness of the story.

(Spoilers ahead) In 1961, identical triplets were born to a single Jewish mother. Trudy, also known as Bubala, “I have no words of Richard Kellman, my biological brothers. In the commentary track, the families of the triplets had been placed without their consent.

Among the three fathers, it is David Kellman’s who 32 years later is portrayed as most unreservedly ecstatic about the discovery of two new biological brothers. In words of Richard Kellman, “It is like two more sons.” Though it’s only mentioned obliquely, we are told of the existence that Richard Kellman is a Holocaust survivor, as are other members of the Kellman family. It’s hard to not see a patristic (or perhaps residual) connection to Moses Kellman, “I have a suit against the law firms that turned them away, fearful of what we might do against them, the law firms were interviewing law firms, and Louisa Wise Services, the former Joseph Hodges was educated in the adoptive homes; a social services agency founded in 1916 to connect Jewish children with Jewish families.

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enjoy creating characters and stories. But the thing is, I’m not a great writer. My strength is reading the minds of my characters, the artistic side of it, so I’m always looking for people to collaborate with.” This collaborative team is working well. “She had solid ideas about what she wanted, he said. So after several talks and many drawings they got along to the point (no pun intended). Layish plans to illustrate several more books with Gilbert in the Contrary Collection.

Wall

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turns into the Jewish state with similarly murderous intentions. Both Hamas and Hezbollah have said that they can fire rockets over any fence in order to terrorize the population inside the Jewish state.

The scale of Israel’s fencing project extends beyond the United States and Mexico. Moreover, while some who cross into America illegally are involved in criminal activity, not since the U.S. Cavalry chased Pancho Villa back into Mexico more than a century ago has

Never again

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of Jews as killers of Palestinians—a renewed

лем the art world to judge by the diversity of talents on display, the variety of media, and the range of styles and approaches," said one artist who admired diversity. Despite the political climate in Israel, Layish is working on his portfolio and would like to gain a more professional experience and eventually move into the field of digital media. He is always looking for more “stuff to do” and posts his art through Instagram, @rafaellayish. folof.com

“Hidden Wings of the Time Keeper” is available at http:// thecontrarycollection.com

“I’d like to see a movie come out with my name somewhere in the credits,” Layish said with a big smile. It probably will happen.

Barr

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praise from Republicans and Democrats alike; Joe Biden even called Barr a ‘heck of an honourable fellow.”

“Agudath Israel of America congratulates President Trump and Agudath Israel’s executive director, Rabbi Yehuda Ceitlin, for their efforts to support the American Jewish community and to prevent anti-Semitism and hatred from spreading,“ the statement continued.

Although he is likely to be grilled by the Judiciary Committee about his remarks on Special Counsel Robert Mueller’s probe of possible collusion between the Trump campaign and Russia in 2016, Barr is expected to be confirmed with bipartisan support.

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Hebrew Lives


Shapira’s book is a comprehensive examination of the life and work of the late David Ben-Gurion, the first prime minister of Israel. Shapira’s research is based on extensive interviews with Ben-Gurion’s family and friends, as well as on previously unpublished documents.

Shapira’s book is a testament to the resilience and courage of the Israeli people and to their determination to build a better future for themselves and their descendants.

The book is available at most bookstores or online.

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