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White House 'Deeply Disappointed' by Palestinian Pivot Toward Russia



Russian President Vladimir Putin meets with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. Credit: Kremlin.ru

(JNS) – The U.S. administration has criticized Palestinian Authority chief Mahmoud Abbas for seeking to involve Russia in the peace process with Israel,

Axios reported last Saturday.

Last Thursday, Abbas told Russian President Vladmir Putin during a meeting on the sidelines of a summit in Kazakhstan that the Palestinian Authority does not trust the Biden administration. "We don't rely on it and under no circumstances can we accept that America is the sole party in resolving a problem," he said, according to the report.

In contrast, Abbas said that Ramallah was "happy and satisfied" with Moscow's support.

"Russia stands by justice and international law and that is enough for us," he said.

A National Security Council spokesperson told *Axios* in response that "we were deeply disappointed to hear... Abbas's remarks to President Putin. Russia does not stand for justice and international law, as evidenced by the latest vote at the UN General Assembly."

The UNGA last week passed a resolution condemning Moscow's annexation of Ukrainian territory amid the ongoing Russian-initiated war.

Putin is a "far cry" from being a constructive international partner capable

of acting as a mediator in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the spokesperson said.

"President Biden, in contrast, has demonstrated U.S. commitment for decades to seeking creative solutions and working toward the lasting peace needed to advance stability and prosperity throughout the Middle East," the spokesperson added.

Since taking office in January 2021, U.S. President Joe Biden reinstated approximately half a billion dollars in aid to the Palestinians that was cut during the Trump administration. Two weeks ago, Abbas's possible successor, Hussein al-Sheikh, was hosted at the White House by National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan.

It was the first official visit by a Palestinian to Washington since December 2017, when Abbas imposed a boycott on the Trump administration after the then-president recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital. **HW**

IDF Nabs PIJ Terrorist in Jenin Raid, Kills Two Gunmen



IDF soldiers in the Jenin refugee camp during "Operation Defensive Shield," April 9, 2002. Credit: IDF Spokesperson's Office.

(JNS) – The Israel Defense Forces together with the Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) carried out a raid in the Jenin refugee camp last Saturday and arrested wanted Palestinian Islamic Jihad operative Saleh Samir Abu Zina, 25, on suspicion of involvement in recent terrorist activity.

During the operation, Palestinians fired live ammunition at the soldiers while others threw explosive devices and Molotov cocktails at them. The IDF returned fire and identified hits.

Two Palestinian gunmen were killed in the exchanges of fire.

Abu Zina has been convicted twice for involvement in terrorist activities and was released from prison in 2020.

"Since his release, Saleh has been ... planning and carrying out shooting attacks towards IDF soldiers in the area," the IDF said.

Unusually, the IDF provided air cover for the operation, including armed

drones and Apache combat helicopters. The aircraft did not provide firepower as it was not needed, the army said.

Last Friday, two Palestinian youths were killed in separate clashes with the IDF in Samaria, the Palestinian Authority's Health Ministry said.

The IDF said soldiers were conducting operational activity near Qalqilya when they identified a terrorist throwing Molotov cocktails at them. Soldiers shot the attacker.

Hours later, a Palestinian was killed in clashes with the IDF north of Ramallah. The army said that a violent disturbance occurred in the area, in which dozens of Palestinians threw rocks at the Israeli community of Harasha, as well as at Border Police and IDF personnel.

Palestinian sources said the IDF used live fire during clashes in the area, which began, they said, after Palestinians pushed back a group of Israelis that tried to attack a local village. **HW**

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Leia Brode Sherman

Leia Brode Sherman will become a bat mitzvah on Saturday Oct. 29, 2022, at Temple Israel in Memphis, Tenn. She is the daughter of Laura and Jack Sherman.

Leia is in the 7th grade at Hutchison

School a straight A student and enjoys

School, a straight-A student and enjoys many activities and loves sports. She is on the Hutchison Tennis Team, involved with Lacrosse, volleyball and basketball. Leia attends Temple Israel Sunday School and is active in Temple junior Youth Group (JYG).

Her mitzvah project is fundraising for Jacobs Camp in Utica, Miss. Leia has attended for five summers and has made numerous friends from many cities.

Leia is a sixth-generation Memphian, sixth-generation Temple Israel member and a multi-generation Life Member of Hadassah.

Leia is the granddaughter of Freda Brode, David Weinstein of Memphis and the late Marvin Brode, and Janice and Paul Sherman of Tampa, Fla. **HW**

Elie Wiesel Foundation Launches Its New Approach for Advancing Human Rights

NEW YORK – The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity (EWF) is launching a new impact-driven philanthropic strategy to advance human rights around the world.

The Foundation, led by Elisha and Marion Wiesel, will adopt a hybrid approach that will not only grant funds but also work with organizations directly as partners, offering access to innovative thinking partners and acting as an emblematic megaphone to champion their cause.

The Foundation's recalibrated grant-making program will seek to fund organizations that embody Nobel Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel's legacy as an educator and activist. Grants to educators will support moral educational programs inspired by Jewish values. The Foundation is seeking to support programs and projects that foster dialogue, especially in engaging ways.

Activist grants, meanwhile, will focus on programs that restore the rights and dignity of the Uyghur population, in keeping with Elie Wiesel's belief that "sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitives become irrelevant. Whenever men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must – at that moment – become the center of the universe."

The Foundation will be awarding one or more grants in each portfolio for its 2022 cycle, ranging in size from

\$50,000 to \$200,000. Applicants must be financially sound 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations, able to demonstrate realistic plans for carrying out the program or project for which they seek funding. Submissions will be reviewed internally through various stages and finalists will be considered by a group of notable names, passionate about the respective value track. Grant applications are being accepted online through the Foundation's website and are due December 31, 2022.

"The values my father stood for – combatting indifference, educating youth, calling out injustice, and defending human rights – continue to be the moral bedrock of the Elie Wiesel Foundation," said Elisha Wiesel. "We are so excited to announce our new grantmaking program to provide nonprofits that embody those values with the resources to achieve lasting impactful change."

"Elie Wiesel was my dear friend and trusted partner in the fight for human rights around the world. I think it is very appropriate that his Foundation put the fate of the Uyghur people as one of its main priorities and will be focused on delivering resources and moral support to those advocating for the Uyghurs," said human rights activist and EWF Advisory Board member Natan Sharanksy. "The free world cannot stay silent about China's horrific persecution of its Uyghur minority. I know firsthand the power of outside support to those standing bravely against totalitarian regimes. That is why I am glad to serve as an Ad-

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Weekly Torah Portion: Noach

visory Board member at the Elie Wiesel Foundation, dealing with this issue."

Advisory Board on Uyghur Crisis to Include:

Natan Sharansky is a human rights activist and author who spent nine years in Soviet prisons as a refusenik during the 1970s and 1980s. From 1996-2005 Sharansky served as Minister as well as Deputy Prime Minister, in four successive Israeli governments. Sharansky served as Chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel from 2009-2018. He was

awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 1986 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006.

Mark Hetfield is the president and CEO of HIAS, the oldest resettlement organization in the world.

Gulhumar Haitiwaji is the daughter of a Uyghur woman who survived a Chinese re-education camp.

Advisory Board on Moral Education to Include:

Mayim Bialik is a neuroscientist, an actress, a podcast host, an author, and an outspoken activist for mental health and Jewish causes.

Dr. Mehnaz Afridi is a Professor of Religious studies and the Director of the Holocaust, Genocide, and Interfaith Education Center at Manhattan College.

Sarah Idan holds the title of 2017-2018 Miss Iraq and is the founding CEO of Humanity Forward, a multi-dimensional organization that promotes education and peace.

The Elie Wiesel Foundation was established after Elie was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. Under the direction of Elie and his wife, Marion, the Foundation developed, implemented and funded several critical humanitarian programs in Israel, including the Beit Tzipora Centers and the Darfurian Refugee Program.

This new direction will allow the Foundation to widen its scope through meaningful, action-driven partnerships. **HW**



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Monday, October 31

Speaker: Rabbi Joel Finklestein

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ordinator, at 901-259-9220. 259-9220. HW

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U.S.: Iran's Sale of Suicide **Drones to Russia Violates UN** Resolution



A picture of what Ukrainian military authorities have described as an Iranian-made Shahed-136 suicide drone shot down near the town of Kupiansk, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, released by the Ukrainian military on Sept. 13, 2022. Credit: Ukrainian Armed Forces.

(JNS) - The United States last Monday backed statements by France and Britain to the effect that Iran's sale of so-called "suicide drones" to Russia for use against Ukraine violated a binding United Nations Security Council Reso-

According to Ukraine, Iranian-made Shahed-136 drones have been used by Russia to assault its cities and energy infrastructure in recent days in waves of deadly strikes. The U.S. has described Russia's actions as war crimes.

During a press briefing last Monday, State Department spokesperson Vedant Patel said, "It is our belief that these UAVs that were transferred from Iran to Russia and used by Russia in Ukraine are among the weapons that would remain embargoed under [United Nations

Resolution] 2231."

Iran has denied sending the UAVs to Russia, but Patel said that the United States "exposed publicly that Russia has received drones from Iran, that this was part of Russia's plan to import hundreds of Iranian UAVs of various types," adding that there is "extensive proof" of their use in Ukraine.

In addition to sending UAVs to Russia, Iran also intends to send its Fateh-110 and Zolfaghar ballistic missiles, The Washington Post said last Sunday, citing American and allied defense officials.

Iranian-backed terror organization Hezbollah in Lebanon is believed to possess Fateh-110 missiles, which have long enough range to threaten most of Israel.

Tal Inbar, a leading Israeli missile and space expert, tweeted last Monday that Iran's missile production rate and arsenal is larger than that of Russia. He added that Russia could pay Iran for the weapons with hard currency or through the transfer of military technology to Tehran, noting that this would ease the pressure on Iran of international sanctions. The Iranians will also receive operational data from the usage of their weapons in Ukraine, he added.

Separately, a report by the Ukrainian Resistance Center claimed that Russia has brought Iranian personnel linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps to eastern Ukraine in order to train Russian forces on how to operate the Iranian-made Shahed-136 UAVs.

According to the Ukrainian Resistance Center, which operates under the Special Operations Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, Russian forces "brought an unspecified number of Iranian instructors" to a town in annexed Crimea, and to Zaliznyi Port to the Kherson region, southern Ukraine, for training. **HW**

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CORRECTION

We are very sorry to have misspelled in the Rosh Hashanah Greetings on September 29 2022, the names of Delores and Arnold Engelberg. **HW**

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Local Nablus Terror Group 'Going on the Offensive' as its Online Presence Gains Influence



Palestinians clash with Israeli security forces at the Hawara checkpoint, south of Nablus, Oct. 14, 2022. Credit: Nasser Ishtayeh/Flash90

By Yaakov Lappin

(JNS) – The Lions' Den terror group, recently formed in Nablus, comprises dozens of gunmen and is not very well organized. Nevertheless, the group's activities serve the purposes of established terror factions like Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, which are amplifying its influence, according to a senior Israeli terrorism expert.

The group has also been punching above its weight in terms of influence on the Palestinian street due to its shrewd use of social media, according to Dr Michael Barak, a senior researcher specializing in terrorism and radical Islamic networks at the Institute for Counter-Terrorism at Reichman University, Herzliya.

The group is heavily reliant on a variety of social media platforms, among them Telegram, said Barak.

"Social media plays an important role in boosting [the terrorists'] morale. They boast that they are successful in 'blocking' the IDF, and that they are shooting Israeli soldiers. They are fueled by social media," said Barak. "They make a lot of mention of 'sacrifice' – that their generation sacrifices so

that the next Palestinian generation will reap the rewards."

While Barak doubts that the organization will physically spread in any significant manner, he said that it has begun shifting from "defensive" operations – targeting Israel Defense Forces units conducting security operations in Samaria, commonly known as the northern West Bank – to targeting Israeli civilian and military traffic on area roads.

According to Barak, Lions' Den is a grassroots organization that cuts across ideological and political lines. "It does not have a philosophy or an umbrella organization that guides these young people. It's a spontaneous, unplanned protest movement," he said.

Palestinian media dates the group's foundation to the killing in 2022 by Israeli forces of three Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade terrorists, said Barak.

A friend of the late gunmen, Muhammad al-Azizi, fed up with what he perceived as the impotence of the Palestinian Authority and other Palestinian leaders to solve political and economic problems, set up the movement in July of that year. On July 24, al-Azizi was killed during a firefight with the Israeli military.

"This invigorated young people in Nablus even more. They decided to expand their activities in Nablus," said Barak.

According to Barak, the emergence of this new terrorist entity is part of a larger trend of inter-generational Palestinian conflict in the West Bank. In Samaria, he said, there is a vacuum of authority. In addition, the young generation places a high stress on notions of national honor. "As a result, their battle cry is 'defending our honor against the Zionists. We will do it if none of the older adults can do it," he said.

"Because they are dissatisfied with politics, they claim they have no ties to anyone. They talk about defending the holy sites of Islam and their morale goes up. They deal in false charges about Israeli plots against the Al-Aqsa Mosque," he added.

While the group itself is limited in terms of capabilities, it could in theory produce a snowball effect, spreading its message of violence, Barak warned.

Hamas, for its part, is riding on the bandwagon, using Lions' Den as proof that its "resistance" ethos is taking root, and implying that the group is essentially acting on Hamas orders, he said.

However, he added, Hamas's participation is unlikely to go further, as the Gaza terror group is currently enjoying economic "bonuses" promised to it by Egypt and the international community for maintaining the truce. Though if the trend of violence continues, some of Hamas's Gaza leadership could be tempted to join in, he admitted.

"One of the reasons we are seeing a weak Palestinian leadership in the West Bank is that the Palestinian Authority is constantly in a power struggle. Members of Fatah are attempting to strengthen the [various potential] candidates to

succeed P.A. leader Mahmoud Abbas, and some of these candidates, like Jibril Rajoub [secretary-general of Fatah's Central Committee] have their own militias," said Barak.

Facing off against Rajoub are frontline candidates for succession like Hussein al-Sheikh [appointed in May by Abbas as secretary-general of the PLO Executive Committee]. Al-Sheikh also has a militia. Abbas has marked him out as his chosen successor, creating tensions in Fatah.

"They are all preparing for the day after Abbas leaves the political scene," said Barak, adding that in the meantime, the P.A.'s authority on the ground is suffering.

"The public and youth see this; there is no legitimacy for the P.A. because of these power struggles. The P.A. is viewed as uncaring and corrupt. The youth are sick of it. They're also furious that the P.A. allows the IDF to enter Palestinian cities with such ease," he said. "The youth argue that they must put an end to this, and that's how Lion's Den was formed."

Further encouraged by internal divisions in Israel, the latest terror group argues that Israel is not as powerful as it would like to be.

Barak noted that while it is the Palestinian Islamic Jihad that has been most prominent in rhetorical support for Lion's Den, "Worryingly, there is growing activity among the Fatah Al-Aqsa Brigades, indicating some support for Lion's Den," he said, referring to militias affiliated with Fatah also known as the Tanzim.

If the current situation persists, Barak said, one scenario is that the P.A. implodes and Hamas rears its head in the West Bank.

"We can clearly see how support for Lion's Den is helping Hamas's quest to grow in power in Judea and Samaria," said Barak. **HW**

Shooter at Bratislava LGBTQ Bar Called in Manifesto for Murder of All Jews

By Philissa Cramer

(JTA) – The man who opened fire outside of an LGBTQ bar in Slovakia last Wednesday was animated by the same ideas, including antisemitic beliefs, that have spurred multiple mass murderers in recent years.

The shooter, who killed two people and injured a third outside the Tepláreň bar in Bratislava, the country's capital, was a "radicalized teenager," according to the Slovakian president. He released a manifesto prior to the shooting and also outlined his beliefs on Twitter, where extremism watchdogs said he had been active for more than a year.

The shooter's track record on Twitter

"raises questions about the effectiveness of Twitter's content moderation and the platform's role in spreading white supremacist content," the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism wrote in an analysis published last Friday of the shooter's manifesto and online profile. The analysis noted that the shooter, who was found dead last Thursday, had tweeted both about his plan to carry out an attack and to brag about having done so.

In the manifesto, the ADL said, the shooter expressed hatred for LGBTQ individuals, saying that they "groom" children, and support for "great replacement theory," the idea that Jews are orchestrating a campaign to "replace" white people with people of color. He also used multiple phrases coined by neo-Nazi groups and called for the genocide of Jews, according to the ADL's analysis.

The manifesto and its contents add the Bratislava shooting to a growing list of attacks that follow a similar playbook. Replacement theory has inspired multiple antisemitic and extremist attacks, including the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue shooting in which 11 Jews were murdered; the 2019 attack on a New Zealand mosque that killed 51; the 2019 massacre at a Texas Wal-Mart that targeted Hispanic immigrants; and the murder earlier this year of 11 Black shoppers in a Buffalo, New York, grocery store.

"The Bratislava shooter's writings demonstrate how well versed he was with American white supremacists," tweeted Oren Segal, director of the ADL's Center on Extremism. "White supremacy is a global terrorist threat."

The attack has prompted recriminations and protests in Slovakia, where shootings are rare and murders hover around 60 per year, in a population of nearly 5.5 million. Thousands of people joined a rally in Bratislava's picturesque old city to show support for LGBTQ Slovakians last Friday.

"We politicians are responsible for every single word we say. Yet so many here ruthlessly fill the space with hate," wrote Slovakian President Zuzana Caputova on Facebook. "It makes me angry that even some prosecutors and judges don't value verbal crimes and find them dangerous. I have been saying for three years and I warn you that it does not have to end in just words."

"I strongly condemn a murder of two young people shot dead in Bratislava last night by a radicalized teenager," tweeted Prime Minister Eduard Heger. "No form of white supremacy, racism and extremism against communities, incl. LGBTI, can be tolerated."

Slovak media said the killer was the 19-year-old son of a one-time political candidate from the far-right anti-immigrant Homeland party and said police were investigating whether the gun had come from his father. The shooter communicated online on Twitter and 4chan, a message board frequented by extremists, after the incident, according to local media reports.

There, the ADL says, he appears to have found a warm reception.

"Already, violent extremists have begun lauding the Bratislava shooter as a 'saint,' equating him to earlier white supremacist terrorists — the very ones that he had admired," the group wrote in its analysis. **HW**

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Members of Congress Urge State Department to Act More Quickly on Internal Anti-Semitic Incidents

(JNS) – A bipartisan group of members of the U.S. House of Representatives sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken this week urging for an update on the investigations of internal incidents of anti-Semitism in the department.

The letter was led by Reps. Grace Meng (D-N.Y.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Kathy Manning (D-N.C.), Randy Walker (R-Texas), Marc Veasey (D-Texas), Kay Granger (R-Texas), Ted Lieu (D-Calif.) and Chris Smith (R-N.J.), who are all co-chairs of the House Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism.

The letter, which was signed by 75 members of Congress, reminded Blinken of the multiple acts of anti-Semitism that have occurred in the past 21 months within the State Department and its foreign posts, and despite the launching of an investigation of the incidents, there has been no news of progress or putative action.

The first incident referred to in the letter was brought to light in February 2021, when it was discovered that U.S. Foreign Service Officer Fritz Berggren was running an anti-Semitic website that had called for the establishment of a Christian nation-state for years.

Despite this revelation, Berggren is still employed with the department.

In July of the same year, a swastika was found cut into the wood paneling of one of the elevators of the Harry S. Truman Building in Washington D.C. The elevator was near the office of the special envoy for monitoring and combating Anti-Semitism.

That month more than 70 State Department employees sent a letter to Blinken expressing their concerns and feelings of insecurity over Berggren's continued employment with the department.

"Despite these pleas from your employees, and his outrageous anti-Semitism and bigotry, Mr. Berggren remains employed by the State Department. This is beyond alarming," the task force members wrote.

The elevator incident caused swift condemnation from Blinken, who is Jewish, and the opening of an investigation into the act. But nothing of the investigation has so far been publicly released more than a year later.

Yet another anti-Semitic incident occurred earlier [this] year when a swastika was found painted on a window shade inside a secure area of the U.S. Embassy in Bulgaria.

"We appreciate the steps taken immediately by you and President Biden following these incidents to make clear that anti-Semitism has no place in the State Department, in the Biden Administration, or anywhere in the world," the letter's authors wrote. "However, more can and must be done to protect the Jewish community, and other religious minorities, at the State Department."

Meng, who is the vice chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations, was able to include language in the Fiscal Year 2023 House State and Foreign Operations report requiring the State Department to report to Congress on the status of the investigation into these incidents and include recommendations of how the department can improve such issues among its staff.

But the letter states that this issue is too urgent to wait for the appropriations process to finish and asked for immediate action.

"As a co-chair of the Bipartisan Task Force for Combating Anti-Semitism, I strongly condemn the various antisemitic incidents that occurred at the State Department's headquarters," Fitzpatrick said in a statement. "We must know what steps are being taken to address these occurrences to ensure that future acts of hatred do not happen again." HW

Mobileye Settles on \$16 billion IPO Valuation



Intel SVP and Mobileye President and CEO Amnon Shashua. Credit: EPO.

(JNS) – Jerusalem-based Mobileye's initial public offering (IPO) will be the largest on Wall Street this year, but it will fall far short of the \$50 billion valuation the Intel subsidiary had hoped for

before the tech rout earlier this year.

It is now set for an IPO valuing the firm's total value at around \$16 billion and for fewer shares than initially planned.

The driving technologies company is offering 41 million shares of common stock priced between \$18 and \$20 per share, aiming to raise up to \$820 million.

Intel acquired the Israeli company in 2017 for \$15.3 billion.

While most companies scheduled for 2022 IPOs delayed their public offerings until next year, Mobileye is one of the most notable exceptions.

Intel will keep significant ownership in Mobileye. **HW**



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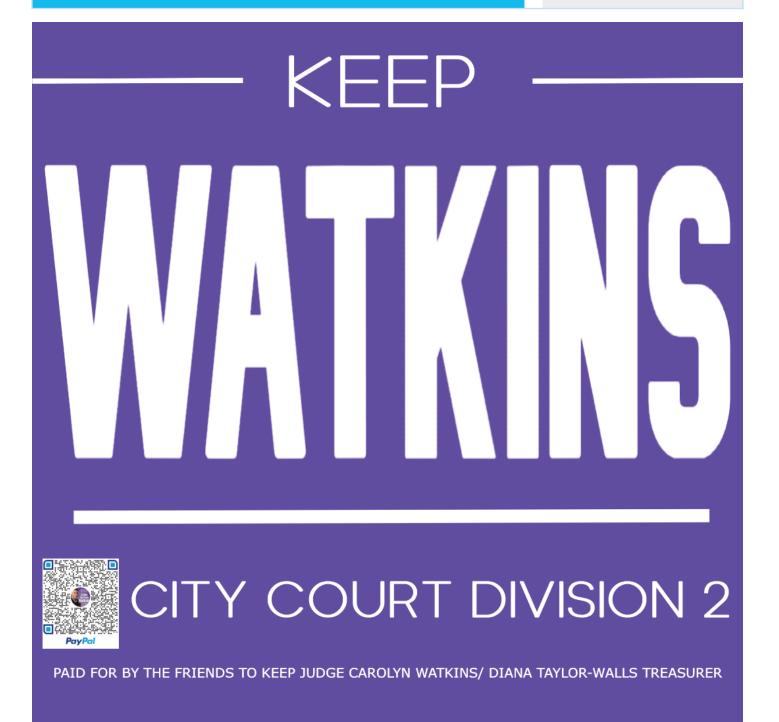
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The New Chuck Schumer on 'Saturday Night Live' is Jewish Cast Member Sarah Sherman



Sarah Sherman, left, plays Chuck Schumer and Chloe Fineman plays Nancy Pelosi in the "SNL" cold open, Oct. 15, 2022. Credit: NBC Universal, via YouTube

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

(New York Jewish Week) – "Saturday Night Live" has a new Chuck Schumer: cast member and Jewish comedian Sarah Sherman.

The native of a "really Jewish Long Island" played the New York Democrat and Senate majority leader in last week's cold open of the show. A parody of last week's Jan. 6 hearings, the skit featured

Sherman and another Jewish cast member, Chloe Fineman, who played Nancy Pelosi. The two reenact previously unseen footage shown in the hearing, in which a frantic Pelosi is seen calling for more help to be sent to the U.S. Capitol as rioters gather outside.

In the "SNL" version, however, Sherman – sporting Schumer's signature

reading glasses and towering hairline – seems more concerned with lunch. "Yes, we still haven't received any of our lunch orders!" Sherman brays into the phone. "And yes, I did change the drop-off location, due to some unfortunate treason, but it should have arrived by now."

Later, after "Pelosi" threatens to punch President Trump in the face, "Schumer" adds, "Let me tell you, if Trump comes, I'm going to let him punch *me* in the face. I'll go to the hospital. Free soup!"

Former cast member Alex Moffat had previously portrayed Schumer.

It's hardly the first time that the show has cast a woman as a male politician: Former cast member Kate McKinnon did a memorable Rudolph Giuliani, and former guest host Melissa McCarthy played one-time Trump spokesman Sean Spicer to such devastating effect that it reportedly riled his boss.

Comedy fans seemed to enjoy Sherman's take on the Brooklyn-born Schumer.

Sherman, a graduate of Great Neck South High School, joined the "SNL" cast last year, after coming to notice as a stand-up who performed as "Sarah Squirm." She's also dipped her toe into politics, having campaigned for presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders in 2020. HW

Eight Palestinians Arrested

(JNS) – Eight Palestinians were arrested last Tuesday morning on suspicion of aiding the gunman who killed an IDF soldier and wounded a security guard at the Shuafat crossing in Jerusalem on Oct. 8, according to an Israel Police statement.

Sgt. Noa Lazar, a member of the IDF Military Police's Erez battalion, was shot on Oct. 8 by Uday Tamimi, 22, and later died in hospital of her wounds.

The suspects apprehended last Tuesday are all residents of the Shuafat and the nearby town of Anata, and are relatives and acquaintances of Tamimi, according to police. Weapons and military combat vests were also seized, according to the statement.

Palestinians hurled firebombs and rocks at Israeli security forces during the arrest raids, police said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Meanwhile, doctors at Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem continue to treat David Morel, 30, who was shot in the head in the Oct. 8 attack.

He was in serious and unstable condition after reportedly being put in a medically induced coma.

Last Tuesday, IDF soldier Staff Sgt. Ido Baruch was killed in a terrorist attack near the community of Shavei Shomron in Samaria. **HW**



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ZOA to Honor Trump, Calling Him 'Best Friend Israel Ever had in the White House'



U.S. President Donald Trump visits the Western Wall in Jerusalem, May 22, 2017. Credit: GOP

(JNS) - The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) last Friday announced that it will honor former President Donald Trump with its Theodor Herzl Medallion.

Trump will receive the honor, which ZOA said it "rarely gives," at the organization's national award dinner in New York City on Nov. 13.

ZOA stated in an email that it is honoring Trump "for being the best friend Israel ever had in the White House." It listed a number of items in the context of Trump's pro-Israel and pro-Jewish record, including brokering the Abraham Accords, relocating the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, an executive order strengthening Title VI of the Civil Rights Act to protect Jewish students, recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, pulling the U.S. out of the Iran deal, halting U.S. funding of the Palestinian Authority and UNR-WA, recognizing the legality of Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria, becoming the first U.S. president to pray at the Western Wall, and more.

At the same event, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) will receive ZOA's Dr. Miriam and Sheldon G. Adelson Defender of Israel Award. Miriam Adelson will present both Trump and McCarthy's the awards. HW





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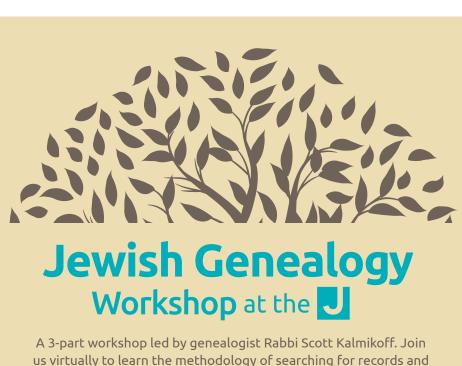


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When thinking about life insurance, you might focus on the death benefit that can be used for income replacement, business continuation, and estate preservation. But life insurance policies may include other provisions that allow you to access some or all of the death benefit while you are living. These features are often referred to as living benefits, which are usually offered as optional add-ons called riders.

Some living benefit riders are added to a life insurance policy at no additional cost. Other riders are optional and come with an added cost to your basic policy premium. Living benefits vary depending on the type of life insurance and the company issuing the policy. Generally, living benefits are available to the policy owner, but using your living benefits will reduce the life insurance death benefit available for policy beneficiaries.

However, most riders let you take a portion of the total amount available – you don't have to take the full amount, so you can preserve a portion of the death benefit for your life insurance beneficiaries. Generally, living benefits are received free of income tax. Here are some common living benefits.

Accelerated Death Benefit for Terminal Illness

An accelerated benefit rider for terminal illness allows you to access a portion or all of the death benefit if you are diagnosed with a terminal illness or medical condition with a life expectancy of 6 to 24 months, depending on specific policy provisions. Most accelerated death benefit riders do not restrict how you use the money from the death benefit – the money can be used to help pay medical bills or other expenses arising from your illness. Or the money can be used to pay for funeral expenses. **Potential Drawbacks to Living Benefits**

- Eligibility: To qualify, you must meet policy requirements.
- Rider fees: Many living benefit riders charge a fee in addition to your premium.
- Limit on benefit amount: What you can receive may be limited to a maximum dollar amount or percentage of the death benefit.
- Reduction in death benefit: Living benefit amounts received reduce the death benefit.

Chronic Illness Rider

A chronic illness rider allows you to use a portion of the death benefit if you become chronically ill and cannot perform at least two of six activities of daily living (ADLs). These ADLs include bathing, continence, dressing, toileting, eating, and transferring. You may file a claim using this rider to receive a portion or possibly all of the death benefit. Usually, the insurance company will want to evaluate your claim and may require that you be examined by a medical professional chosen by the insurer. Often there are no restrictions on how you use the proceeds.

Critical Illness Rider

Similar to the chronic illness rider, the critical illness rider allows you to receive some or all of the death benefit if you are diagnosed with an illness or medical condition specified in the policy. Common critical illnesses include heart attack, stroke, cancer, end-stage renal failure, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), major organ transplant, blindness, or paralysis. With some critical illness riders, the percentage of death benefit available to you is based on the type of illness you have.

Long-Term Care Rider

A long-term care rider can be added to a life insurance policy, generally for an additional cost, to help cover qualifying long-term care expenses. As with the chronic illness rider, you must be unable to perform at least two of six ADLs to claim a benefit. Unlike the chronic illness rider, the long-term care rider usually pays a portion of the death benefit on a periodic basis, commonly monthly. Some riders have a waiting period during which you must incur long-term care expenses before you can receive any proceeds. Other riders may only require that you cannot perform at least two of six ADLs, after which you

receive periodic payments to use any way you wish.

The cost and availability of life insurance depend on factors such as age, health, and the type and amount of insurance purchased. Before implementing a strategy involving life insurance, it would be prudent to make sure that you are insurable. An individual should have a need for life insurance and evaluate the policy on its merits as life insurance. Optional benefit riders are available for an additional fee and are subject to contractual terms, conditions, and limitations as outlined in the policy and may not benefit all investors. Any payments used for covered long-term care expenses would reduce (and are limited to) the death benefit or annuity value and can be much less than those of a traditional long-term care policy. Policy guarantees are contingent on the financial strength and claims-paying ability of the insurance provider.

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Ukraine to Formally Ask Israel for Air Defense Systems



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy addresses the Knesset via Zoom, March 20, 2022. Credit: Courtesy of president.gov.ua.

(JNS) – Ukraine will formally ask Israel to supply it with air defense systems as Kyiv's top diplomat called on his government to cut ties with Iran over its supply of weapons to Russia.

The request will be made to Jerusalem amid ongoing Russian aerial bombardments in Ukraine and revelations that Tehran is providing Moscow with suicide drones and other arms, Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kulebay told a news conference last Tuesday.

The Islamic Republic has also promised to provide Russia with surface-to-surface missiles, Reuters reported last Tuesday.

Israel has shied away from arming Ukraine over fears of upsetting Russia, the leading player in Syria, where the IDF has in recent years conducted hundreds of strikes aimed at curbing Iran's military entrenchment and the transfer of weaponry to Hezbollah there and in Lebanon.

The United States last Monday backed statements by France and Britain to the effect that Iran's sale of socalled suicide drones to Russia for use against Ukraine violated a binding United Nations Security Council Resolution.

According to Ukraine, Iranian-made Shahed-136 drones have been used by Russia to assault its cities and energy infrastructure in waves of deadly strikes in recent days. The U.S. has described Russia's actions as war crimes.

Iran intends to send its Fateh-110 and Zolfaghar ballistic missiles as well, *The Washington Post* said last Sunday, citing American and allied defense officials.

A report last week by the Ukrainian Resistance Center claimed that Russia has brought Iranian personnel linked to the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps to eastern Ukraine to train Russian forces on how to operate the Iranian-made Shahed-136 UAVs. HW

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Cora Wilburn, an Early American Jewish Novelist, Gets a Bridge Named for Her in Her Mass. Town



Duxbury has dedicated the Cora Wilburn Bridge in the writer's honor.

Credit: Courtesy of Josh Cutler

By Penny Schwartz

BOSTON (JTA) – A Massachusetts town at the center of a high school antisemitism scandal last year has just renamed a bridge in honor of a pioneering but little-known Jewish woman writer who lived there during the 19th century.

Cora Wilburn, whose autobiographical novel "Cosella Wayne" is likely the first novel published in English by a Jewish woman in America, settled in Duxbury, south of Boston, as an adult and lived there under her death at age 82 in 1906.

Now, 116 years later, the town of Duxbury has dedicated the Cora Wilburn Bridge in her honor, renaming "Bridge D-14-009(49Q)" in tribute to the trailblazing resident whose novel and widely published poetry and essays left a mark in religious circles across the country from Spiritualism to Judaism.

"Cosella Wayne" was republished recently alongside a scholarly essay about her by Jonathan Sarna, a Brandeis University professor of history who was present at the dedication ceremony last Wednesday. He said a bridge was an appropriate tribute to Wayne, who was known for making relationships with people different from herself.

"How very fitting that we now remember this bridge builder with this bridge," Sarna told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Duxbury is where a high school football team was revealed last year to have used the terms "Auschwitz" and "rabbi" as football calls. The coach was fired and the town commissioned an investigation that found evidence of longstanding antisemitism in the team culture.

Last fall, as the town reeled from the revelations, Josh Cutler, a Duxbury native who represents parts of the town in the Massachusetts legislature, approached the local historical society with an idea to identify and recognize influential past residents who were not widely known or were from populations traditionally underrepresented in historical stories. This year, he filed legislation to recognize Wilburn, and Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker signed off in August, giving her name to a previously anonymous bridge at a highway interchange between two bogs.

Cutler said he was drawn to Wilburn because she was a "staunch advocate for social justice who gave a voice to the impoverished."

Wilburn was born Henrietta Pulfermacher in 1824 in Alsace, France, in a Jewish family whose father was a dishonest gem merchant, an alcoholic who was known to be abusive. Always on the run from creditors and the law, he

dragged his family, including his daughter, to far-flung locales across the globe.

At age 24, after her father's death, the penniless Henrietta emigrated on her own from Venezuela to the United States where she first worked in Philadelphia as a low-paid house seamstress, often for well-off Jewish families. A few years later, she embraced a literary life and began writing and took the name Cora Wilburn.

Her autobiographical novel revealed the darker side of Jewish life, exposing poverty and domestic abuse and class divides that contrasted starkly with the images portrayed in Jewish literature of the time. She also wrote on women's rights and spiritual exploration.

Drawn for many years to Spiritualism, a religious movement popular during the Civil War, Wilburn later publicly reaffirmed her Jewish faith, comfortable with the liberal tenets of Reform Judaism. She wrote poetry and essays for several Jewish publications.

Wilburn's fierce passion for equality crossed race and religion, according to Sarna, who read at the bridge-naming ceremony from a letter Wilburn wrote just three years before she died, to Lilly Harris, a 19-year-old Black woman who had lived near her in Duxbury. Harris worked as a servant for a local family.

"Notwithstanding the 60 years that divided them, and their manifest differences in religion and race, Cora Wilburn addressed Lilly Harris as an equal," said Sarna.

A second bridge, the Lewis Sisters Bridge, was dedicated last Wednesday in honor of Ella Lewis Woodbury, Lillian Mae Lewis Hayes, and Beulah Lewis Fogg, three Black women who, in the 1930s, established and ran a residential camp in Duxbury for Boston's Black youth. The expanded camp later attracted vacationing Black Americans from across the country.

Speaking at the ceremony, Jeremy Burton, executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston, commended Duxbury's elected and community leaders for their vision in recognizing the diverse parts of their town's history.

"As we celebrate the dedication of the two bridges, we celebrate the commitment to build bridges between communities and toward a better future," said Burton, in remarks he shared in an email. **HW**

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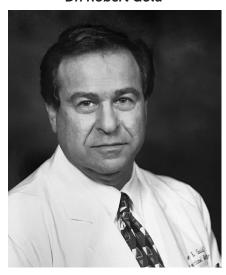
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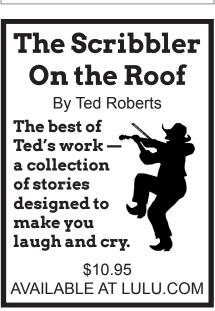


Dr. Robert Gold, medical pioneer, dies at 79.

Dr. Gold, a visionary interventional radiologist and professor, died on October 10, 2022, surrounded by his loving family. Throughout his illustrious career, Dr. Gold served as the chairman of Radiology at the University of Tennessee. Never retiring, he faithfully treated patients at UT Memphis, The Med, Le Bonheur and St Jude for almost 50 years.

Known to his friends as Bob, Dr. Gold grew up in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and was often called a real-life Doogie Howser, graduating from university at the age of 19 and medical school at the age of 23. As a young problem solver, he put himself through medical school by playing poker, chess and pool. He completed his medical training at the University of Michigan as one of the first interventional radiologists in North America. After being heavily recruited by major academic institutions around the country, he and his wife, Rochelle, chose to move to Memphis in 1977. Bob dreamed of combining computer technology and medicine to provide diagnostic services to underserved communities around the Mid-South and the world. UT's agreement to support his vision was a major factor in their decision to move. His vision was realized in the mid-1980s when Bob partnered with Siemens to transmit an X-ray from his East Memphis home to the UT radiol-

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Dr. Gold's main contribution to the medical community of Memphis came in the field of interventional radiology. He performed one of the first cardiac angioplasties in the South, a revolutionary technique at the time. His colleagues referred to him as a cowboy in the burgeoning field of interventional radiology as one of the first physicians to perform these innovative procedures in the brain, liver and kidneys. Later in his career, he used his expertise and technical skill to become a pediatric interventional radiologist at Le Bonheur and St Jude. While an international leader in the field, he was always committed to the Memphis medical community where he taught thousands of students and young doctors while tirelessly recruiting physicians to Memphis from all over the world.

Despite his immeasurable accomplishments, his true legacy was his intellect, passion and keen sense of humor (including his #\$@!% explicatives). He was treasured for his loyalty towards his colleagues, students and above all his family. Bob was devoted to his wife of 56 years, Rochelle. From their first date, tobogganing in Winnipeg, to their last loving embrace, Rochelle and Bob were inseparable, growing and adapting together through the years. He adored and championed his two daughters, Jodi and Stephanie, encouraging them to follow their dreams even if those dreams took them far away to New York City. He loved and welcomed his two sonsin-law, Tom and Mitch, and cherished his six grandchildren: Riley, Jackson, Sophie, Carter, Bailey and Samantha.

Dr. Gold was a true pioneer who will be remembered for his wisdom, humility, loyalty, infectious humor and his unparalleled commitment to his family and his Memphis community.

Dr. Gold's funeral was held on Friday, October 14, 2022, at Temple Israel in Memphis, Tenn. The family encourages donations in his honor to St Jude Children's Research Hospital. **HW**

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Linda Smith Neel



Linda Smith Neel passed away early October 8, 2022, at the age of 70 in Boynton Beach, Fla.

She was born in Memphis, Tenn., to

parents Amelia and Melvin Smith, and sister Debbie Smith. After moving to Denver to pursue college she met Alan Neel. They were married August 16, 1980. They later moved to Boca Raton, Fla., where she graduated with a master's degree in psychology and opened a private practice helping others.

Linda is survived by her husband, Alan, and daughter Melissa Neel.

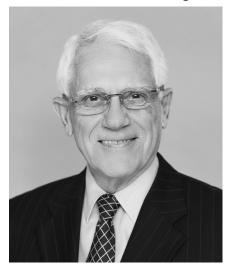
She spent her life caring for others. Linda was a loving wife and devoted friend. She is greatly missed.

The funeral was held Friday, Oct.14, at Temple Israel Cemetery in Memphis.

Donations in honor of her life can be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate HW

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Edward (Eddie) R. Young



Edward (Eddie) R. Young, 81, of Memphis passed away peacefully at home on October 16 after a long illness with his family by his side.

Eddie was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend to many who will miss him dearly. Born in Newark, N.J., on May 28, 1941, to Bertha (Kossovitz) and Harry Young, both immigrants to the United States, they moved to Memphis when Eddie was five, and he set down roots remaining here the rest of his life. He graduated from Central High School in 1959, obtained a B.S. from the University of Memphis in 1963 and his J.D. from the Vanderbilt Law School in 1966.

Eddie began his legal career with Newell Fowler, who was known as one of the first labor relations attorneys in the nation. Over his more than 50-year legal career, Eddie built a nationwide practice devoted to the representation of management in all aspects of labor relations and employment law. He became a legend in the labor relations field first as a co-founder of the prominent Memphis labor firm of Young & Perl, PLC and then as a shareholder in the Memphis office of Baker Donelson. He was previously appointed by both the City of Memphis Mayor and Shelby County Mayor to serve as a special attorney for those bodies handling labor relations matters dealing with the Fire Department, Police and Sheriff's Department and the Hospital Authority and was an Adjunct Professor of Labor Legislation at the University of Memphis. During his distinguished legal career Eddie garnered numerous industry accolades. He was recognized as a leading labor and employment lawyer in Chambers USA, was listed in Best Lawyers in America and was named the Best Lawyers' 2016 Memphis Labor Law - Management "Lawyer of the Year." More importantly, he earned the enduring trust and respect of his clients and colleagues. By most attorneys in his field, as well as his long time clients, he was regarded as hard-working, brilliant, fair and compassionate. To family and friends, he was thought of the same way.

In 1963 Eddie met Linda (Cooper) Young and they wed in 1965 and enjoyed 57 wonderful years of marriage. Theirs was a love for the ages. They had two children, Brad and Julie. They loved spending time with their children, grandchildren and large extended and close-knit family and traveling, their favorite places being Chicago, New York, San Francisco and Venice, Italy. Also, there were numerous visits to Atlanta and Tampa to see their five beloved grandchildren (Blake, Carly, Brandon, Anna and Josh).

Eddie was a lifelong member of Anshe Sphard Beth El Emeth Synagogue and Temple Israel. He was a thoughtful, learned and spiritual man who prayed almost daily at his synagogue. He also served his community with distinction as the president of the Memphis Jewish Federation and served on the board of the Memphis Jewish Community Center. He was also involved in a number of organizations in the Memphis community and previously served on the board of the United Way of Greater Memphis and as president of the Economic Club of Memphis.

In addition to his passion for his work and family, Eddie loved to read and exercise and had a deep thirst for knowledge, whether it be about history, geography or world cultures. He also had a natural affinity to engage with people regardless of whether they were old friends or people he just met.

In addition to his beloved wife, Linda, he is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Sammy (Salky), son and daughter-in-law Brad and Terri, daughter and son-in-law Julie and Todd (Lovinger) and five grandchildren, Blake, Carly and Brandon Lovinger and Josh and Anna Young.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Memphis Jewish Federation, Anshe Sphard Beth El Emeth Synagogue and Temple Israel. **HW**

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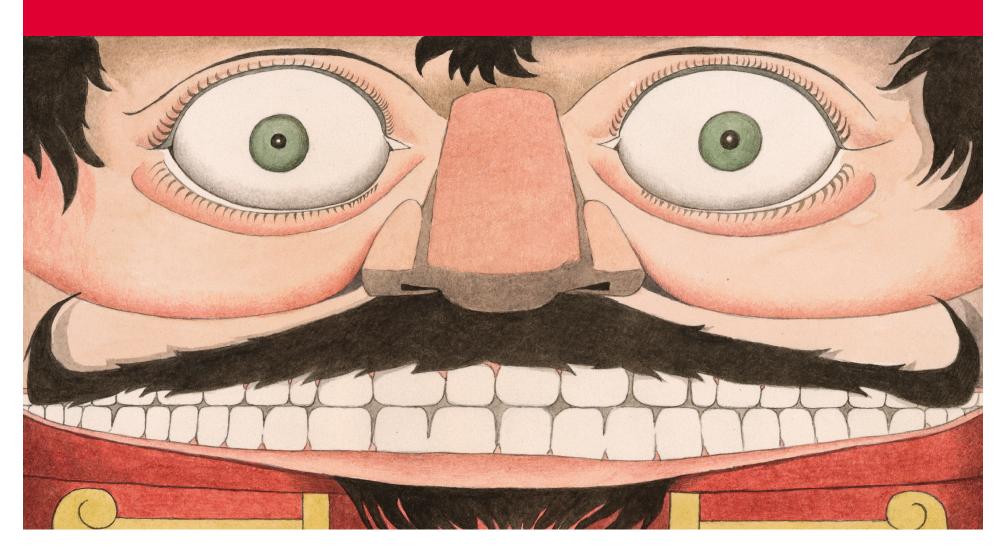
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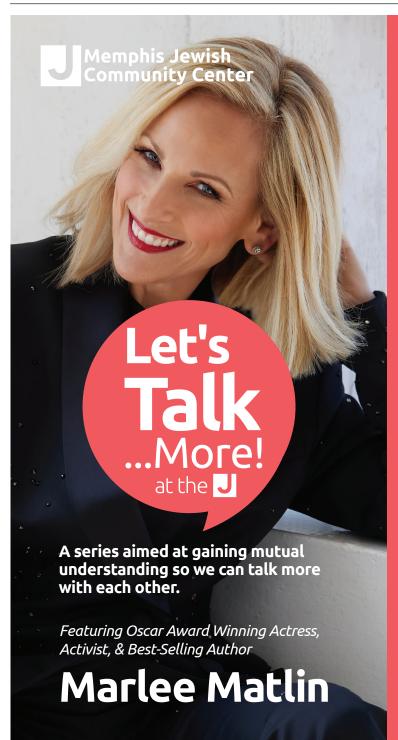
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Marlee Matlin

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