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Memphis Jewish Federation Rolls Out Plans for Israel at 75 Community Celebration – Shuk, Rattle and Roll



Memphis Jewish Federation is delighted to announce *Shuk, Rattle and Roll*, an upcoming event celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel. On May 17, 2023, The Memphis Botanic Garden will be transformed into the sights, sounds, smells, and tastes that have emerged in Israel since it declared its independence in 1948.

Prepare for the smell of spices, shawarma, falafel, and K'Tzitzot bourekas. The ballroom will fill with musicians

playing Israeli favorites followed by a DJ lighting up the room and turning it into a Tel Aviv disco. Adults of all ages will gather once again to celebrate, to dine, and to simply be together in this beautifully renovated setting.

"Celebrating Israel's 75th birthday has been a big part of our year, partnering with agencies on events and activities all across Jewish Memphis," said Laura Linder, President and CEO of Jewish Community Partners. "But this

night is a culmination of it all. It's a way to create an Israeli experience we either know or long to know and bring it right here to Memphis, where we can share in the special feeling together."

Part of Federation's community-wide Memphis Celebrates Israel at 75 campaign, *Shuk, Rattle and Roll* will feature Israeli cuisine inspired by local Israelis, Israeli wine, Israeli music, an Israeli DJ, and a communal celebratory moment.

The gala event begins at 6:30 p.m. on May 17, at Memphis Botanic Garden. Dietary laws will be observed. In keeping with the theme, this 21-and-over event will be \$75 per person, with limited space. Sponsorship opportunities are available, which will include access to a premium Beersheba Bourbon Bar and valet parking.

Expect the evocative smells of Israeli cuisine to greet you as you enter the event. Street vendors will offer Israeli favorites and the sounds of Machane Yehuda Shuk (Market) will fill the air. Together with the scents and flavors of the food, the event will bring the nightlife of Tel Aviv to Memphis for one night only.

The party opens with music by local musician Jason Caplan and his Naqshon's Leap band and later by DJ Julie Fiss a/k/a DJ Jules. The DJ,

who has performed all over the United States, was born and raised in Israel, served in the IDF, and moved to New York when she was 27. To this day, she remains the only Israeli-born female DJ in New York.

"During the next couple of months, Memphis Jewish Federation will continue to highlight features for this evening," said Israel at 75 Coordinator Jeri Moskovitz. "We are excited that Memphians will once again be able to join together and eat, drink and celebrate everything we love about Israel."

"I want to thank my Israel at 75 Committee that has been helping with all the special programs that we have planned this year: Kara Bierman, Julie Boshwit, Michele Buring, Shara Danziger, Cindy Finestone, Margo Gruen, Lauren Hackney, Karen Karmel, Rachel Kester, Susanne Landau, Helen Leitner, Alla Lubin, Shelley Robbins, Jordana Rubin, Stacy Seigler and Kimberlee Strome. And *Todah Rabbah* (Thank You) to our Israeli advisory team – Michal Almalem, Rinat Kremer, Hila Shimony and Reut Vaanunu."

Event registration will be forthcoming. For more information about *Shuk, Rattle and Roll*, please contact Jeri Moskovitz at jmoskovitz@jcpmemphis.org. **HW**

Exodus Across America Project Finds Home in Memphis



Participants gather at the Memphis Jewish Community Center
By Melinda Lejman

The Exodus is one of the most well-known stories of the for Jews and Christians alike. G-d frees the Israelites from Egyptian slavery, and they begin their journey to the Promised Land. A significant part of Jewish identity, the theme is also a powerful metaphor for a city and its pyramid built on a river with its own history of slavery and redemption.

This made Memphis an obvious choice for the Exodus Across America series, a project of the InHEIRitance Project. This national nonprofit

arts organization works with interfaith, intergenerational, and intersectional communities to build relationships across divides through a participatory play-making process.

"Memphis is [a] city named for a city in Egypt and has a pyramid downtown where Dr. [Martin Luther] King quoted Moses the night before his assassination," shared Jon Adam Ross, a native Memphian and co-founder of the nonprofit. "And so, the explicit allusions to Exodus here made it a natural fit for this

series."

The InHEIRitance Project was invited to Memphis by Orpheum Theatre Vice President of Education and Community Engagement Jennifer McGrath. The first step in the process is cultivating relationships with community partners such as churches, synagogues and other institutions.

In Memphis, this list includes Beth Sholom Synagogue, Facing History and Ourselves, Memphis Jewish Community Center, Memphis Jewish Federation, the National Civil Rights Museum, Plough Towers and Temple Israel.

The complete list of community partners includes more than 20 organizations, which resulted in over 800 Memphians participating in the co-creation of the play, "Exodus: Recreation," a play that "explores the city through the lenses of power, justice, hope, and a child's schoolyard game."

The play was held on March 31 and April 1 at Limit Breaker Church on Raines Road and on April 3 at the Hal-loran Centre at the Orpheum Theatre.

Limit Breaker Church is near the intersection where Tyre Nichols was stopped by Memphis Police. Leadership at the church reached out to the InHEIRitance

Project in February because they were interested in cultural programming that could help the community heal after the beating and ultimate death of Nichols.

The final performance was held under the balcony outside of the Lorraine Motel on Tuesday, April 4 on the 55th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassination.

Rhonda Meadows, a member of the writing team, shared her perspective on what made Memphis the perfect place for this project. "A project like this gives Memphis a different voice and allows the expression of people from all different walks of life. It brings people together in a unique and rare way," said Meadows. "There are different races, religions, and backgrounds, and it is a beautiful amalgamation of ideas and struggle. It is an AMAZING experience and I'm proud to be a Memphian who gets to participate."

As Ross shared, the play was directed by Jaylen Livingston who in 2021 became the youngest black director in the history of Broadway. Although the performances are now over, a goal of this project is to keep the conversations going.

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Memphians participate in ongoing conversations

“One hundred percent of box office proceeds go to local artists and arts organizations to continue the civic conversation through their own artistic practice after our work in the community is done,” said Ross. “So, we are really here to leverage our presence to create resources for continued conversation.”

Marcy Stagner, Strategic Partnerships and Opportunities Director at

Church Health, was involved with the project as a community partner. “Working with the InHEIRitance Project has been a dream. Connecting the local community in ways that allow for important conversation has brought so much meaning to this process,” shared Stagner. “This is just the beginning of the conversation, and I can’t wait to continue the work.”

Future cities lined up for projects include Rwanda, Canada, and potentially Highland Park, Illinois, where a mass shooting took place during a Fourth of July Parade.

“We have this hypothesis that art can lower the barrier of entry to relationship, and relationship can lower the barrier of entry to community,” said Ross. “Silos exist, and art can help. And there’s just something exciting about the idea of creating with your neighbor...by inviting people into the artistic process, not as witnesses to it.”

To learn more about the Exodus Across America series or the InHEIRitance Project, visit inheirance.org. [HW](#)

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The senior daily lunches will not be served during Passover, Wednesday, April 5 through Friday, April 14.

Daily senior lunches will resume Monday, April 17. After lunch on April 17, seniors will enjoy an Ice Cream Social in the Scheidt-Hohenberg Senior Lunch Room!

After Passover, please come join us Monday through Friday for a delicious kosher lunch from the Kitchens at the Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab. The cost is only \$2 for seniors. Reservations are required the day before by 1 p.m. and be made by contacting Adult Services Coordinator Steve Kaplan at 901-259-9220 or stevekaplan@jccmemphis.org, or call the front desk at 901-761-0810.

Due to a scheduling conflict the Drum Circle with Frank Shaffer scheduled for April 10 will be postponed until Wednesday, May 31. Please make plans to join us on May 31 for this terrific experience.

The MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club April 19 Monthly Senior Luncheon will feature The Double D Band!

The Double D Band plays a wide range of songs and genres, but especially music from the 50s. Playing guitars



and mandolins, they’ve appeared on MTV, BBC, and have been a part of the music scene in London, England, and New York City, having lived and performed in both. Please come enjoy this delightful band! The lunch is sponsored by Opus, Elegant Senior Living and entertainment provided by Creative Aging.

Come enjoy this terrific duo and enjoy a good kosher lunch, all for \$5! The Luncheon and Double D Band start at noon on April 19. Reservations can be made by calling the front desk at 901-761-0810 or emailing Steve Kaplan at stevekaplan@jccmemphis.org. **HW**



In celebration of Israel’s 75th anniversary, Memphis Jewish Federation hosted a special evening with Israel tour guide and native Memphian, Alan Harkavy. With more than 160 people in attendance, Alan shared about his journey “From the Bible Belt to the Land of the Bible” while answering questions from Karen and Jody Franklin. Attendees also helped select the 4 feature wines for the May 17 “Shuk, Rattle and Roll” community-wide celebration of Israel’s 75th anniversary.

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Natalie Mashinsky and her cousin, Shayna, in Tiberius

Natalie Mashinsky, daughter of Deena Thomas and Alex Mashinsky, is a senior at the Goldie Margolin School for Girls. Memphis Jewish Federation's Lemsky Endowment Fund provided her with a Teen Israel Experience grant to offset the costs of her NCSY Euro Israel program in Israel. All rising juniors and seniors are eligible for grants of up to \$3,000 to attend a recognized teen summer or semester program in Israel. Teen Israel Experience applications for Summer 2023 are open and can be accessed at Lemsky Endowment Fund | Jewish Community Partners (jcpmemphis.org)

By Natalie Mashinsky

This summer I had the privilege of going on NCSY's summer program Euro Israel. This trip consisted of 86 teens flying to Switzerland, driving to Italy, and then flying to Israel.

I could easily say this was the best summer ever. When we flew into Switzerland and started the drive to Italy, I saw parts of Switzerland I never thought I would see. We also drove through the French Alps, which was even more awesome. When we finally reached Italy, it was a dream come true. My entire life I had wanted to travel to Italy, so this was a perfect program for me.

We went through the major cities in Italy and stayed there for a week and a half. Shabbos was amazing, and we got to see the first ghetto established in World War II.

Italy was amazing, but Israel was even better. I never felt much of a connection to the land of Israel until this summer. I even talked to my advisors about my guilt, and they said, "once you get there you will feel it," and they were right. We covered all of Israel going from Tzfat to Eilat. We started in Teveria (Tiberias), and that was my favorite place. I loved the water there and the layout of the city. It was so beautiful to me I will never forget it. We stayed there for Shabbos and then drove north to Tzfat. I liked the cooler air in Tzfat and how beautiful the stone streets were. From there we went to Haifa and went surfing. This was my second time surfing, and I did not do so well. But I still made amazing memories with my friends as we all fell off our boards.

The next event was Yom NCSY (an annual event with an evening concert that marks the extended NCSY community spending the summer in Israel) and traveling in Tel Aviv. This was my first Yom NCSY, and it was one of the best days of my life. I saw other friends on other programs and got to see all of these Jewish kids come together. In the final weeks of the trip, we went south down to Eilat. The heat there was unbearable, but we got through it as we partied on a boat.

Finally on our last stop we stayed in Jerusalem. This was another one of my favorite parts of the trip. Learning about the history and even walking through the sites gave me an understanding of my heritage that I didn't have before. After this program my feelings changed, and I love Israel more than anything now. Traveling throughout the land to

different cities and different histories opened up my eyes to how important the land is. I also met the most amazing people on this program. I have made friendships I know will last a lifetime. I am forever grateful for being able to go on this journey.

Thank you to Memphis Jewish Federation's Lemsky Endowment Fund for helping to make my NSCY Euro Israel trip possible. **HW**

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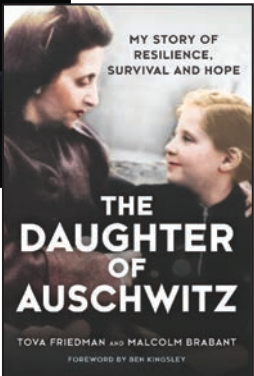
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Guidance in a Medical Crisis

What would happen if you became incapacitated and could not make financial or medical decisions for yourself? To help ensure that your affairs continue to be managed by someone you trust and according to your wishes, you might consider creating a durable power of attorney (DPOA) and an advance medical directive.

A DPOA authorizes someone to manage your finances on your behalf, while a medical directive documents your wishes for medical care, such as whether you want extraordinary measures to prolong life if there is no chance of recovery. There are several types of DPOAs and advance medical directives; each has its own purpose, benefits, and drawbacks and may not be effective in some states.

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Planning your funeral or similar commemoration can relieve significant stress on your family members. Decisions would typically cover whether you want a burial or cremation, a wake with or without viewing, a religious ceremony or secular event, and could include details such as music, readings, speakers/clergy, flowers, venues, and an obituary. You might discuss thoughts with family members, taking their ideas into consideration. You might also consult a trusted funeral director who can help you navigate the various options, decide whether to prepay for arrangements, and become a valuable resource to your family when the time comes.

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You might also familiarize yourself

with the death-related tax rules at both the federal and state levels. The 2023 federal estate tax exemption is \$12.92 million. Although that sounds like a lot, 17 states impose their own estate and/or inheritance tax – most at much lower thresholds. When you consider that an estate includes the value of your home, insurance policies, retirement plans, and other assets, it may be easier than you’d expect to trigger a taxable situation. (Estate tax is imposed on the estate of the deceased, while an inheritance tax is imposed on the beneficiary.)

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Avron Fogelman Throws First Pitch, Renovation Project Supporters Honored in Front of Sold-Out Crowd

March 29, 2023 – The University of Memphis announced that supporters of the recent renovation project of FedEx-Park Avron Fogelman Field would be honored prior to last Tuesday’s game against Ole Miss, which was sold out. Long-time Memphis philanthropist and avid baseball supporter Avron Fogelman threw the ceremonial first pitch at FedExPark Avron Fogelman Field before the Tigers took on defending national champion Ole Miss.

“We’re excited to welcome those who contributed to our vision for a new era of Memphis Baseball,” University of Memphis Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Laird Veatch said. “We couldn’t think of a better way to recognize their support than in front of what we expect to be a capacity crowd for our game against Ole Miss. The leadership philanthropy of Avron Fogelman, along with the support of FedEx and many others, made this project a reality. We cannot thank them enough for prioritizing our vision and supporting the future of baseball at Memphis.”

For more than 50 years, Avron and Wendy Fogelman have been leading supporters of the athletics department at the University of Memphis. Fogelman’s leadership philanthropy to the FedEx-Park Avron Fogelman Field renovation perfectly marries his passion for the Memphis Tigers and his love for baseball.

“Being a supporter of the University of Memphis for over 50 years, and since my life has been so intertwined with baseball from playing in the little leagues in Memphis to owning a World Series Championship team, I want to see the UofM baseball program enjoy great success, just as its basketball and football teams have,” Fogelman said.

Fogelman’s involvement in baseball in Memphis started in 1977, when he worked diligently to bring Double-A baseball back to the city. On opening night in 1978, the Memphis Chicks were welcomed by an overflow crowd and became one of the most successful teams in minor league baseball in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1983, he became an owner of the Kansas City Royals baseball team and just two years later, the Royals won the World Series. Fogelman threw out the first pitch of that exciting I-70 World Series battle in which his Royals bested the St. Louis Cardinals four games to three. During his time as owner, Fogelman served on the Board of Directors for the American League of the MLB. Fogelman has also been honored with elections into the Memphis Sports Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

Fogelman’s name will forever be tied to baseball in Memphis through the home of Tiger Baseball, and it joins the Fogelman College of Business and Economics as recognition of his tremendous support of the University of Memphis through the years.

Tickets for Tuesday’s game were sold out. Kids ages 12 and under get in free to Tiger home games all season long. Half-season ticket packages are available at <https://gotigersgo.venue.net>

For complete information on Memphis Tiger Baseball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. **HW**

OBITUARIES

Albert Bozof



Albert Bozof, 102, of Memphis, Tenn., passed away on March 26, 2023.

Mr. Bozof was born on December 17, 1920, to Isaac Bozof and Annie Chlem Bozof. He was the President/CEO of Bozof Dinette Company for many years.

He is survived by his son, Danny (Leslie) Bozof, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bozof was preceded in death by his parents; wife Dorothy Bozof; sons Steven and Michael Bozof.

A memorial service was held on March 30 at Fireside Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery at later time. **HW**

William “Buddy” Jason, Jr.

William “Buddy” Jason Jr., 76, passed away peacefully on March 18, 2023. He was a lifelong Memphian who is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Fay, his sons, David and Todd, his daughter-in-law Annie, and two granddaughters.

He was also a beloved uncle and friend to many. Buddy was known for his warmth, generosity, sense of humor, huge smile, his gentle, kind and fun nature, and love of the Tigers. We will miss him dearly and know that his spirit will be with us always. **HW**

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Collecting “Memories from Children of Beale Street”



Guy Lansky, Bernard Lansky and Mildred Krasner



Art Hutkins, Abe Schwab and Lou Rafael on Beale Street

The Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South (JHSMM), and its president, David Ross, are thrilled to be collecting interesting details of Memphis history for its upcoming presentation: “Memories from Children of Beale Street.” The exciting program is part of the Sumner Levine Speaker Series and will be held on Sunday, April 16, at 2 p.m. in the Orgel Family Performing Arts Center at the Memphis Jewish Community Center. The program will be moderated by Jen Kollath, Temple Israel Archivist. The event is in-person free and open to the public – the post-recording will be available on jhsmem.org.

Programming chairs Phyllis Groskind, Susan Labovitz and Jan Reisman, along with their committee, have been very busy gathering memories and photos from Memphians including Jack Belz, Hal Lansky, Madelyn Daneman, Judy Royal, Sammy Salky, Dr. Robert Segal, Barry Frager, Michael Lebovitz, Marlin Mogy and many more.

W.C. Handy and blues music made Beale Street famous. It was once a thriving business area with restaurants, clothing stores, tailor shops, a hardware store, liquor store, photography shop, bakery, and of course, pawn shops. In 1994, Louis Levine provided information in an interview with David Schneider, “About Beale Street Pawn Shop Row.” Mr. Levine said, “In the mid-1940s, Beale Street’s ‘Pawn Shop Row’ consisted of 13 pawn shops in the two-block area, between Second and Main Streets.”

Some of the businesses and people on Beale that have been identified are:

Malco Movie House, Tony’s Fruit Stand, State Café, Home of the Blues Records, The M&M Building, (Manufacturers and Merchants Bldg.), Bert’s Men’s Store, Weinman’s, Bernstein’s Loan & Jewelry, Lansky Brothers, Schwab Department Store, Epstein’s Loans, Morris Lippman Bldg., Art Hutkin Hardware, Cohen Brothers and Empire Jewelry, Trojan Luggage, Goldsmith’s, Julius Lewis, Pantaze Drug Store, Sam Angel’s Pawn Shop, Saffersone Pawn Shop, Segal’s Deli, Salky’s, American Loan, Nathan Novick’s, Capitol Loan, Krasner, Louis Lerner, Red Kramer Liquor Store, and many more.

Do you have family photos and memories about places and people on Beale Street? We’d love them! Please submit them to mjhsresident@gmail.com for the slide show that will be shown during the program. We invite you to come to the program to share your stories. Please label all photos with location and names and submit by April 5.

JHSMM looks forward to seeing attendees and hearing from storytellers at this fascinating program on Sunday, April 16 at the JCC. **HW**

Children of Beale Street

Presented by Jewish Historical Society of Memphis and the Mid-South
Sumner Levine Speaker Series

Sunday, April 16, 2-3:30 pm
Memphis Jewish Community Center

Hear memories from Memphians who will
share their families’ stories of Beale Street

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depicting your own family’s memories on Beale Street
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for the slideshow that will be shown during this program.
In your email, please provide the names of the people and places shown in the photos.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Jen Kollath, Temple Israel Archivist, and followed by
an opportunity for you to share your own memories of Beale Street.

Free & open to the public – In person only -post-event recordings available on jhsmem.org

Memphis Israel Scholars Present Holocaust Survivor Anya Baum along with three local Jewish teenagers.

High school teens, Lea Thomas, Ethan Evans and Lily McCollum, will share powerful testimonies. Read more about the teens and their unique connections to Judaism and Israel and hear them speak on April 16, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Temple Israel.

Ethan Evans, Senior at Christian Brothers High School

Antisemitism is on the rise, with recent incidents reaching the highest levels since the Holocaust. Taking that into perspective, the Holocaust was a war promoting antisemitism, in which 6.5 million Jews were murdered by the Nazis. We are living in a world where sadly antisemitism is not going away. There is hope, we can make a change, but we have to do it together. As the great grandson of a Holocaust survivor, I feel like it is my job to take action, make people understand antisemitism is real, and show people that we as people can unite, be together, and make a change.

Lily McCollum, Junior at St. George’s Independent School

As a Jewish teen facing antisemitism, I feel a deep sense of responsibility to carry on my family’s legacy. Being the last person in my Jewish family’s line. I know that the preservation of our traditions and values rests on my shoulders. Despite the challenges and discrimination I may face, I am determined to honor my family’s heritage and keep our traditions alive. It is a heavy burden, but also a privilege to carry on the legacy

of my ancestors who fought so hard to maintain their faith and identity in the face of adversity, like Anya Baum. I know that I am not alone in this task and that there is a strong community of Jewish people behind me to uplift us when we fall. We will exceed in the face of hatred and bigotry.

Lea Thomas, Senior at St. Mary’s Episcopal School

I have grown up in a Jewish bubble, attending Jewish school and Jewish summer camp. After switching to a Christian school, I started being exposed to more cultures. Sophomore year, I participated in a semester in Israel through Tichon Ramah Yerushalayim. During May, while in Israel, we were forced to spend time in the bomb shelter. This was my first time experiencing violent antisemitism, and it encouraged me to ensure that my peers had the correct information when judging Israel. When I returned to Memphis, I noticed antisemitism became more prevalent, or maybe I was more aware. Situations arose in my school and around our small Memphis community. I helped form the Jewish Student Alliance at school and started a blog on “The Times of Israel.” This past summer, I traveled to Poland and again to Israel. For my senior year, I joined the school newspaper and wrote my article, “It’s not just Kanye.” The visibility of this article helped win an award on the state level and allowed me to interview the Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff in a panel

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at the BBYO International Convention. It is important that we continue speaking up against antisemitism; when hatred is

expressed towards one group, it is just a matter of time before the hatred spreads to other marginalized groups. **HW**

ISRAEL INSIGHTS Father Abraham is Smiling as His Sons are Uniting

By Howard Weisband

Living in Israel these days it is especially hard to escape or even step away from the constant political happenings and machinations. However I did just that recently when I participated in a full-day conference in Jerusalem titled “Trusted Regional Partnerships at a Time of Shifting Alliances,” sponsored by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA).*

Participants and speakers represented some 25 countries in the Middle East and from the African Continent; Muslims, Christians and Jews. They represented governments, policy centers, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Taking a fresh look at African-Arab-Israeli partnerships, delegates addressed a range of issues including the accomplishments and potential of the Abraham Accords, efforts to combat radicalism and counterinsurgency, and the enhancement of food and water security. The latter topics particularly considered the potential of increased Israeli intervention in farming and water technologies in rural African areas.

My own particular interest has been in the establishment of the Abraham Accords in September 2020 and its multi-

ple accomplishments since then in normalization agreements, diplomacy, free trade and customs agreements, R&D, tourism, academic and medical interfacing and research, etc. Arabs and Israelis – Muslims, Christians, Jews – all working together.

There is much that I heard and learned from this conference, and I would like to share some of those points with you, the readers of this column.

The initial speaker, a prominent Israeli who held senior legal positions in Government, referred to the Abraham Accords as the single most outstanding achievement in the Middle East in Israel’s 74 years. Yes, it changed the region – adding already for example some \$3 billion in trade – and in addition the Abraham Accords changed the world!

That’s quite a statement. He continued.

The focus toward peace has been transformed from the Palestinian issue to normalization between Israelis and Arabs, thereby allowing and aiming for the Palestinians to one day join in that process.

Globally too, the Abraham Accords, which are uniting the descendants of Isaac and Ishmael. Abraham’s two sons, are legitimizing the State of Israel with-

in Arab societies at a time when there are various efforts in the world to delegitimize Israel.

The significant difference between the normalization agreements of the Abraham Accords and the peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan, as important as they were and remain, is that a primary objective currently being actualized is people-to-people, bringing people together, working together, well beyond the diplomacy of their governments.

Arabs from the Gulf are walking the streets of Israel, visiting in homes and vice-versa, Israelis are visiting the UAE, Bahrain and other countries. Business is being conducted and academic relationships have been established. Policy centers such as the JCPA and other non-profit organizations have established strategic partnerships for the betterment of their respective societies.

The Abraham Accords have changed the paradigm. Essentially, a cold peace is being transformed into the warm peace of people relating to one another on a people-to-people personal basis.

Jason Greenblatt, who was one of the chief architects for the Abraham Accords during the Trump Administration, and more recently a Senior Fellow at

the JCPA, attended the entire conference and spoke with the participants. He made the relevant point that governments establish diplomatic relations, but they do not do people-to-people well. A groundswell of people-to-people is required.

Such is the paradigm shift within the Abraham Accords. Arabs and Israelis – Muslims, Christians, and Jews – are relating to one another as people.

* I have had the privilege of being a Fellow of the JCPA for some three decades, and a Board member in recent years. All credit for bringing together these partners and establishing the conference goes to Dan Diker and Yechiel Leiter, JCPA President and Director General respectively, and the superb JCPA staff. (See <https://www.jcpa.org/>)

Howard Weisband served as Assistant Executive Director (1975-77) and Executive Director (1977-84) of the Memphis Jewish Federation. Following Aliyah with his family in 1986, he served as Secretary General of the Jewish Agency for Israel through 1997, and then in other senior professional positions in Israel. Now retired, he and Kayla live in Jerusalem. He can be reached at hweisband@gmail.com **HW**

‘Indiana Jones’ again Faces Nazis in Harrison Ford’s Final Performance of Iconic Role

(JNS) – The forthcoming film “Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny,” which was invited to screen at Cannes, is reportedly set in 1969 and will include another “mystical relic.” The snake-fearing, whip-wielding archaeologist (Harrison Ford) will again take on Nazis – this time evidently those who have infiltrated NASA during the Cold War space race.

This will be Ford’s final appearance in the iconic role in what is being said is the last episode of the series that began in 1981, again teaming up with executive producers Steven Spielberg and George Lucas. (It’s being produced by Lucas Films, now owned by Disney). The new movie is directed by James Mangold, who also co-wrote the script.

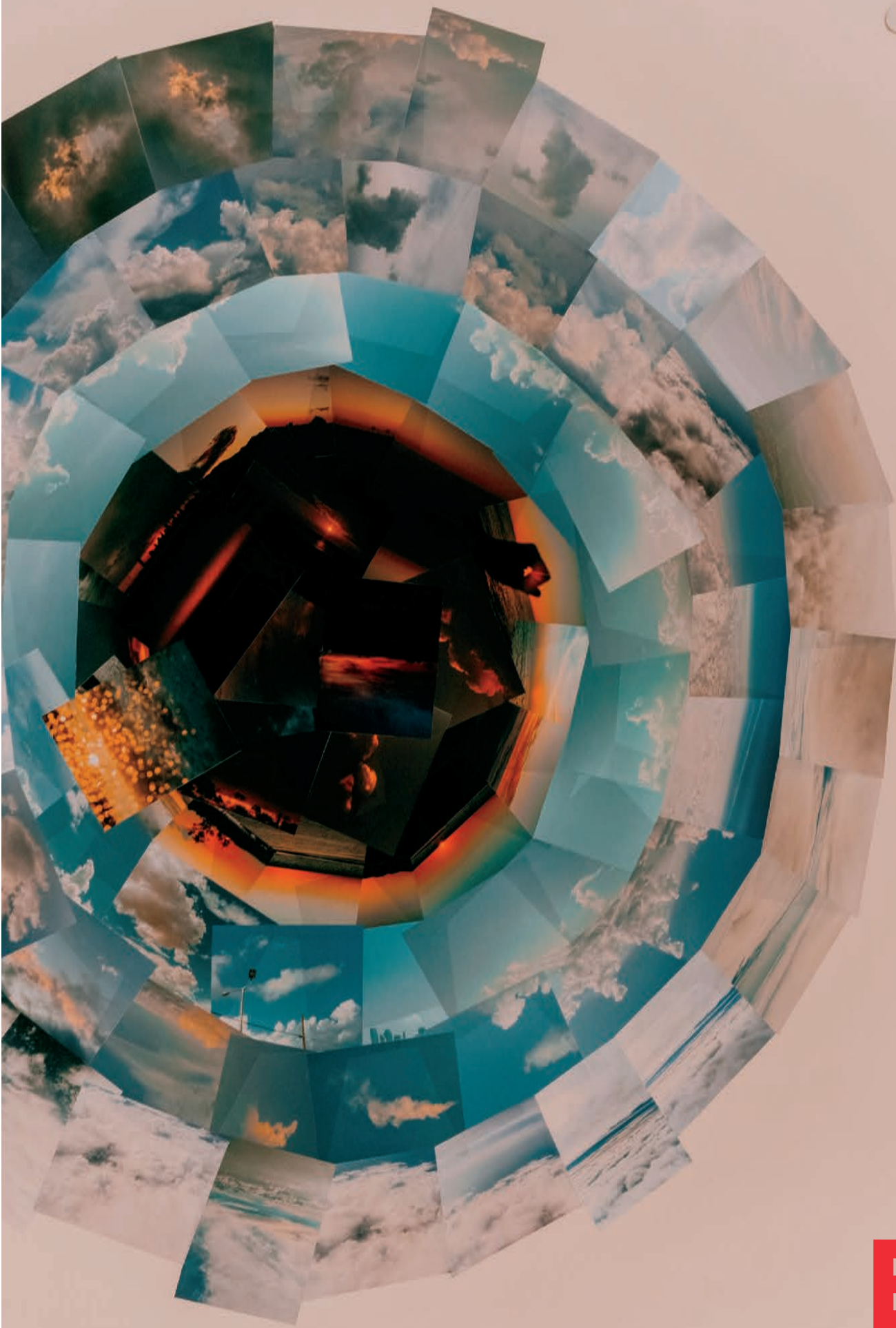
The famous fictitious, whip-wielding archaeologist will square off against a familiar foe in the forthcoming movie.

“Indy” faced Nazis in the very first “Raiders of the Lost Ark” (1981) and again in “Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade” (1989). “Nazis. I hate these guys,” he says at one point.

The forthcoming flick also stars actors Antonio Banderas and John Rhys-Davies, the latter who played Sallah in “Raiders” and “Last Crusade.” **HW**

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