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Memphis Jewish Federation Collaborates with Facing History and Ourselves and TN Holocaust Commission for L'Dor V'Dor (From Generation to Generation) Program



Federation staff with Facing History and Ourselves and TN Holocaust Commission speakers and lay leaders

In a meaningful display of unity and collaboration, Memphis Jewish Federation, Facing History & Ourselves and Tennessee (TN) Holocaust Commission hosted a program for second- and third-generation Holocaust survivors last month.

The program, which drew more than 40 second- and third-generation descendants, met its goals of launching a comfortable space for the participants and providing tools for telling the stories of their Holocaust survivor parents.

Rachel Shankman, former Facing History executive director, said, "It was heartening to see the interest shown by second- and third-generation survivor descendants. The interest in telling a family member's survivor story is still present."

Attendees heard from Ken Gluck, TN Holocaust Commission education coordinator, and Michele Phillips, Facing History executive director, as well as from Rachel Shankman. Mr. Gluck and Ms. Shankman, both second-generation descendants, shared strategies and resources for creating and sharing your family's story.

Ms. Phillips provided lesson plans and other assets for educators and speakers interested in sharing their family story or who want to help others tell their family story.

"Facing History is excited to partner with the TN Holocaust Commission and Memphis Jewish Federation. We stand together to fight against antisemitism and racism. Working with second- and third-generation descendants is critical for our youth and educators to build a more humane world," said Ms. Phillips.

Memphis-based TN Holocaust Commissioners Adam Exelbierd and Josh Lipman joined TN Holocaust Commission Director of Operations Alyssa Trachtman at the program. Mr. Exelbierd is also a member of Federation's Holocaust memorial committee, and Mr. Lipman is the current chair of Facing History & Ourselves – Southeast Region.

"It was truly inspiring to see many second- and third-generation community members who want to meet and be-

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MHA-FYOS Starts New School Year with Record Breaking Enrollment



GMSG students at the First Day Breakfast

By Jessica Baum Sukhodolsky

On Thursday, August 17, MHA-FYOS started the school year with 34 new students – for a grand total of 220 students

The first day of school began as Pre-K - 8th grade students were greeted on Wednesday morning by adminis-

trators and PTA volunteers, who took first-day pictures of the students and provided a delicious staff breakfast. Students in the High School began the day with davening and a welcome breakfast. They ended the day with icebreaker activities to acquaint the new students with their peers.

The school's Parent/Teacher Association created many exciting welcome programs for the new families including new student welcome bags and new family Shabbat bags that included Ricki's challah, wine and chipsticks. The bags were delivered to the new families' homes by students. The PTA also held a Back-to-School Barbecue in the MHA Moss Gym and newly remodeled Lunch Room, where parents and students enjoyed a delicious dinner to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

"Our enrollment has grown by nearly 30% in the last six years," said Jessica Baum Sukhodolsky, MHA-FYOS director of Recruitment and Marketing. We're thrilled to have so many new students and we can't wait to see what this year has in store."

MHA-FYOS Junior High Principal Anat Kampf shared, "After many weeks away for the summer, our students acclimated to their new teachers and classrooms and renewed connections with their classmates – both old and new – so well. Everyone is very

excited to be back in school. This year promises to be fantastic!"

In addition to welcoming several new students in the lower school, the school has seven new dorm students in the girls' and boys' dorms. The Goldie Margolin School for Girls and Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys welcomed students from St. Louis, South Bend, Minneapolis; New York City, and even international students from Belarus and Canada.

MHA-FYOS has so much to look forward to this year. This summer, the school held a parent workshop on Digital Citizenship with Dr. Eli Shapiro, where he discussed preparing our children for the responsibility that comes with the power of technology. Throughout the year, the school will further utilize its new Mary Pikelny Innovation Center and all of the S.T.E.M. opportunities it offers the students. Additionally, the school's faculty has grown, and the Junior High and High School have expanded their Math, Science and Judaic Studies curricula. Stay tuned for exciting announcements from MHA-FYOS throughout the school year! HW

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Guests shared their own stories and resources



Guests enjoyed a kosher meal before the presentation

gin to learn the process of telling their family story," said Mr. Exelbierd. "We will be able to teach so many people the lessons of the Holocaust, while keeping their memories alive. I am excited to tell my family story, like my father did before me, for the city of Memphis and for Tennessee."

Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein, Federation executive vice president, voiced her enthusiasm, saying, "The partnership between Federation, the Commission and Facing History inspires me. We want to build a space for second- and third-generations to tell their family stories and to educate future generations on this critical and painful event in our collective history. We look forward to seeing how this program sparks further growth."

For information on telling your family's story, contact Ken Gluck at ken. gluck@tnholcom.org, Michele Phillips at michele_phillips@facinghistory.org or

Rachel Shankman at shankman.rachel@ gmail.com. For speaker information, contact Lorraine Wolf at lwolf@ jcpmemphis.org.

The community is invited to join second- and third-generation survivors on Wednesday, August 30 at 7 p.m. in the MJCC Belz Theater for a special Memphis screening of "Reckonings," a film that grapples with the moral dilemmas surrounding the acceptance of German reparations. To reserve a seat, email crichardson@jcpmemphis.org. Visit reckoningsfilm.org for film details.

The mission of Memphis Jewish Federation is to develop a vibrant and sustained Jewish community in Memphis, Israel, and throughout the world. Federation helps nourish Jewish life through community grants, programs for the Memphis Jewish community and by supporting Jews in Israel and throughout the world. HW

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Mosquitos Carrying West Nile Virus Found in Southern Israel

(JNS) – Mosquitos carrying the West Nile virus have been identified in Israel's southern Arava region, the country's Environmental Protection Ministry announced last Wednesday.

The ministry said the mosquitos were found along Route 90 in the communi-

ties of Yotvata, Paran and Elipaz, located just north of Eilat.

Local leaders were instructed to closely monitor the situation and if required "immediately carry out preventive measures and pest control."

In May, mosquitos carrying West

Nile were found near the southern city of Yeruham and the surrounding Ramat Negev Regional Council.

West Nile generally causes flu-like symptoms that last about a week, but in some cases can be fatal. An Israeli died from the virus in August 2022.

In 2020, mosquitos carrying West Nile virus were found as far as north as the Tel Aviv area, and two years earlier dozens of Israelis were hospitalized in a major outbreak.

"We call on the public to reduce watering, dry standing water, close win dow screens in houses, turn on fans and apply insect repellants," said Dr. Gal Zagron, the ministry's director of the Pest and Control Division. HW



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JFamily Popsicles at the Pool

Wendy and Avron B. Fogelman Jewish Family Service at the Memphis Jewish Community Center will continue a series of engagement programs for young families through a group called, "JFamily."

Part of the JFamily initiative, is to provide programming that will allow parents with young children to connect with one another and build community in a safe, welcoming environment. The Wendy and Avron B. Fogelman Jewish Family Service is providing family and parenting resources along with meaningful Jewish content for the programs. Families of all backgrounds and faiths are welcome. Enjoy family fun & popsicles at the MJCC pool for a JFamily fall kickoff event! All are welcome! Sunday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Event is free; Registration is required by calling 901-761-0810.

JFamily will continue regular programming on September 10 with JBaby. A series geared towards ages 0-2. Come together for a weekly parent and me series filled with music and movement, child-led play, a child-friendly mini-Shabbat or Havdalah experience, and snack for those eating solids. Each class will nurture friendship, curiosity, respect, and Jewish identity for young children and their parents. Led by Sara Kaplan. No registration required. All are welcome. HW

Attempt to Smuggle Drones into Gaza Thwarted at Border



by Israeli authorities. Credit: Israeli Defense Ministry

(JNS) - Security guards at a crossing into the Gaza Strip thwarted an attempt to smuggle reconnaissance drones into the Hamas-controlled territory, Israel's

Defense Ministry said last Wednesday.

The 10 drones were in a black bag hidden in a minibus, which was stopped by guards at the Erez Crossing. The bag was flagged by a specially trained canine, according to the ministry.

It is suspected that the drones were intended for terrorist elements in Gaza, according to the ministry statement.

Gaza has been ruled by the Hamas terror group since 2007, but several other terror groups are active there.

The incident has been transferred to security forces for further investigation. HW

Man Allegedly Brandishes Machete while Driving by Jewish Camp Funded by Kars4Kids



A man brandishes a machete outside The Zone, a Jewish camp in upstate New York, July 23, 2023. Credit: Robert O'Malley

By Ron Kampeas

(JTA) - The charity Kars4Kids is citing an incident outside its Jewish camp in upstate New York in pressing its case to arm staff.

In the July 23 incident, a man allegedly brandished a machete when approached by a staffer at The Zone, the Orthodox Jewish camp that Kars4Kids operates in Gilboa, New York, through Oorah, its Jewish education charity arm.

Robert O'Malley, a facility manager at The Zone, said he was directing buses out of the camp that morning when a man driving a green Jeep Cherokee wearing a Coast Guard veteran cap began yelling at him to "get the f— off the road," according to O'Malley's sworn July 30 statement, which the Jewish Telegraphic Agency obtained.

After O'Malley waved the man over, the man brandished a large knife, according to the statement filed with the Schoharie County Sheriff's Office. In a photograph attached to the complaint, a man is holding up a machete through the open window of his car.

"The actions of this male made me fearful and scared," O'Malley said in the complaint. The complaint does not say that the man said anything about the camp or campers' Jewish identity, which resolved without violence.

The CEO of Oorah and Kars4Kids, Eliohu Mintz, and a camp staff member are challenging New York State's concealed carry law in court, claiming that its restrictions leave staff and children vulnerable to antisemitic attacks. The law prohibits private citizens from carrying guns in places where religious activities are conducted.

The machete incident "vividly illustrates the very real, imminent and pressing need for staff of the camp to be properly armed," Wendy Kirwan, Kars4Kids' communications director, said in an email to JTA.

Kirwan said the incident took place in view of campers. July 23 was the final day of the camp's first session.

Designated and trained security guards may carry guns at religious facilities in New York, but the Kars4Kids officials challenging the law are not part of the staff's security staff. The staffer, Eric Schwartz, lives year-round on the grounds of the camp and said in the legal challenge to the state law that he had faced antisemitic incidents because he is "easily recognizable and identifiable to the public" as an Orthodox Jew.

Jewish security specialists, who have recently increased their attention to the summer camp sector, have said that arming rank-and-file Jews is not an effective deterrent against antisemitic attacks.

The Schoharie County sheriff's office did not return a request for a status update on the complaint. HW

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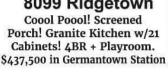
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Two More Persian Israelis Acquitted in Iran Spying Case



The Jerusalem District Court, July 9, 2015.

(JNS) – The Jerusalem District Court last Wednesday acquitted two Israeli citizens – a man and a woman – of charges they spied for Iran, while convicting a third, a woman, of a lesser offense, put-

ting an end to a case that made headlines

nationwide last year.

Credit: Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.

The three suspects, all Persian-speaking Israelis born in the Islamic Republic, stood trial on charges of contact with a foreign agent and providing information that could be useful to an enemy state.

The Israel Security Agency (Shin Bet) alleged that the suspects were ap-

proached on Facebook by "Rambod Namdar," who claimed to be a Jewish man living in Iran.

Some of the defendants had corresponded with "Namdar" for years. He asked them for their phone numbers and then continued the conversations on Facebook, asking them to perform various tasks in exchange for funds amounting to tens of thousands of dollars.

Two other women who were in touch with "Rambod" were already cleared of all charges at an earlier stage of the investigation.

Last Wednesday, Judge Ilan Sela said "there is no doubt that these are Zionist individuals, in love with the country, who at no time intended to harm its security.

"The relations between the defendants and the foreign agent were established without them knowing his true identity," continued Sela, who emphasized that "innocent and good people are often taken advantage of by parties ... who are plotting evil against them or their country.

"These are women who were look-

ing for warmth and love, a sympathetic ear and sometimes even financial help. And [Iranian intelligence agent] Rambod took advantage of this to forge a relationship with them and manipulated them," the judge concluded.

The third defendant, a 40-year-old woman from Holon, was found guilty of contact with an enemy agent, as she had confessed to Shin Bet investigators that she had suspected the man she was in contact with had links to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

She admitted to covertly photographing the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv before it was moved to Jerusalem in May 2018, as well as inside the offices of the Interior Ministry and the National Insurance Institute offices in her hometown.

Following the arrests in January 2022, then-Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett warned citizens to be "vigilant" against possible attempts by Iranians to "influence the citizens of Israel, Israeli society, to sow polarization and controversy, to undermine political stability in Israel and to damage public trust in the government." **HW**

Jerusalem Merchant Arrested after Charging U.S. Tourist \$1,900 for Ashtray The Old City storekeeper overcharged her credit card.

(JNS) – Police detained a merchant in Jerusalem's Old City this week after he allegedly scammed an American tourist by charging her almost \$1,900 for an ashtray using her credit card.

Earlier this month, the man approached a woman, who is in her 60s, after seeing her smoking near his shop. He proceeded to give her an ashtray. Eventually, after thanking him for the gesture, she asked to buy it, to which he responded that it would cost 30,000 shekels (about

\$8,000), but she said she does not have that amount.

He then carried out the alleged scam, giving her \$800 and telling her, "This is so you would have money during your visit; I will charge your credit card."

But rather than charge her for that amount, he went on to carry out a transaction in which it would appear that she willingly bought the item for \$2,700.

The woman did not realize the scam had happened until this week; she rushed to the bank. The tellers told her she would have to provide a receipt before they could do anything about the transaction. When she returned to the merchant and asked him to produce the document, he refused, as this would make his profit taxable.

Distraught, she left the shop. Police officers who noticed asked her what had happened, at which point she told them about it. They went on to arrest the alleged scammer, and he was taken in for questioning.

The Israel Police intelligence and investigation officer for that area of Jerusalem said, "We will continue pursuing scammers with a whole host of methods, both openly and covertly, so that they are held accountable."

He added that "these criminals also impeach the country's reputation and its efforts to bolster tourism in the old city and overall."

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Marblespoon Cookbook Author to Headline Pre-Rosh Hashanah Women's Gourmet Dinner at Chabad



Cookbook Author Vera Newman

Chabad Women's Circle has selected Marblespoon cookbook author Vera Newman to headline their annual pre-Rosh Hashanah Dinner & Cooking Presentation, to be held on Wednesday, September 6 at 7 p.m. at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2570 Kirby Parkway.

The evening will include a full gourmet dinner including appetizer, entree and dessert, with a cooking presentation by Vera Newman and inspirational thoughts about Rosh Hashanah by Mrs. Rivky Klein, co-director of Chabad of Tennessee. Recipes, ideas, and food preparation tips for the holiday, as well as year-round, will also be shared.

Vera Newman is a Panama City native, who lives the vibrancy of her multicultural lineage pulsing through her. As all great cooks do, she began her

culinary journey standing on tiptoes on a stool in her mother's kitchen. By the time she could reach the counter, her love for food had manifested itself in her soul, and there was no turning back.

Vera's creativity and artistic spirit led her to launch a gourmet catering company and, in 2017, her social media presence, @marblespoon. Sharing her process, recipes, floral designs and presentations while connecting with people over her passion inspires Vera to continue putting her spin on kosher cooking.

Vera authored two cookbooks, the very popular "The Marblespoon Cookbook" and "Marblespoon at Home," which will be released in November. Vera resides in Detroit with her husband and four children.

"Whether feeding a family on a busy weeknight, preparing a Shabbos meal, or a holiday dinner for 20, Vera will share tips and advice that you can use in your home," said Mrs. Klein. "I'm really excited about this year's program. We get to hear from Vera what it was like growing up in Panama as she discusses the culture and traditions of Jewish life in Panama. Watch her prepare her recipes as she shares her expertise and enjoy an evening of laughter and gourmet food, which will also include some Latin American flavors, and you will come away with new ideas and empowered to impress."

The cost for the evening is \$36 and includes dinner. Women and girls should RSVP by registering online at www. jewishmemphis.com/dinner by September 1, or by calling Rivky Klein at 901-219-7004. You can pre-order Vera's cookbook on the registration page and have them signed by the author. **HW**

BBYO is back for the school year!



International S'ganit of Bnai Birth Girls Sydney Shanker with her parents, Scott and Jill Shanker.

BBYO begins each year with an August Executive Meeting to train our leaders and regional presidents for the year to come.

This year BBYO is celebrating its 100th year! BBYO began with only 14 teenage boys in Omaha, Nebraska, and the program is now in 62 other countries, with hundreds of thousands alum-



International BBYO Board Chair Craig Weiss, Sydney Shanker, Sarah Hochman and Max Lapidus

ni and thousands of teens.

This year was special, as our own Sydney Shanker from Memphis, Tenn., was inducted into the international order as the 79th International S'ganit of Bnai Birth Girls.

Sydney's parents, Jill and Scott Shanker, flew to Omaha to take part in this special celebration.

Memphis' Craig Weiss is serving as BBYO International Board Chair and was able to share in the experiences with our teens. Delta Region also had Sarah Hochman and Max Lapidus present as they are our regional presidents. Delta Region is excited to get the year started and celebrate 100 years of BBYO! HW

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Temple Israel Welcomes New Rabbi Ahead of High Holy Day Season



Rabbi Ross Z. Levy

By Melinda Lejman

Temple Israel is excited to welcome Rabbi Ross Z. Levy as its newest Assistant Rabbi with a community Shabbat service and Selichot celebration during the weekend of September 8, 2023.

Born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, Rabbi Levy began his Jewish journey as a sixth-generation congregant at The Temple Congregation Ohabai Sholom, Temple Israel's sister synagogue 200 miles to Memphis' east.

A graduate of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., Rabbi Levy received a degree in Religion and immediately enrolled in Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC). He spent the first of his five-year rabbinical school journey in Jerusalem where he connected with Rabbi Jeff Dreifus, who joined Temple Israel as Assistant Rabbi in 2021.

This pivotal experience in Israel was followed by four years of study and practice at the HUC's Cincinnati campus where Rabbi Levy was immersed in the history of the Reform Movement. He served as a student rabbi and interned

in cities including Cincinnati, Ohio; Lafayette, Louisiana; Nashville, Tennessee; and Boulder, Colorado. He also spent a summer on staff at URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp, which welcomes dozens of Temple Israel families to Utica, Mississippi, each year.

Before joining Temple Israel, Rabbi Levy served the Los Angeles community at Congregation Kol Ami, a synagogue serving a primarily LGBTQ+ community. "I experienced what it means to open your arms wide and use Jewish tradition as a tool to create a place of home and acceptance," said Rabbi Levy. "I was excited to witness and foster a new, innovative definition of what a 'synagogue' means for people no matter their Jewish background."

Rabbi Ross will be involved in many aspects of Temple Israel's expansive programming and engagement opportunities, with a specific focus on young families and ConnecTI, their group for folks in their 20s and 30s.

"I am excited to get involved in education at Temple Israel, specifically adult education classes, Torah study, and finding opportunities to connect people with the rich tradition of the Jewish people," says Rabbi Levy, who has a passion for music and exploring different modes of worship. He will be partnering with Music & Cantorial Director Emily Groff Heilborn for an alternative "Awakening" service on the High Holidays, bringing a more informal style focused on communal singing and participation.

Rabbi Levy's formal installation will be held in the Greenstein Sanctuary on Friday, September 8, 2023, when he will be installed by his teacher and mentor from the Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Julie S. Schwartz, M.A.H.L., D.D. The entire community is invited to join Temple Israel for a preneg at 5 p.m. and



From left: Carly Abramson, Music & Education Specialist; Rabbi Jeff Dreifus, Rabbi Micah D. Greenstein, Rabbi Ross Z. Levy, Emily Groff Heilborn M.Ed, Music & Cantorial Director

a Shabbat service at 6 p.m. followed by a special Memphis-themed dinner. The service will also be streamed on Facebook and on Temple Israel's website, timemphis.org/watch-live. Tickets for dinner can be purchased at timemphis.org/calendar.

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, Temple Israel will host a "Spirited" Selichot Celebration featuring a bourbon-tasting, cocktail hour, and hors d'oeuvres under the Atrium Glass. The bourbon tasting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

and will then shift from celebration to introspection with a reflective evening Havdalah followed by a Selichot service at 8:30 p.m., bringing the community into the High Holidays.

childcare Complimentary children 18 months to 7 years of age is available on Friday evening for the entire night's celebrations. For more information about the Installation and Selichot services, please visit timemphis.org/hhd or call Temple Israel at 901.761.3130. HW

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Windows Shattered at Headquarters of Holocaust Memorial Site Foundation in Germany



Windows at the Foundation for Memorial Sites in Lower Saxony, in the town of Celle, Germany, were found vandalized, Aug. 15, 2023. Credit: Foundation for Memorial Sites in Lower Saxony

By Toby Axelrod

BERLIN (JTA) – Police are seeking witnesses to a violent act of vandalism early last Tuesday morning that destroyed windows at the headquarters of a foundation that manages multiple Holocaust memorial sites.

The Foundation for Memorial Sites in Lower Saxony, in the town of Celle, oversees the memorials at the former Bergen-Belsen concentration camp and the Wolfenbüttel Prison, a major Nazi execution site, as places of commemoration and learning.

Police told German news media that an unknown number of perpetrators tore an information board from the building's outside wall and used it to smash the windows. Elke Gryglewski, the foundation's executive director, told the NDR broadcasting company that charges have been filed with the police.

Menachem Rosensaft, associate executive vice president of the World Jewish Congress, who was born in the displaced person's camp in Bergen-Belsen, said he was "appalled" by the attack, which he called "the latest in a spate of such vandalizations of German memorial centers and institutions devoted to Holocaust remembrance."

The week before, a free library of Holocaust-related books near a Holocaust memorial in Berlin was destroyed in a fire that is alleged to be an arson. State police are investigating the incident.

Police have told news media that they have no evidence of political or other motivations in last Tuesday's attack, but some observers have suggested that recent political activism by the foundation may have drawn the attention of right-wing extremists.

The foundation recently joined a

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broad coalition of groups calling for a demonstration against the statewide political conference of the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) party. The foundation's headquarters had already caught the attention of some people who left political stickers at the site in recent days.

Michael Fürst, head of the Jewish Community of Lower Saxony, said last Wednesday that there had been online incitement against the foundation following its support for the protest.

Lower Saxony's Prime Minister Stephan Weil urged foundation's employees "not to be intimidated" by the incident. Foundation staff have now intensified their call for people to join the protest, news reports said.

The weekend demonstration was

scheduled to begin at the Celle train station last Saturday morning and included a cultural program in front of the building where the AfD plans to hold its conference. Organizers told a Protestant news service they want to respond to the AfD's "nationalist and racist agitation as well as antisemitism and Islamophobia" with "justice, appreciation and solidarity." HW

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Tracking the Fed's Progress on Disinflation

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Headline inflation, which refers to the 12-month increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), increased 9.1% in June 2022 – the highest rate since 1981 – before the U.S. economy began the fraught process of disinflation.¹

Disinflation means the rate of inflation is decreasing. Prices may still be rising overall, but at a slower rate than before. It shouldn't be confused with deflation, which means the inflation rate is negative, because prices are generally falling.

The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is raising the federal funds rate in a steadfast effort to reduce consumer demand and bring inflation down to its 2% target. Along the way, many economists, businesses, and investors are watching key inflation measures for signs of easing price pressures.

Of course, almost everyone is wondering how quickly the rate of inflation will fall back to normal and how high interest rates will rise in the meantime.

Where to Look

The CPI tracks the cost of a fixed market basket of goods and services purchased by consumers. As such, it captures the prices paid for the same items over time, but it does not reflect changes in consumer behavior and can be unduly influenced by extreme price swings in specific categories. Core CPI strips out volatile food and energy prices.

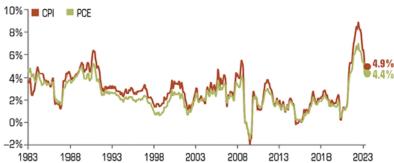
The Fed's preferred gauge for its 2% target is the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index. The PCE price index is even broader than the CPI, and it adjusts for shifts in consumer behavior, such as when shoppers purchase less-expensive items instead of others that become too expensive.

The Producer Price Index (PPI) measures the wholesale prices that producers charge businesses and others for goods and services. A set of underlying indexes captures prices through all stages of production – for raw materials, intermediate goods (used to produce other goods), and finished products. The PPI is often considered an early warning of inflation pressures, but it does not always anticipate changes in retail prices.

Not Your Typical Gauge Gap

In late 2022, the difference between annual inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index was the widest it has been since the 1980s.

12-month change in prices



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2023 (data through April 2023)

Underlying Trends

In addition to the overall inflation rate, price indexes have revealed – and obscured – some meaningful trends in specific corners of the U.S. economy.

Goods deflation. With most supply chain issues resolved and global shipping costs back to pre-pandemic levels, the prices of many goods have stabilized, and some have begun to fall. For the three months ended January 2023, core goods prices fell at an annualized 2.1% rate.²

Services inflation. Meanwhile, consumer demand has shifted back to services. A competitive labor market has also pushed up workers' wages, which represent a larger share of costs for businesses in service industries.³

Shelter's influence. Housing costs make up about one-third of the Consumer Price Index by weight, and they were responsible for more than 54% of the rise in core CPI in April 2023.⁴ New rents and home prices have been slowing since mid-2022, but because of the way data is reported, it can take nearly a year for those changes to be reflected in the CPI. Shelter costs have less impact on the PCE price index, where they account for just 15%.⁵

These trends have drawn attention to a metric dubbed "supercore" services inflation, which excludes food, energy, goods, and shelter. Supercore was running at about 4.6% in April 2023, lower than the core CPI of 5.5%, but still well above the Fed's target.⁶⁻⁷

When setting monetary policy, Fed officials must sift through a wide variety of price data, in addition to surveys of inflation expectations – which indicate consumers' confidence in the Fed's ability to control inflation. The committee must also consider how rate hikes might impact employment.

1, 4, 6) U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023

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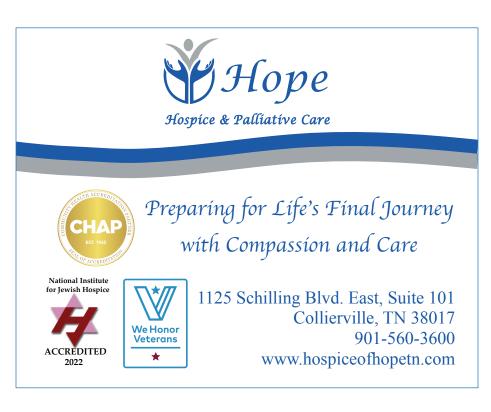
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David Corenswet, the First Jewish Superman, Keeps his Life Private. He was Married by a Rabbi and a Priest.



David Corenswet will be Hollywood's first Jewish Superman. Credit: Emma McIntyre/Getty Images, Daniel Álvasd/ Unsplash; Design by Mollie Suss

By Gabe Friedman

(JTA) – When David Corenswet was announced as the next DC Comics Superman last month, Jewish movie and comic fans rejoiced: He will be the first Jewish actor to portray the hero in a blockbuster.

But one Jewish community in New Orleans has been particularly excited.

"The Corenswet family is well known and loved" in New Orleans, said Daniel Sherman, rabbi of the city's historic Temple Sinai synagogue. "I have also heard a few groups talking about having some screening events to support David and are thrilled with the prospect of having not only a 'Jewish Superman,' but one with local roots."

The Corenswet clan has long ties to Temple Sinai, Louisiana's oldest Reform synagogue, founded in 1870. Although David Corenswet grew up in Philadelphia, many members of his family still attend Temple Sinai, including his uncle Jay, a past president of the congregation.

"It's not the biggest issue in anyone's life, but we're very gratified that we're going to have a Jewish Superman," said Edward Cohn, a rabbi emeritus at Temple Sinai who is close to the Corenswets.

Corenswet also tapped Cohn when he got married in March. The ceremony took place at the Immaculate Conception church – one of the city's historic Jesuit houses of worship, first opened in the 1850s – because Corenswet's wife is Catholic.

Cohn co-officiated the ceremony with a priest – and according to Julie Vanderbrook, Immaculate Conception's longtime wedding coordinator, "the rabbi kind of ran the show."

It was the first time in at least two decades (possibly ever, according to Vanderbrook) that the church hosted a ceremony that included a chuppah, or Jewish wedding canopy. Other Jewish rituals, including the breaking of the glass, were combined with Catholic ones. Cohn said that Corenswet had a specific vision for how the day would go, and church staffers were delighted with how he carried it out.

"The bride and groom were just so determined to intersperse the Jewish traditions with the Catholic traditions, which to me just enhanced the beauty and the strength of both faiths," Vanderbrook said. "I felt I got to know [the Corenswet family] pretty well, because they were delightful people."

Multiple members of the New Orleans community who know David described him as quietly intense and intellectual, and he has successfully kept most of his personal life – including the details of his Jewish identity, and the very fact that he is married – private, even as the Hollywood spotlight has begun to shine brightly on him. (His publicists did not respond to multiple requests for an interview.)

But Cohn said Jewishness is an important part of David's private life, even if he doesn't regularly go to a syna-

gogue. David and his new wife, who is also an actor, have been living in Philadelphia, and Cohn said they are "definitely intending to affiliate with a congregation," even though they regularly travel to Los Angeles and other filming locations.

In 2020, David spoke at a Zoom event organized by Jewish Pride New Orleans, a group under the Jewish Federation of Greater New Orleans umbrella.

"He was so generous with his time," said Marc Behar, who founded JP NOLA. "A thoughtful, kind person."

Cohn also knew David's grandfather, Sam Corenswet, Jr., who Cohn described as a "bright, worldly, well-educated southern gentleman." Like his own father, Sam Jr. was involved with the Temple Sinai board – and the New Orleans Mid Winter Sports Association, which runs the college football Sugar Bowl (previously an end-of-year championship game, now part of the annual NCAA football Playoff). The family ran a wholesale appliance distributor business.

An article on the Sugar Bowl website explains the many famous college football figures Sam Corenswet, Jr. met over the course of a 50-year tenure as president of the association: "He's met many of the legendary college coaches, Bear Bryant, Woody Hayes, Bud Wilkinson, Bob Devaney, Bobby Bowden and Nick Saban, through the years. He's witnessed numerous Heisman Trophy winners and national championship squads."

David Corenswet's father, John, who died of cancer in 2019 at 64, was an actor-turned-lawyer. The family did not have cable TV while David grew up, and they instead watched classic movies together. David caught the acting bug early and made his debut at age 9 in a local production of Arthur Miller's "All My Sons." He would go on to Juillard; in auditions, he kept an old New York City subway token in his pocket, a gift and good luck charm from his father.

Corenswet, 30, is still far from a household name. He has starred in multiple Netflix series developed by prolific producer Ryan Murphy, including "The Politician" and "Hollywood," but a turn as Superman will exponentially raise his profile. "Superman: Legacy" is slated for release in 2025 and co-stars Rachel Brosnahan, of "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" fame, as Lois Lane.

It's unclear whether David will bake anything Jewish into his performance – Superman was originally created by two Jews and the character's real name, Kal-El, is thought to be a nod to Hebrew – but the rabbi who stood under the chuppah with him said he's sure the actor will make the role his own.

"For a guy who is an actor, he's not looking to be on stage all the time," Cohn said. "He can laugh at himself. He's got a great sense of humor, which I think will be really important in this role that he's going to play." **HW**

OBITUARIES

Eugene Leo Lerner, Jr.

Eugene Leo Lerner, Jr., passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2023. He was the son of Eugene L. Lerner, Sr. and Maxine Peres Lerner. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Patricia S. (Patsy) Lerner, and his sister, Lynn Rutenberg. He leaves his children, Gene Lerner, III, (Kathryn Garland), Jody L. Cockroft (Don Cockroft, Jr.), and Jeffrey Lerner, as well as his grandchildren, Courtney and Connor and his sister-in-law, Janis Habbaz (Murray). He also leaves behind his nieces and nephews in Memphis and Alabama as well as all of his cherished AA friends across the Memphis area and beyond. Lastly, he leaves behind his pet, Missy, who was a loyal companion and source of comfort for many years.

Graveside services were held on August 14 at Temple Israel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to LeBonheur Children's Medical Center, Jewish Family Services or the donor's choice. **HW**

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Racelle Wagner Mednikow

Racelle Wagner Mednikow passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on Sunday, August 13, 2023, at the age of 88. Born in Memphis, Tenn., she was the daughter of Belle and Louis Wagner. She is preceded in death by her brother, Murray Wagner, and is survived by her sister, Reva Cook.

Racelle attended East High School and the University of Alabama. Ms. Racelle went on to teach Sunday school at Temple Israel and preschool at the Memphis Jewish Community Center for over 30 years. She loved staying active, teaching aerobics into her 70s.

Racelle married her loving husband, Steve (Buddy) Mednikow, on May 20, 1956. She was a devoted wife and mother and a lover of life.

Some of her greatest pleasures were, creating songs and poems for any occasion, her weekly Mahjong game with friends, and having family dinners every Thursday night. The most important thing to Racelle was her family. She loved having everyone gathered in one place, sharing laughs and creating memories. She is survived by her three sons, Michael, Scott (Carol), and Craig (Stacy); four grandchildren, Sean (Jenna), Justin, Chase, and Payne; and her great-grandchild, Levi.

Racelle's celebration of life was held at Temple Israel Cemetery on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that a donation be made to your charity of choice in her name. **HW**



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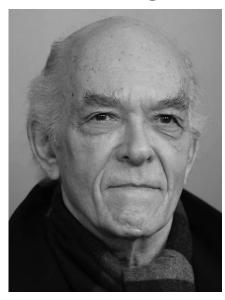
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Celebrated Character Actor Mark Margolis Dies at 83



Mark Margolis at the movie premiere of "Noah" at the Ziegfeld Theatre in New York City in 2014. Credit: Kristin Callahan via Wikimedia Commons

(JNS) – Most recently bringing to life the unforgettable crime boss Hector Salamanga in 22 episodes of "Better Call Saul" and eight episodes of its predecessor "Breaking Bad," Jewish actor Mark Margolis has died at the age of 83.

Margolis was born into a Jewish family in Philadelphia on Nov. 26, 1939. He trained as an actor under such legendary teachers as Stella Adler and Lee Strasberg before appearing in more than 50

off-Broadway plays.

Perhaps best known in film for his role in 1983's vicious crime drama "Scarface," many of his most memorable collaborations occurred later, when he appeared in the first six films from Oscar-nominated Jewish director Darren Aronofsky. Margolis accepted parts in the Brooklyn filmmaker's Kabbalah-themed indie thriller debut "Pi;" disturbing drug drama "Requiem for a Dream;" experimental sci-fi flick "The Fountain;" gritty character study "The Wrestler;" in the acclaimed "Black Swan;" and as the voice of the fallen angel Magog in biblical epic "Noah."

Another Jewish artist Margolis worked with on multiple occasions was Tony Kushner. In addition to his regular film work and frequent TV guest appearances, Margolis remained active on stage, appearing in the Pulitzer-winning playwright's "The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism With a Key to the Scriptures," and five years later, in" A Bright Room Called Day."

Bryan Cranston, Margolis's co-star on "Breaking Bad," said he was "a really good actor and a lovely human being" who was "fun and engaging off the set," and who possessed a "mischievous nature and curious mind."

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; his son, Morgan; a brother, Jerome Margolis; and three grandsons. **HW**

Tel Aviv Light Rail Open to the Public

The Red Line's 34 stations run from Bat Yam through Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Bnei Brak, Ramat Gan and Petach Tikva. By Etgar Lefkovits

(JNS) – After years of delays, the Tel Aviv Light Rail began running last Friday, affording commuters a traffic-free ride in and around the congested metropolitan area

The 24-km. (15-mile) Red Line, which will run through Tel Aviv connecting Bat Yam just south of the city to Petach Tikvah to its east, was green-lighted for operations earlier this month after all safety approvals were granted.

Originally set to begin operation nearly two years ago, the nearly NIS 19 billion (\$5 billion) transportation project was repeatedly derailed by malfunctions, including, most significantly, in its signaling and emergency braking.

The line has 34 stations, including 10 underground stops, and runs from Bat Yam through Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Bnei Brak and Ramat Gan to Petach Tikvah. Half of the route goes through an underground tunnel.

"This is a day of celebration for the State of Israel," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said last Thursday as he inaugurated the rail line in Petach Tikva. "Today, we are realizing the transportation vision of Israel: We promised to link between and within cities and between countries, and we are doing all three."

The site of last Thursday's light rail launch quickly descended into politics for the second straight day with hundreds of anti-government protesters shouting boos and crying "Shame" over the government's judicial reform program.

"Those who support us and those who oppose us will all use this train," Netanyahu said.

No Shabbat operation

The Tel Aviv Light Rail is scheduled to run Sunday to Thursday, 5:40 a.m. until midnight, and on Fridays until an

hour and a half before Shabbat, with a train coming every 3.5 minutes during peak hours and every six minutes offpeak.

The system will not operate on Saturdays or Jewish holidays, drawing criticism and protests in the predominantly secular city and reigniting the debate over public transportation on the Sabbath in Tel Aviv. The operating schedule is, however, in keeping with the long-standing status quo regarding public transport on the Sabbath in Israel, especially with the line running through the ultra-Orthodox city of Bnei Brak east of Tel Aviv.

A single fare for shorter journeys, which can be purchased via the app or on the national public transit RavKav card, will cost 5.50 shekels, (\$1.45), while traveling the entire line will cost 12 shekels (\$3.17). Both fares are equivalent to the price of a ticket on a city bus. There was no charge on opening day.

The Transportation Ministry estimates that 250,000 passengers will use the line every day, and 70 million a year.

The train has been undergoing test runs without passengers for months, with the spring national and Muslim holidays adding to the delays, frustrating city residents.

The first tender for the rail line was published nearly two decades ago, while the idea of a metro line for Tel Aviv was first broached by then-Prime Minister Golda Meir a half-century ago.

The Jerusalem Light Rail was launched in 2011 after similar delays. It has since become a distinct feature of the mixed city that is used daily by Jewish, Muslim and Christian residents as well as tourists traversing the capital city. Additional lines are in the works for both cities. **HW**

Former Trump Adviser Michael Flynn Blamed Jews for Boarding Trains to Auschwitz

Here's All the Offensive Comments He's Made about Jews



Michael Flynn, former U.S. national security adviser to former President Trump, speaks at a campaign event for U.S. Senate candidate Josh Mandel on April 21, 2022, at Mapleside Farms in Brunswick, Ohio. Credit: Dustin Franz/Getty Images

By Beth Harpaz and Jacob Kornbluh

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Former Trump adviser Michael Flynn used a recent speech to blame Jews for their own deportations at the hands of the Nazis, saying Holocaust victims willingly handed their children over and got on trains to Auschwitz.

Flynn suggested complicity on the part of "any mother who would be told, 'Give me your child, give me your baby, we're going to separate you, we're not just going to put you into a club coach car. We're going to stuff you like a sardine into a train."

"There weren't any guards," Flynn continued, falsely suggesting that Jews could have simply left or defied Hitler's soldiers.

"Someone put this Nazi in prison," responded self-described "anti-disinfo activist" Jim Stewartson, who posted a video clip of Flynn making the comments. The clip, posted last Friday on X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, has been viewed 8 million times.

In a lengthy rebuttal to Flynn's comments, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum said on X that "the assertion that Jews could have easily resisted during deportations to extermination simply due to their numerical strength compared to the guards oversimplifies the dire circumstances they faced."

Flynn made his comments at an event in Michigan billed as "A Celebration of America's Freedom and Future." A video of the event was posted four days ago on YouTube; Flynn's Auschwitz rant begins a few minutes after the two-hour mark. The exact date of the event was unclear.

Flynn is a retired U.S. Army general who lasted just 22 days in the White House as a national security adviser to former President Donald Trump. He was pardoned by Trump after pleading guilty to lying about his conversations with Russia's ambassador. A month before the Jan. 6 uprising, Flynn urged Trump to suspend the Constitution.

Flynn has since been on a speaking tour, themed on Christian nationalism, called "ReAwaken America," which falsely asserts that Trump won the 2020 election.

Flynn's Michigan comments weren't the first time he's made headlines for Holocaust denial, antisemitism and more. Here are some of Flynn's other controversial statements about Jews and religion, along with his connections to others who traffic in antisemitism:

February 2016: Flynn tweeted: "Fear of Muslims is rational," an example of what "The New York Times" called his "outright Islamophobia."

July 2016: When Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign manager suggested that Russians were behind the leak of thousands of Democratic National Committee emails, Flynn retweeted an antisemitic message suggesting Jews were blaming Russia to hide their own role in the leak. "The USSR is to blame!"... Not anymore, Jews. Not anymore," said the tweet. Flynn later said the tweet was a "mistake" and added his "sincerest apologies."

September 2016: Flynn was quoted by "Breitbart News Daily" as saying: "We must clearly define the enemies that we are going to face. And in this case, it's radical Islam." He accused Hillary Clinton and the Obama administration as being influenced by Muslim organizations "inside of our government."

December 2016: Four Jewish groups joined 53 organizations calling on Trump to rescind Flynn's nomination as national security adviser. They cited Flynn's assertions that "Islam is a political ideology" and "a cancer" that "hides behind being a religion," along with his false claim that "Shariah law" is spreading in the United States.

October 2021: At a New Hampshire meet-and-greet for then-U.S. Senate candidate Republican Don Bolduc, Flynn blamed Jews for not saving themselves when they arrived at Auschwitz. "Jesus, how could somebody stand there and just allow these people to do that to them?" Flynn said. "And then knowing what they knew, how could they get on that train? I would have rather attacked that machine gun nest." He suggested that if voters didn't choose Bolduc, they would hasten their own demise, saying: "We are on that train right now." Bolduc, a Republican, lost the race.

November 2021: At a ReAwaken America tour stop, Flynn called for Americans to adopt a single religion, saying: "If we are going to have one nation under God, which we must, we have to have one religion. One nation under God, and one religion under God." While the notion of making Americans adhere to "one religion" is fundamental to the Christian nationalist movement, it violates a bedrock principle of U.S. democracy and the First Amendment, which guarantees religious freedom.

May 2023: A ReAwaken America event held at Trump's Miami resort, the Trump National Doral, featured speakers who have expressed admiration for Hitler along with other far-right figures.

August 2023: At a rally in Michigan, Flynn blames Jews for their own deportations at the hands of the Nazis, suggesting they willingly went to Auschwitz. **HW**

From the Kitchen of Seth Feibelman Pasta Alfredo with Sautéed Mushrooms



Presently, there is a push to go "Viral." It could be a photo or video, a dance or song; if it gets popular enough in a short amount of time the word will spread quickly. Fettuccini Alfredo is a dish that went Viral 100 years ago. It started when a man named Alfredo made a pasta dish with extra butter and cheese. He put it on his menu as Alfredo's Pasta and it was a hit! Movie stars of the day such as Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford raved about the dish and others immediately began recreating it and adding their own styles. Here is a recipe I enjoy as a main course or a side.

Vivek Ramaswamy Says U.S. Should Not Give Israel More Aid Than to Others in the Middle East

By Gabe Friedman

(JTA) – Vivek Ramaswamy, a longshot contender for the Republican presidential nomination, said in an interview that the United States should reduce its aid to Israel.

In an interview on Rumble, a platform popular with far-right viewers, Ramaswamy said Israel should not get more aid than its Middle Eastern neighbors after 2028, the year that the current U.S. aid package of \$38 billion expires.

He said that he would expand the Abraham Accords, the normalization deals between Israel and Arab countries. After Israel is "more integrated" with its neighboring countries, Ramaswamy said, Israel should be able to stand "on its own two feet" financially.

"Come 2028, that additional aid won't be necessary in order to still have the kind of stability that we'd actually have in the Middle East by having Israel more integrated in with its partners," he said.

The policy point separates Ramaswamy from his two main rivals vying for the nomination – Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis, who are staunch supporters of Israel and its military. But it puts him line with a growing number of voices from across the ideological spectrum who say Israel should no longer get as much from the United States as it has.

Ramaswamy, a 38-year-old biotech entrepreneur and investor, appeared on comedian-turned-podcaster Russell Brand's video show on Rumble. The comments on aid to Israel were a response to a viewer question.

He argued that Israel should not receive preferential treatment from the United States, even though "our relationship with Israel has advanced American interests" over time. "There's no North Star commitment to any one country, other than the United States of America," Ramaswamy said.

Ramaswamy's popularity is on the rise, and he is now close behind DeSantis in national polls. A Fox News survey published last Wednesday found 11% of

respondents support him, compared to 16% for DeSantis and 53% for Trump.

Ramaswamy mentioned Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Indonesia as countries he would target as Abraham Accords partners; while Saudi Arabia is deep in negotiations with Israel and the United States about a possible Israel treaty, Oman recently criminalized relations of any kind with Israel. Indonesia is also noted for its high levels of antisemitism – FIFA, the world soccer body, this year moved its under-20 World Cup from Indonesia to Argentina after the Southeast Asian nation protested Israel's inclusion in the event.

U.S. aid to Israel has become more of a campaign issue over the past two presidential contests. In the lead-up to the 2020 election, prominent Democrats such as Sen. Bernie Sanders and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez brought up the idea of conditioning at least some aid over Israel's policies, particularly those involving the Palestinians.

In May, Rep. Betsy McCollum, a longtime critic of Israel policy, re-introduced a bill that would condition U.S. aid to Israel. Sixteen progressive House representatives co-sponsored the bill, including other prominent Israel critics such as Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar and Pramila Jayapal.

More recently, centrists and people on the right have joined in openly considering reducing aid to Israel, though for different reasons. Last month, "New York Times" columnist Nick Kristof floated ending aid to Israel entirely.

Ramaswamy – who had before his campaign been a leading defender of Donald Trump in his ongoing indictment crises – has also indicated he would pull back funding and military support for other allies, including Ukraine and Taiwan.

He told "Jewish Insider" in June that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had allowed Jews and other minorities to be mistreated during the country's war with Russia. Zelensky himself is Jewish. HW

Pasta Alfredo with Sautéed Mushrooms (Serves 6-8 people)

1lb Fettuccini Pasta 2 cups Heavy Cream

4 tbsp Butter 1 cup Shredded Parmesan Cheese

1/4 cup flour2 tbsp Salt2 cups Diced Mushrooms1 tsp Pepper1 cup Diced Onions1 tsp Thyme2 tbsp Minced Garlic1 tsp Basil

2 cups Chicken Stock

Sauté mushrooms, onions, and garlic until soft and onions in the butter. Add flour and keep stirring so mixture does not stick to the bottom of the pan. Slowly add chicken stock and cream. Simmer on low and skim off any oil and fat from the surface. Keep stirring as you add the cheese a little at a time until all cheese is melted. Season with Salt, Pepper, Thyme, and Basil.

Bring 4 qts water to a boil in a 6 qt pot. Add enough salt to be able to taste it in the water. Add pasta to the water and simmer on medium until pasta is at desired tenderness. Strain pasta and add it back to the pot. Pour in alfredo sauce and return to heat for 3-5 minutes gently stirring pasta to coat all the noodles with sauce. Remove from heat and serve! **HW**





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