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#antisemitism: Coming of Age During the Resurgence of Hate

By Rabbi Abe Schacter-Gampel Antisemitism is on the rise. According to the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) annual report, antisemitic incidents in the U.S. rose 36% in 2022. This is the third time in the last five years that the ADL's report recorded the highest number of antisemitic incidents. Sadly, each year's maddening number of incidents is soon eclipsed by the following year. Many of us Jews don't need statistics to support our gut feeling. We feel an acute sense of worry about our Jewishness. Whether that is our physical security in our synagogues or on virtual social media platforms. These types of threats can vary greatly from what some may call microaggressions to, tragically, harm and sometimes death.

What are the ways that we can address these issues with the next generation of Jews? How do we equip them with the necessary emotional fortitude and handson, practical skills, to respond? Dr. Samantha Vinokor-Meinrath, author of "#antisemitism: Coming of Age During the Resurgence of Hate," will visit the Memphis Jewish community to address these issues. Her research is a deep dive into how the rise in antisemitism from both the political Left and the Right is impacting the identity development of Jewish Generation Z-ers. With glimpses into the minds of teens, parents, and educators from across the United States, she explores issues from presenting as Jewish to social media activism, anti-Israel sentiments, and intersectional identities. Her book asks an important question: How will being shaped in a climate of unprecedented antisemitism create a new Jewish future?

Dr. Vinokor-Meinrath is senior director of knowledge, ideas, and learning at the Jewish Education Project. On Tuesday, October 17 at 7 p.m., she will lead a workshop based on the research of her book, which will be a general session meant for the entire community. On Sunday afternoon, January 7, 2024, Dr. Vinokor-Meinrath will return to Memphis to lead a training session tailored for teens and their parents and grandparents in collaboration with BBYO, NCSY, Temple Israel, and Beth Sholom. Both programs will take place at the MJCC. **HW**



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Chabad to Host Grand Sukkah-Fest Family Celebration



Chabad of Tennessee will be hosting its annual Grand Sukkah-Fest Family Celebration on Monday, October 2 at 5 p.m. at the Chabad Center for Jewish Life at 2570 Kirby Parkway.

"There will be lots of food, fun and activities," said Rivky Klein coordinator of the event.

The meal includes a full spaghetti and meat-sauce supper with cotton candy

In U.N. Speech, Netanyahu Threatens Iran with 'Credible Nuclear Threat'



Sophie Osadzinski getting to shake the Lulav and Etrog at last year's Sukkah-fest

desserts and sno-cones.

The event features an interactive petting farm, pony rides and Bounce N' Fun inflatables and holiday crafts.

Children may also enjoy the new playground.

"In addition to the food and fun, it is an opportunity to make a blessing in the newly built enlarged sukkah and shake the lulav and etrog," said Rabbi Levi Klein, director of Chabad of Tennessee. "And there will be l'chaim (for the adults) and music for all to add some joy to the holiday."

"It is an event with lots of food and fun for the entire family," concluded Rabbi Klein. "Everyone should feel free to invite a friend and come celebrate."

The cost is \$15 per person (with a \$75 family max).

To RSVP one should visit www. JewishMemphis.com/Sukkahfest ASAP or call Chabad at 901-754-0404. **HW** Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu works on his speech ahead of the U.N. General Assembly in New York, Sept. 22, 2023. Credit: Courtesy.

By Alex Traiman, Menachem Wecker

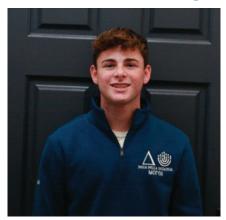
(JNS) – Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu appeared to threaten Tehran with nuclear weapons in his Sept. 22 address at the U.N. General Assembly.

"Iran must face a credible, nuclear threat. As long as I am prime minister of Israel, I will do everything in my power to prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons," Netanyahu said last Friday morning in New York City.

A senior adviser to the prime minister told JNS that the original text of the speech called for "a credible military threat" against Iran's nuclear program.

"It was misread as a credible nuclear threat," the adviser told JNS. "The prime minister stands by the original text of the speech." **HW**

Delta's 96th Regional Moreh Ari Taub



Ari Taub

My name is Ari Taub, and I am Delta's 96th Regional Moreh. I am a member of Okeon AZA here in Memphis.

When I was going into my 8th grade year, I started getting prospected and recruited by BBYO. Even though it was COVID times, they still recruited me. I wasn't sure whether I should join because my brother, Seth Taub, didn't participate in it. But because my friends convinced me, I reluctantly joined the organization and the chapter, Lester Sherman Okeon.

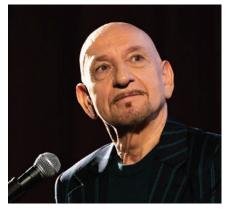
Joining BBYO has been one of the best decisions I have ever made. I have made many new friends and countless memories through the first two-and-ahalf years of my BBYO life, and I am excited to keep making friends and memories throughout the order.

When I first started going to chapter events, people would always talk to me about who was on the chapter board. I was confused at first about what the chapter board was, so someone explained it to me. They told me that the chapter board is the people who help make events and keep the chapter organized. I thought it was interesting, but I still didn't run for a position in my first elections. But in the spring of my freshman year, I was nominated for the position of Shaliach (head of Jewish programming), and I was elected. Looking back, I am really happy that someone nominated me. Being on the board for the first time helped me gain closer relationships with my fellow peers while also being a leader in the process.

In the next two elections, I ran for Gizbor (head of accounting and merch making) and Godol (president), and I was elected to serve in both of those positions. Because of these two terms, I kept getting closer to the people who had been on the board before, and I also gained new relationships with the new people on the board.

When I was making my decision to run for the regional board, it took a little thinking, but, after a little convincing, I ended up running. I was ready to help lead and grow the region in any way I could. I ended up running for Grand Regional Aleph Moreh (Head of Regional Recruiting for AZA). I am super happy and excited for the next term ahead, and I cannot wait to help grow the Delta region to be the best it can be. HW

Actor Ben Kingsley Reveals Why He Stars in So Many Holocaust Films



Ben Kingsley participates in a Q&A after a screening of "Dalíland" at Landmark's Nuart Theatre in Los Angeles, June 10, 2023. Credit: Elyse Jankowski/Getty Images

By Gabe Friedman

(JTA) - From "Schindler's List" to "The Red Sea Diving Resort," the non-Jewish, award-winning actor Ben Kingsley has starred in a number of Holocaust and other Jewish-themed movies.

The recurring theme in his career wasn't an accident, he said in a recent

roles because his "vigorously antisemitic" grandmother motivated him to want to speak out on the issue of antisemitism.

Talking to "Parade" magazine earlier this month, Kingsley was asked why he has played so many Jewish characters in film. His British mother is thought to have Jewish ancestry, but "the thread is so fine there's no real evidence," he said in a 1994 interview about "Schindler's List," in which he plays Oskar Schindler's helper Itzhak Stern.

He told "Parade:"

I must answer very candidly, and it's an answer that disturbs me but it's the truth. I remember as a schoolboy watching a wonderful television documentary series, which examined World War II. And as a schoolboy, alone in the house, I watched the liberation of Belsen [a Nazi concentration camp] on film. And I do remember as a young adolescent, I think I was maybe 11 or 12 – this was way after World War II, of course, it was a retrospective - but I think my heart stopped beating for a little while. I went



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The disturbing part of this story is that I remember within the same few days having a conversation with my maternal grandmother, who was inexplicably but quite vigorously antisemitic. So, the two impressions came to me almost simultaneously, and as a child it was very difficult for me, impossible for me to counter my grandmother's outburst, but I think a seed was planted in me that said to me, "One day I will speak."

Kingsley, who had an Indian father and won an Oscar for portraying Mahatma Gandhi in the 1982 biopic "Gandhi," has previously said that his grandANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES: Memphis and Mid-South \$36 Out-of-State \$50 Payable in Advance

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the fact that a Jewish man abandoned her once she became pregnant.

In an on-screen career dating back to the 1970s, Kingsley has also earned Emmy nominations for playing Otto Frank in a TV miniseries called "Anne Frank: The Whole Story" and for playing Nazi hunter Simon Wiesenthal in a 1989 TV movie called "Murderers Among Us: The Simon Wiesenthal Story." He played Jewish gangster Meyer Lansky in the acclaimed film "Bugsy" about the life of Jewish mobster Bugsy Siegel - and an organized crime boss called The Rabbi in the 2006 thriller

interview. Instead, he said, he picked the

into deep shock as a child.

mother's antisemitism stemmed from

"Lucky Number Slevin."

In 2019, he played a Mossad agent in "The Red Sea Diving Resort," a drama about a 1980s Israeli mission to rescue Ethiopians. He has also played Nazi Adolf Eichmann, in the 2018 drama "Operation Finale." He said he kept a photo of his real-life friend, Elie Wiesel, in his pocket while filming that movie.

Before Wiesel's death in 2016, Kingsley told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that he had told the best-selling Holocaust survivor: "The next time I walk onto a film set that is appropriate to your story, I will dedicate my performance to you."

He said he kept his word: "Every day as promised, I looked at a picture of Elie that I carried in my pocket and said 'I'm doing this for you," he said.

Kingsley's newest movie, "Jules," is a sci-fi story about an older man named Milton who befriends an alien who crash-lands in his backyard. HW

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CYHSB Fall Canoe Trip

By Ilan Lennon, CYHSB 9th Grade

In a day and age when we are increasingly focused on and worried about the future, it is important sometimes to take a step back and appreciate the moment you're in and the people you're spending time with.

A few weeks ago, the Cooper Yeshiva High School for Boys participated in its annual canoe trip to Spring River Oak in Mammoth, Arkansas. This trip, which lasts a total of two days, allows the students of the CYHSB to get to know each other better, and the events that occur often create lifelong bonds between students and their peers. The first thing we did when we arrived was the Great River Race, a relay on the river that consists of swimming, running, canoeing, yelling and a whole lot of fun. This adrenaline-pumped start to the trip got all of us excited for the rest of the trip, and really put our teamwork skills to the test.

After the Great River Race, we built our own fire, and all of us had the chance to bond while roasting hot dogs and singing zemirot. The next day, after davening and having a breakfast that mostly consisted of Cinnamon Toast Crunch, we drove upriver to start our canoe trip. For almost five hours we canoed down [the] Spring River, stopping twice for a food break and to play around in the water. There are a lot of mini waterfalls and not-so-mini rapids on Spring River, and a lot of people fell out of their canoes, but that just meant we all had even more fun. After we got back to our campsite, we packed up our belongings and got on the bus back to Memphis.

Now, you might ask: why would the CYHSB take off valuable education time just so the students can go canoeing? That seems almost like a camp activity, not something a school would do. That is a great question, but your assumption is wrong; the CYHSB is not taking away from education time; but is actually utilizing the canoe trip as an educational, outside-of-school bonding experience. The canoe trip allows people to learn the value of hard work, of making friends, of being social. There are many positive benefits of educational bonding trips such as this; lower mortality rates, less health risks, and better mental health are just some of the positive outcomes listed by the National Institute of Health. The CYHSB believes that social-bonding events are very important in a student's general education, and this is the reason why we have so many fun events during the first month of school and throughout the year. Through these trips the CYHSB has taught all of its students a valuable lesson: while it is important to work hard and plan for the future in school, it is also important to live in the moment and create friendships that will last a lifetime. HW

A Swiss University is Hiring its Next Jewish Studies Professor. Jews Need Not Apply.

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(JTA) – A public university in Switzerland is looking for its next Jewish studies professor, and one requirement on the job posting has drawn scrutiny from local Jews: all applicants to the position must be Catholic.

The opening, for a professor of Judaic studies and theology, is currently listed at the Faculty of Theology at the University of Lucerne, an hour south of Zurich.

Even though the university is public, that academic department is officially affiliated with the Catholic Church – which prohibits non-Catholic professors from teaching "doctrinal" courses such as philosophy, liturgy, scripture, Catholic theology and fundamental theology. That includes teaching about non-Christian religions such as Judaism. Non-Catholic professors may be invited as guest lecturers or visiting professors.

The Jewish studies and theology professor would be responsible for teaching and research related to Judaic studies, as well as leading the Institute for Jewish-Christian Research, according to the job posting.

Alfred Bodenheimer, who worked at the University of Lucerne from 1997 to 2003 in a Jewish teaching and research position, said the prohibition of non-Catholics hampered his career there. "It seems to be the case that it simply doesn't fit into our times anymore – that you say someone who teaches Jewish studies cannot be anyone else but a Catholic," Bodenheimer, who now teaches at the University of Basel, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

"I really saw that as a Jewish person at this university, I would always be something like a subaltern, with no chance to have more possibilities, influence and so on," he added. "I became aware of the fact that this whole situation was very asymmetric, that I as a Jew would always be not on the same stage as my Catholic boss."

Like Lucerne, the University of Basel is a public university. But its theology department is Protestant, rather than affiliated with the Catholic Church. In total, Switzerland has 12 public universities, at least two of which have Catholic Church-affiliated theology departments.

Margit Wasmaier-Sailer, the dean of Lucerne's Faculty of Theology, told the Swiss publication "Zentral Plus" that the application included the Catholic Church's restrictions "for reasons of fairness and transparency." But though the Theology Faculty effectively bars Jews from being hired to its Jewish studies position, she said the department is committed to teaching the subject.

"The Theological Faculty of the University of Lucerne is the only Catholic Theological Faculty in the German-speaking world where Jewish Studies is part of the compulsory curriculum of theology studies," Wasmaier-Sailer told Swiss-Jewish publication "Tachles." She did not respond to JTA's request for comment.

Jonathan Kreutner, general secretary of the Swiss Federation of Jewish Communities, said he is concerned about the requirement and that it is "really not understandable at this time." Kreutner said his group is set to discuss the issue with the university and has already spoken with the area's local bishop. He said that both seem "quite open" to finding a solution.

"On the one hand, it's clear that the Theological Faculty have some rules how to set up their posts," Kreutner told JTA. "This is one thing. On the other hand, of course, we think it's a little bit questionable why they are so strict."

He added, "If you're talking about Jewish studies, why close this for Jewish applicants?"

Bodenheimer said that he wouldn't be

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"There are excellent experts of Judaic studies who are Catholics," he said. "I happen to know people like this and I'm not against at all that in the end a Catholic will have the job. But open it up. Let people simply show what they can and then decide."

A solution, he said, would be for Jewish studies to be moved to the department of philosophy, where the Catholic requirement would not apply. He said convincing the Catholic Church to give up the discipline may be "a little complicated administratively" but that the millennia-old institution should be able to adapt.

"The Catholic Church lives in the 21st century," Bodenheimer said. "They also have to be in some way able to adjust themselves to a world that has changed dramatically." **HW**

Shame on the U.N. For Manhandling the Israeli Ambassador

By Bryan E. Leib

(JNS) – As a platform intended to promote international cooperation, peace and human rights, the United Nations bears significant responsibility. However, to those who closely follow the organization, it is clear that the U.N. has a consistent bias against Israel that undermines its credibility and ability to foster global harmony.

This bias was thrust into the spotlight once again on Sept. 20 when Israel's Ambassador to the U.N. Gilad Erdan peacefully protested a speech by Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi. During the speech, Erdan held up a picture of Mahsa Amini, an innocent Iranian woman murdered by Iran's "morality police" for allegedly wearing a hijab improperly. Amini's death set off a wave of protests against Raisi's theocratic regime.

After Erdan's protest, he attempted to leave the hall. The U.N. Police promptly put their hands on him and physically escorted him out. The U.N. should be ashamed of itself.

This appalling event is a teachable moment, an opportunity to revisit the U.N.'s record of open hostility towards Israel.

First, there is the U.N.'s disproportionate focus on Israel's actions compared to those of other nations. The U.N.'s obsession with passing resolutions condemning Israel, often by an overwhelming majority, while turning a blind eye to other nations with far more egregious records, is deeply troubling. While criticism of Israel is certainly valid when warranted, the disproportionate attention it receives suggests a political agenda at work. The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) is a notorious example of such bias. Since its inception, the UNHRC has adopted more resolutions condemning Israel than any other country in the world. At the same time, critics have pointed out that the UNHRC has failed to adequately address severe human rights violations in countries such as China, Russia, Iran and North Korea. This inconsistency raises questions about the U.N.'s commitment to impartiality and its ability to address global human rights abuses effectively.

Another issue is the U.N.'s tendency to label Israeli self-defense as aggression. Israel, like any sovereign nation, has the right to defend itself from threats and attacks. The U.N.'s failure to acknowledge the complex security challenges facing Israel, including constant terrorist threats from groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, is a glaring omission that undermines the organization's credibility.

It's important to note that criticism of the U.N.'s treatment of Israel is not an attempt to shield Israel from accountability. Israel, like any other nation, should be held responsible for its actions when and if they violate international law or human rights standards. However, the U.N.'s approach must be consistent and fair, applying the same standards to all member states.

The U.N.'s appalling treatment of Ambassador Erdan will go down in the history books as the latest chapter in the organization's long history of obvious bias against the world's only Jewish state. **HW**

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The MLB has More Jewish Players than Ever — But None of Them Will Face a Yom Kippur Dilemma this Year



Max Fried delivers a pitch in a spring training game against the Tampa Bay Rays, March 21, 2021. Credit: Michael Reaves/Getty Images

By Jacob Gurvis

(JTA) – For Jews and baseball fans, this is one of the most important week-ends of the year.

Yom Kippur, Judaism's holiest day, began last Sunday evening. That day also kicked off the final week of the MLB regular season, when the fight to make the playoffs comes down to the wire.

For some Jewish players, the overlap between these two events brings conflict. In a few famous examples, players have put their faith first. Sandy Koufax is still celebrated for declining to pitch Game 1 of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur, but he's not the only one to make that choice. Hank Greenberg, Ken Holtzman and Shawn Green – to name a few – have also sat out on the Jewish High Holidays. On Sept. 26, 2001, Green ended a streak of 415 consecutive games played – the longest active streak at the time – by sitting on Yom Kippur.

This year, the decision was made easy for two of the game's best Jewish players, Max Fried and Dean Kremer – each of whom has struggled with how to deal with the High Holidays in the past. Fried was scheduled to pitch last Thursday night for the Atlanta Braves, while Kremer took the mound Friday for the Baltimore Orioles, meaning neither will be asked to play on Yom Kippur this year.

In 2019, Fried's Braves faced the Los Angeles Dodgers in the National League Division Series, and the decisive Game 5 fell on Yom Kippur. Fried, who grew up in L.A. and idolized Sandy Koufax, was torn about whether he would pitch that night. Since he was not scheduled to start the game, he decided to fast for the holiday. But when the Braves starting pitcher was quickly pulled from the game, Fried was asked to pitch - and so he did, during a win-or-go-home playoff game, on an empty stomach. The Braves lost 13-1, and Fried surrendered four runs - though he did get fellow Jewish player and St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Harrison Bader to line out. Kremer, who has played for Team Israel and spoken about his proud Jewish identity, has not been faced with that kind of decision yet in his young career, though he has previously said he would not pitch on Yom Kippur.

unclear if any would sit out a game on a High Holiday. MLB.com reporter Jonathan Mayo, who himself is Jewish and produced the 2018 "Heading Home" documentary about Team Israel, said he thinks players sitting is "an exception, and far from the rule." He guessed most, if not all, Jewish players would play on the holiday if faced with the decision. (Not all 18 are currently in the big leagues.)

As it turns out, because most teams play afternoon games on Sundays, only one Jewish player, San Francisco Giants outfielder and Team Israel alum Joc Pederson, was scheduled to play this year during Kol Nidre – the service, starting on Yom Kippur just before sundown, in which many Jews take part.

The Giants, who are managed by another Team Israel alum, Gabe Kapler, play the Los Angeles Dodgers at 4:10 p.m. PT. Sunset in L.A. on Sunday is 6:47 p.m., meaning Jews across the city will be taking their seats in synagogue as the game winds down. Pederson has played on Yom Kippur in the past.

Monday, a common off-day for MLB teams, only features four games, all of which begin around 6:40 p.m. or 7:40 p.m. local time.

The topic of Jewish players choosing whether or not to sit on Yom Kippur has intrigued Jewish fans and writers for years. In 2020, Howard Wasserman published an extensive study on the so-called "Koufax Curse," seeking to determine once and for all whether Jewish players who do play on the holiday perform worse, possibly because they didn't follow Koufax's lead. Wasserman's conclusion: yes and no. He found that Jewish players who play on Yom Kippur do not necessarily play worse - in fact, some, like Alex Bregman, seem to perform especially well on the holiday – while teams with Jewish players do see a drop in results. "Perhaps the solution is that no one should play on Yom Kippur, at least not teams with Jewish players.... Jews can recommit to their faith. And everyone can be ready to play the following day," Wasserman wrote. "I make both suggestions with tongue in cheek, of course. MLB should not stop playing on Yom Kippur, nor should it urge Jewish players not to play. But these numbers might relieve Jewish players of the belief ... that they lack the leverage to request the day off." ${\bf HW}$

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Eighteen Jewish players appeared in MLB games this season, a likely record. But aside from Fried and Kremer, it's

Germany Bans Neo-Nazi Group to Send 'Signal Against Racism and Antisemitism'



Prominent right-wing extremist Sven Krüger, on left, is accompanied by a police officer during a search operation on his property in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Germany, Sept. 19, 2023. Credit: Jens Büttner/picture alliance via Getty Images

By Toby Axelrod

(JTA) – Germany has banned a neo-Nazi group after raiding the homes of its leaders across the country, in a move the government said, "sends a clear signal against racism and antisemitism." The Hammerskins, a local spinoff of a group founded in the United States in the late 1980s, are accused of promoting criminal activities and of opposing the German constitution. According to a recent report from Germany's Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, the group was the only remaining neo-Nazi organization active nationwide.

"The ban of the Hammerskins Germany is a hard blow against organized right-wing extremism," German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser said last Tuesday. "With this ban, we are putting an end to the inhumane activities of an internationally active neo-Nazi association in Germany... This sends a clear signal against racism and antisemitism."

The German group, founded in the 1990s, reportedly has only 130 known members but is considered influential in the neo-Nazi scene. German police raided the homes of 28 suspected lead-ing Hammerskins members in 10 states across Germany last Tuesday.

It is rare for Germany to ban a political organization, thanks to postwar guarantees of free speech and assembly. Exceptions occur when an organization threatens the democratic state, or if it denies or glorifies the country's Nazi past.

The Hammerskins are reportedly the 20th right-wing extremist organization that Germany has banned. For example, in 2007, Germany banned Collegi-

um Humanum, its member organization Bauernhilfe and the Association for the Rehabilitation of Those Persecuted for Denying the Holocaust" as "reservoirs of organized Holocaust denial." In 2020, the government banned the groups Combat 18, Nordadler, and Sturmbrigade 44/Wolfsbrigade 44; and in 2021, they banned Nationale Sozialisten Rostock and its spinoff, the Baltik Korps.

But in 2017, to the disappointment of Jewish groups in Germany, the supreme court rejected a ban on the far-right party NPD – the National Democratic Party of Germany, which changed its name this year to "The Homeland" – saying they were not dangerous enough to warrant such an extreme response. The NPD never succeeded in gaining parliamentary seats on the national level.

Meanwhile, the right-wing party Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, founded in 2013, has made continual political headway, reaching the national parliament, the Bundestag, and thus receiving taxpayer funding for their activities and infrastructure. There have been calls for it to be banned from politics over its anti-immigrant platform and the Holocaust relativization of some leading members. **HW**

'Major Milestone': Israeli Heart Valve Implanted in First U.S. Patients

By Pesach Benson

(JNS) – Trisol Medical Ltd., an Israeli medical device company, has successfully implanted its Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve in two patients in the United States.

The procedure involved the replacement of the tricuspid valve through a minimally invasive approach, avoiding the need for cardiopulmonary bypass. Both patients were suffering from symptomatic tricuspid regurgitation, a disorder in which the heart's tricuspid valve does not close tightly enough, causing blood to flow backward into the right upper heart chamber every time the right lower heart chamber contracts. Left untreated, the disorder may lead to irregular heart rhythm or heart failure.

Both procedures were part of a U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved Early Feasibility Study.

The first procedure was carried out at the Piedmont Heart Institute in Atlanta on an 84-year-old woman. Doctors were able to insert the replacement valve through the patient's jugular vein. Following the procedure, doctors saw a dramatic improvement in her condition, recovery, along with significant and rapid improvement in her symptoms. We look forward to further investigation of the Trisol valve."

The patented valve comprises a single leaflet, affixed by two joints enabling it to function as a bi-leaflet valve.

"There is a huge unmet need for a transcatheter solution to treat severe TR. Trisol's promising initial clinical data instills confidence that Trisol can play a major role in this domain," said Trisol chairman Dr. Shimon Eckhouse.

To date, the valve has been implanted in 10 human subjects, five of whom were part of an Israeli pilot study.

Based in Yokneam, near Haifa, Trisol was founded in 2016. **HW**





and she was discharged after two days.

Piedmont doctors Pradeep Yadav, James Stewart and Vinod Thourani said the procedure "marks a major milestone in the management of TR. We were able to abolish the patient's valvular heart disease via a minimally invasive procedure without the need for cardiopulmonary bypass. The patient was mobilizing within hours of the procedure, and her recovery was streamlined and expeditious."

The second patient was a 77-year-old woman with a more severe case, who underwent the procedure at the University of Virginia Health System in Charlottesville. Her tricuspid regurgitation level was lowered from "severe" to "trace," and she too was discharged after two days.

Dr. Scott Lim, who conducted the procedure, said, "The patient had a gratifying result with essentially elimination of her tricuspid regurgitation, and rapid

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Sara Netanyahu, Jill Biden **Discuss Global Challenges to** Children



U.S. first lady Jill Biden (center) and Israeli first lady Sara Netanyahu (fifth from right) with the wives of world leaders gathered in New York City for the U.N. General Assembly, Sept. 20, 2023. Credit: Ohad Kav/GPO.

(JNS) - The wives of global heads of state gathered at a reception in New York City last Wednesday sponsored by U.S. first lady Jill Biden, held in their honor during the opening of the 78th U.N. General Assembly.

Israeli first lady Sara Netanyahu attended the event, where she and Biden were said to have discussed topics such as children's rights; female empowerment; and battling international human trafficking, especially when it comes to women.

Netanyahu also met with Emine Er-

doğan of Turkey; Olena Zelenska of Ukraine; Philippa Karsera of Cyprus; Annik Penders of Belgium; and Mareva Mitsotakis of Greece, as well as representatives from Lithuania, Surinam, the Dominican Republic, Thailand and other countries.

Netanyahu had recently met with Zelensky in Jerusalem months ago, as well as greeted Karsera and Mitsotakis at a recent diplomatic visit to Cyprus. Erdoğan has invited the Netanyahus to visit Turkey. HW



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Drum Circle with Frank Shaffer

this program. This program is presented with the help of Creative Aging.

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No two teenagers better exemplify this experience than Eve and Lucy Pai. Eve, an 11th grader at St. Mary's Episcopal School, lives the life of a typical

teenager - attending school and participating in the school's cross-country team. Beyond school hours, Eve and her sister, Lucy, work diligently to support community needs.

B'nai Tzedek gives Jewish teens two ways to learn about philanthropy - the Teen Donor Fund and the Teen Grant Board. Through the Teen Donor Fund, teenagers can establish a fund with a suggested donation of \$250, which is then matched by the Foundation. Teen fund holders use a portion of their donor fund to make an annual gift to a charity of their choice.

Teen Grant Board participants solicit grant applications from Jewish agencies across Memphis and collaborate to decide which agencies will receive funding. An anonymous donor set up an endowment fund that allows the teens to give out \$10,000 annually.

Eve has been involved with B'nai Tzedek for nearly three years. She speaks proudly about the sense of connection she has gained, the rewarding experience of providing funds, and the overall knowledge she has acquired, saying, "I joined B'nai Tzedek in ninth grade, so I have been volunteering for them for two years now. Learning about a variety of nonprofit Jewish service organizations has been a rewarding experience, especially when the B'nai Tzedek team is able to grant the organization the full amount requested."

Her younger sister, Lucy, echoes similar sentiments. She also attends St. Mary's Episcopal School and participates in cross-country. Lucy has only

been involved with B'nai Tzedek for one year now, going on two, but the impact she feels is already clear.

For Lucy, exploring local and global Jewish charities has given her new insight into the importance of philanthropy, saying, "It [B'nai Tzedek] is a great way to join the larger Jewish community locally and globally. It is also very fun to be at the meetings and make your pitch."

B'nai Tzedek Program Director Carolyn Schrier says it best, "I'm constantly inspired by the passion and dedication of our young participants like Eve and Lucy. B'nai Tzedek isn't just a program; it's a vital pathway for teens to become life-long philanthropists. Through these remarkable young leaders, we see the potential for positive change. Together, we can ensure that this legacy continues to thrive."

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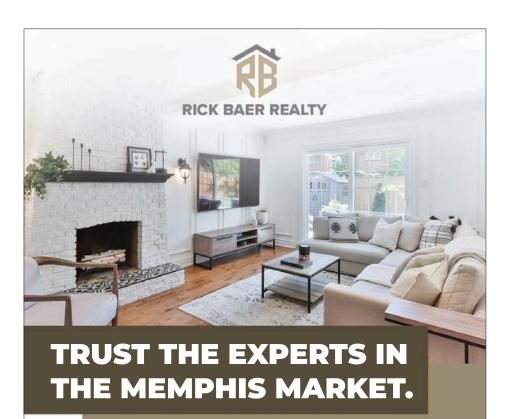
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On the Move Again: International Travel Tips

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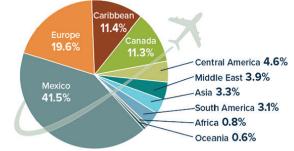
With the COVID pandemic receding in most areas of the world, Americans are traveling again. U.S. citizens took more than 80 million international trips in 2022, an increase of almost 66% over 2021.¹ If you're planning a foreign vacation, here are some suggestions to help keep your trip on track.

Obtain required documents. A passport (or in some cases a passport card) is required to enter and return from all foreign countries, including Canada and Mexico. Your passport should have at least six months of validity beyond the dates of your trip. U.S. citizens can travel to many foreign countries without obtaining a visa in advance, but be sure to follow the rules for all countries on your itinerary. If you need a new or updated passport, check processing and mailing times before booking your trip.

Follow vaccination and testing requirements. Although restrictions have eased, some countries still require COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test before entry. Even if there are no requirements, you should pro-

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For in-depth information on foreign travel, including passports, visas, and country-specific vaccination and testing requirements, visit **travel.state.gov**. For general health guidelines related to foreign travel, including country-specific public health information, see **cdc.gov/travel**.

1) National Travel and Tourism Office, 2023

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A Medieval Massacre Nearly Wiped Out the Jews of York, England. New Research Shows How the Community Recovered.

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(JTA) – Earlier this month, the small Jewish community in the British city of York celebrated the arrival of a new rabbi, its first since the city's Jewish community was nearly wiped out in a pogrom in 1190.

Or so they thought.

Just weeks after the new rabbi, Elisheva Salamo, arrived in the city, a team of researchers has discovered that Jews in York rebuilt their community in the decades after the pogrom – though they still faced antisemitism in the years leading up to the expulsion of Jews from England in 1290.

In findings published this week, a team of researchers from the University of York have found the location of the city's first synagogue, and discovered how, in the years after 1190, leading figures from the Jewish community cooperated with local church leadership in purchasing a stone building that became the city's Guildhall, which functioned at the time as a civic center.

"The amount of new information that has been uncovered by the team is truly inspiring," Howard Duckworth, warden of the York Synagogue, said in a statement. "We have discovered a totally new history of Jews in York, which for many years has been overshadowed by the massacre at Clifford's Tower. This the Jews of York sought refuge in a tower in the king's castle as antisemitic rioters intended to forcibly convert them to Christianity or kill them. The city's Jews chose to kill themselves rather than convert, and approximately 150 people are estimated to have died in the pogrom.

Basing their designs on surviving medieval houses in York, the researchers digitally reconstructed the homes of prominent Jewish leaders of York following the massacre – including an uncle-and-nephew pair, Leo Episcopus and Aaron of York; Aaron's wife, Henna, and his nephew, Josce le Jovene. The researchers also found the exact locations of homes of the two leading members of the Jewish community that existed prior to the pogrom in 1190.

They also found that the community's first synagogue was located on the back plot of Aaron of York's house. Leo and Aaron served as representatives of the whole Jewish community of England, and for a time, Aaron was considered the richest man in the country.

The digital reconstruction found that although the synagogue was close to a church, there was no evidence of direct conflict between the two religious communities. But the synagogue, and others in the country, did face discrimination from the king. A 1253 royal statute proclaimed, "In their synagogues the Jews should all subdue their voices when performing their ritual offices, so that Christians shall not hear them." Jews were persecuted in other ways as well. In 1279, Josce le Jovene, a moneylender, and his son who was also named Aaron, were "hanged for felony," though their crimes were not specified, according to researchers. "During this period hundreds of Jews were being rounded up and apprehended at the Tower of London on the charge of 'coin clipping' – namely trimming bits of silver from coins to create new money," the research project says. "While some Jews managed to escape by paying hefty fines or converting to Christianity, many faced severe sentences, including death." In 1290, Jews were expelled from England entirely. They were not permitted to return to England until 1656. HW

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The researchers were part of a project called StreetLife York, which hopes to "revitalise and diversify" the city's main street, called Coney Street, in part by learning about its more than 1,000year history. The researchers focused on Jews who lived on Coney Street during the 1200s.

"The massacre of York's Jews in 1190 has overshadowed the fact that from the 1210s onwards there was once more a thriving Jewish community living and working in the city in mostly harmonious relations with their Christian neighbours," read an announcement from the university. It added that "the chief Jewish citizens of the city were also some of the most important figures in England." In the 1190 massacre, which occurred on the Shabbat before Passover,

OBITUARIES



Kenneth Irving Karchmer (Kenny)

Kenneth Irving Karchmer of Las Vegas, Nev., and formerly Memphis, Tenn., passed away peacefully on September 17, 2023 after a heroic battle with cancer. Kenny was born December 31, 1938, to Carl and Adele Karchmer in Memphis.

After Christian Brothers High School, Kenny graduated from The Memphis Art Academy in 1968. He landed his first job with Aeolian Corporation as an Art Director. Soon thereafter, he started his own printing company, Karchmer Printing.

In 1966 he married his beloved wife, Nadolyn Edelson, daughter of the late Mary Dumont after knowing each other for three weeks, and they were basically inseparable ever since.

He was a passionate artist and a creative craftsman who could be found occupied with his latest hobby of painting, making sculptures, mirrors, or his latest venture right up to his death, of painting different scenes on rocks. He proudly gave them away as gifts, which reflected his giving and fun spirit.

Kenny loved people and could and would talk to anyone. Everyone he came in contact with has a fun Kenny Karchmer story.

He will be missed by the entire Las Vegas and Memphis communities.

He is mourned by his children, Randy Karchmer (Laurie) of Memphis, and Kendel Bornstein (Mark) of West Hempstead, N.Y, and 8 grandchildren; Drew Karchmer, Josh Karchmer, Ryan Karchmer, Razel Bornstein, Arley Fine (Yoni), Ziggy Bornstein and Ellis Bornstein, all of New York as well as his brother, Howard Karchmer (Renee), of Atlanta, Ga., and many nieces and nephews and cousins. **HW**

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Even after Cease-and-Desist Letter, 'Palestine Writes' Lists Pennsylvania Agency as Sponsor

By Bradley Martin

(JNS) – Even after receiving a third and final warning from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts to cease and desist claiming that the state agency was a sponsor, the "Palestine Writes" literary festival continues to display the PCA logo on its sponsor webpage.

"The PCA has repeatedly attempted to address this matter amicably and cooperatively, but the 'Palestine Writes' Literature Festival organization has failed to take necessary action to resolve this matter. In fact, "Palestine Writes" abruptly reversed course and failed to follow through on its own offer to remove the logo entirely from the website," Amber Sizemore, counsel to the PCA, wrote to the festival on Sept. 21.

"Instead, the sponsor web page was merely manipulated to list the PCA as a sponsor for 'Palestine Writes Press,' which the PCA expressly stated by email was not sufficient to resolve its concerns," Sizemore wrote.

The attorney noted that the state agency had provided "limited grant funding to Playgrounds for Palestine," which was "limited to a literary anthology project and a series of workshops, seminars, readings and other events to launch the anthology and provide publishing education to authors."

PCA understands that Playgrounds for Palestine is a "Palestine Writes" subsidiary, but it "has provided no funding, or other sponsorship or support, to the parent initiative or to the festival," Sizemore wrote.

The festival, which is taking place at the University of Pennsylvania from Sept. 22 through Sept. 24, includes several prominent antisemitic speakers, including musician and Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters; and Marc Lamont Hill, fired by CNN for anti-Israel remarks and who now works for the City University of New York (an academic institution that has also exhibited anti-Jewish and anti-Israel sentiment and speakers on its campus).

"It is a celebration of terrorism against Israel by self-styled Palestinian activists," Lori Lowenthal Marcus, legal director of the Deborah Project, told JNS.

She noted that the state funding was to go towards an anthology and what was supposed to be a "non-political literary festival."

Sam Markstein, national political director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, condemned the festival.

"As antisemitism rises across the country, it is shocking and appalling that UPenn and its president, Elizabeth Magill, would permit and enable such noxious Jew-hatred, particularly during the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur," he told JNS. "Jewish students deserve to feel safe on college campuses, not subjected to harassment and vandalism."

Liora Rez, executive director of StopAntisemitism, applauded Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro and his office for "their unwavering commitment to ensuring that the State of Pennsylvania plays absolutely no role in this reprehensible hate fest."

"We hold serious reservations that by permitting the perpetuation of this troubling event, President Magill is effectively fostering an environment in which antisemitism at Penn will not merely endure but flourish," Rez said. Leaders of the Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law also condemned the festival in a lengthy letter to the president of the university.

"By tacitly condoning the inflammatory and false narratives about Israel and the denial of the Jews' ancestral connection to the land of Israel – themes that speakers at this weekend's festival repeatedly espouse – Penn is allowing the festival to create a hostile environment for Jewish students on its campus at a time when, even the university has acknowledged, antisemitic harassment, vandalism and assault are rising on college campuses," they wrote. **HW**

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Kosher Chinese Restaurant in N.J. Named to 'New York Times' 2023 List of 50 Most Exciting Eateries in the U.S.

By Philissa Cramer

(JTA) – Fat Choy was a critic's pick for its flavorful, inventive vegan Chinese menu when it opened in Manhattan's East Village in 2021. But pandemic and inflation pressures forced its closure the following year, and its chef, Justin Lee, considered exiting the kitchen to become a teacher.

Now, Fat Choy has reopened in suburban New Jersey, with a Jewish partner and kosher certification. And this week, the restaurant landed on the "New York Times" 2023 Restaurant List – the 50 restaurants across the United States that the newspaper's dining critics are "most excited about."

It's not the only vegetarian restaurant on the list: New York City's Superiority Burger, which recently reopened with a revamped menu, is also a pick. But Fat Choy stands out as the only eatery with kosher certification to win the distinction – though the newspaper didn't note that in its blurb.

"If we're lucky, the future might look something like Fat Choy," dining critic Pete Wells wrote, saying that the restaurant offers an antidote to the lab-grown meat that is seen as the vanguard for plant-based dining. He added. "Dishes such as Not Quite Beef and Broccoli, made with roasted mushrooms, and Mr. Lee's homage to General Tso, in which battered fried cauliflower takes the place of chicken, will make instant sense to anyone who's ever been to Panda Express."

Fat Choy's resurrection came after Jonathan Krieger, the Jewish cofounder of Australian cafe chain Bluestone Lane, convinced Lee to reopen in the bedroom community of Englewood. Krieger, who moved to the New Jersey suburbs during the pandemic, is Fat Choy's CEO. He has also opened a community space and spa in the area.

Named for a Cantonese new year's greeting and describing itself as "kind of Chinese, also vegan," Fat Choy displays a kosher insignia, in Hebrew, at the top of its website. It also includes a link to its certificate, which shows that its current status is guaranteed through the end of August 2024, except during Passover, along with a statement by Krieger.

"We are proud to be certified Kosher by the International Kosher Council, who uphold the strictest standards in Kashrut," the statement says. "We believe in upholding the highest standards in food quality, cleanliness and treatment of our employees and guests."

Operated by Rabbi Zev Schwarcz, the International Kosher Council spe-

cializes overseeing kosher regulations in vegan and vegetarian restaurants. Schwarcz, an Orthodox rabbi ordained at a haredi yeshiva in Ohio, has made himself the go-to certifier for such restaurants, which use very few potentially non-kosher ingredients, by offering lower-priced services, often to restaurants that aim to serve a diverse and not primarily Jewish clientele.

The agency has faced criticism from other certifying agencies for not requiring constant supervision by an in-person inspector and for working with restaurants that operate on Shabbat; some kosher-keeping diners do not eat in restaurants that it certifies.

Still, Fat Choy has generated some buzz among kosher-keeping diners, with multiple people posting in a prominent Facebook group, Great Kosher Restaurant Foodies, that they had enjoyed their meal at Fat Choy. "Had the General Lee's Cauliflower – it was delicious," a group member wrote in mid-August, shortly after the restaurant's opening. "Hit the spot."

Englewood, the city where Fat Choy has opened on its main drag, is home to a significant Jewish community, as are several of its surrounding towns, including Teaneck. Residents can choose from a wide range of both synagogues and kosher eateries. Fat Choy's location had originally been advertised as the future home of Urban Shuk, a kosher food hall offering a range of cuisines from different vendors.

Landing on the "New York Times" best-of list can be transformative for restaurants. After the newspaper placed Falafel Tanami in Brooklyn on its list of best meals in the city earlier this year, the family-owned kosher restaurant experienced a surge of customers, sold out of some of its signature products and began contemplating an expansion.

What's coming for Fat Choy? If Krieger's track record is any indication, more locations could be in the future: Bluestone Lane now has 50 sites across the United States, and he also previously ran a taco chain with eight locations. The restaurant itself was not available for comment: Its phone line was busy all day last Tuesday.

It did post a note to its website about the "New York Times" accolade.

"Being ranked as the number 1 restaurant to try for New Jersey is a testament to our passion and commitment to reimagine what vegan can taste like and bring our flavor of Chinese delights to every plate," the restaurant said. **HW**

Elon Musk's X Made an Ad for Itself – and Showcased a Post Pillorying Musk for 'Blaming it All on the Jews'

By Andrew Lapin

(JTA) – The social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, is in the midst of a massive rebranding campaign. But an ad it posted last week briefly showcased an accusation made by some of owner Elon Musk's biggest critics.

Released last Thursday, the two-minute spot begins with a stream of user posts alongside the text "You've been here for news, sports and culture." One of the visible posts, seen for a fraction of a second, is that of a critic of Musk, the site's owner.

"Twitter's value has fallen by at least

50%, and Elon is blaming it all on the Jews," the post said.

The post, which came from a popular left-leaning account called Right Wing Cope, included a screenshot of one of several recent Musk tweets in which the billionaire tech mogul attacked the Anti-Defamation League.

Musk has accused the Jewish antisemitism watchdog of causing massive financial loss to the site because it called for advertisers to pause spending on the platform after Musk acquired it and removed guardrails against hate speech. In his post that can be seen in the ad, Musk claims the ADL "would potentially be on the hook for destroying half the value of the company." The post was part of a series of tweets in which Musk threatened to sue the ADL for his company's lost revenue and interacted with white supremacist accounts criticizing the group.

Musk himself has insisted that he is "pro free speech, but against anti-Semitism of any kind," and hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for a live chat earlier last week, during which Netanyahu praised his stated commitment to fighting antisemitism and encouraged him to continue fighting anti-Jewish bigotry.

X took down the ad hours after its release, prompting further snark from Right Wing Cope and others. It later uploaded a new version without the post that was critical of Musk.

"X took down an entire ad campaign because an editor who either hates their boss or was really negligent accidentally included one of my tweets calling Elon Musk antisemitic," Right Wing Cope tweeted afterwards. **HW**

New Book Reveals How Rothschilds Became Pillar of Conspiracy Theories

(JNS) – "Time" magazine wanted to know former President Donald Trump's role in the history of antisemitism in America.

"I don't think Trump made America more antisemitic. America has always been antisemitic," said Mike Rothschild, author "Jewish Space Lasers: The Rothschilds and 200 Years of Contheories," he said.

Rothschild (who is not related to his subject matter) explained that conspiracy theories about the Rothschild family began in 1846 with a bestselling pamphlet filled with lurid claims, such as that Nathan Rothschild – the most prominent son of the family's patriarch, Mayer – had known how the battle of ing to a fatal accident.

"After that, there is a massive industry of Rothschild conspiracy theories, some of which are just invented on the spot, and others utilize tropes like Jews being cheap, Jews being greedy, Jews being clannish, keeping their money to themselves," he explained.

The author agreed with recent re-

mitic acts of violence, acts of vandalism, flyers being distributed around neighborhoods, by these very internet-savvy young racists who are getting attention for themselves," he said.

Rothschild also warned that "antisemitism is very easy to couch in euphemisms. When you hear terms like 'globalists,' 'foreign bankers,' or 'London financiers,' that usually has some reference to the Jews." **HW**

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"What Trump did was give us permission to say this stuff, give us permission to really expound on these cockamamie Waterloo would end. A further accusation claimed that another Rothschild son, James, failed to maintain his railroad out of greed and cheapness, leadsearch pointing to an increase in antisemitism in America.

"There is a major, major upswing in public antisemitism, certainly in antise-

Palestinian Terrorist Fires at Israeli Forces During Gaza Border Riots



Terrorists affiliated with the Hamas-led Joint Operations Room attend a ceremony to mark the anniversary of Israel's 2005 withdrawal from Gaza, Sept. 20, 2023. Credit: Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90 (JNS) – A Palestinian terrorist was shot and wounded at the Gaza border fence last Thursday after opening fire on Israeli security forces amid violent riots, the Israel Police confirmed in a statement.

A video of the incident, shared by the Israel Police Spokesperson's Unit, showed the Gazan shooting at Israeli security personnel with a handgun. "Undercover officers from the southern Border Police fired at the terrorist and hit him. There were no casualties to our forces," stated the police.

The Gaza Health Ministry, which is run by the Hamas terrorist organization, said the Palestinian gunman was seriously wounded. Tensions with the Gaza Strip have exploded over the past two weeks amid a renewal of violent demonstrations along the border, and as the heads of Palestinian terrorist groups called for a new intifada against the Jewish state.

Hundreds of Palestinians have participated in the riots, hurling bombs and grenades at the security barrier, prompting Israeli forces to respond with riot dispersal methods and in some cases live fire.

Six Palestinians were killed on Sept. 14 when a homemade explosive device they had been attempting to place on the security fence detonated prematurely.

Hamas "sends civilians to the border

to create friction with the IDF, so that there are wounded and dead and the press will talk about it," Lt. Col. (Res.) Jonathan Conricus, the former international spokesperson for Israel's military, told i24News last Thursday.

"Last week, we saw Palestinians killed by an explosive that they attempted to launch at the IDF, and now we see the use of firearms to kill Israeli soldiers," said Conricus.

I think it is excellent that we use these images so that the world understands what we are talking about, and that the international media does not get carried away by Hamas's propaganda," he added. **HW**

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Austria's Plans for Hitler's Birth House Stir Controversy



A memorial stone stands outside the house where Adolf Hitler was born in Braunau Am Inn, Austria on April 18, 2015. Credit: Joe Klamar/AFP via Getty Images

premiered on a screen in front of the three-story house, which is located on a corner near Braunau's town square. The town has about 16,000 residents.

Schwaiger told the AFP that the police station will "always be suspected" of being "in line with the dictator's wishes."

The building, which was constructed in the early to mid-19th century, has become a site of pilgrimage for Hitler supporters, despite the fact that the Austrian government expropriated the house in 2017, reportedly in part to prevent the site from becoming a magnet for neo-Nazis.

"To stop those gatherings, the town placed a monument in front of the house, consisting of a block of granite from the Mauthausen concentration camp quarry, inscribed with a message in memory of the victims of fascism," California attorney Cary Lowe, who was born in Braunau to Holocaust survivors, told JTA in an email. "If the government implements the police station proposal, which includes relocating the anti-fascist monument, I fear that will just suppress the history of the place and trivialize the tragic events that flowed from there," he said. In May, it was announced that the long-planned police station would include the human rights training program, in an apparent nod to opponents.

Such a program would "do justice to moral, political and legal responsibility," Oliver Rathkolb of the Institute of Contemporary History at the University of Vienna said in a statement issued at the time by Austria's Interior Ministry. "We have to face our past and give this historically burdened place a life-affirming perspective."

But the plan has not received wide popular support. A small majority of those surveyed by the polling firm Market Institut said they preferred to see an entity move in that would focus solely on National Socialism, remembrance, anti-fascism or peace. Very few agreed with

By Toby Axelrod

BERLIN (JTA) – Plans to turn Hitler's birth house into a police station have turned a small Austrian town upside down.

The local administration of Branau announced recently its concrete plans to put the building to practical use, promising to house a police training program on issues related to human rights.

But less than two months before the

redesign is to begin, local citizens and leaders are not in agreement on the plan. A filmmaker has suggested that Hitler himself wanted to have local officials move into the rooms where he was born in 1889 and spent the first months of his life. In a documentary he released [in August,] Günter Schwaiger reveals a 1939 news report about Hitler's order. The film "Who's afraid of Braunau?" the planned use by law enforcement.

"There is only one acceptable solution, and that is to realize a 'House of responsibility' project," said retired historian Andreas Maislinger, who comes from the area. He has proposed that the site be used solely for the purpose of remembrance and tackling contemporary conflicts. "It would be a reframing of the whole town. Up to now, Braunau has only one thing it is known for – Hitler." **HW**

California Ethnic-Studies Faculty Label Jews 'Highly Funded Lobby Groups'

(JNS) – A faculty group contacted California Gov. Gavin Newsom to air its grievances in response to efforts by Jewish and other organizations to remove antisemitism from proposed public-school curriculums.

The Sept. 8 letter from the University of California Ethnic Studies Faculty Council named Jews as "highly funded lobby groups" and claimed that efforts to counter antisemitism found in previous ethnic studies and diversity curriculum amounted to "censorship" and "racism."

It was open in stating that anti-Zionism would be among the "animating commitments" of the proposed courses, "part and parcel" with the other subjects. In response, AMCHA Initiative brought together 99 organizations to oppose the council's claims. The coalition stated that "UC faculty driving the ethnic studies admission requirement proposal view opposition to Zionism and activism to harm the Jewish state and its supporters as core components of their ethnic studies discipline."

Groups opposing the council's an-

tisemitism include the American Jewish Congress, B'nai B'rith International, the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, World Jewish Congress North America, Club Z, the Association of Jewish Psychologists, the Daniel Pearl Foundation, the Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and the Simon Wiesenthal Center. **HW**





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