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The Hebrew Watchman Celebrates 100 Years with an Exhibit in the Shainberg Art Gallery at the Memphis Jewish Community Center



On Sept. 1, 2025, The Hebrew Watchman will present "Journey Through the Decades: The Legacy of The Hebrew Watchman." The exhibit will open at 1 p.m. in The Shainberg Art Gallery at the Memphis Jewish Community Center (MJCC). The exhibit will be open during regular business hours of

the MJCC through Sept. 13.

"Journey Through the Decades" will showcase clippings of the weekly newspaper beginning with the 1920s, when entrepreneur Leo Goldberger began what is now The Hebrew Watchman. It follows the life of the Goldberger family into the 2020s, when they

sold the family paper to Susan Nieman in January 2021.

"Digging through 100 years of archives has been a yearlong process," said Susan Nieman, publisher and editor of The Hebrew Watchman. "Matt Timberlake has spent hours interviewing the Goldberger family and numerous afternoons and evenings at the storage facility sifting through thousands of pages and taking hundreds of photos to share with the community. While our family — including my husband, Larry, my daughter, Rebecca Schudel, and my brother, Don Heitner — have made sporadic trips to search through these old papers to find specific editions."

The exhibit design, with an art deco motif created by Rebecca Schudel, offers the audience a glimpse of what was going on in the world and in Memphis through each decade panel and tells the story of how it all came together as a family-run business.

Visitors are encouraged to take photos in front of our backdrop of past headers and with our photo props to share on social media.

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Rhodes Hillel Welcomes New Jewish Students with Warm Reception



By Phoenix Goldberg, Director, Hillels of Memphis

Starting college invokes so many emotions: excitement and anticipation, yes. But it can also be a time of anxiety, searching, and sometimes isolation. Thankfully, for Jewish students in Memphis, Hillel can be a home away from home.

Rhodes College and Hillels of Memphis came together in mid-August to warmly welcome incoming Jewish students and their families at a special reception, marking the beginning of their college journey. The event, attended by

approximately 50 people, showcased the strong support system available to Jewish students on campus and within the wider Memphis Jewish community.

The welcoming atmosphere was palpable, underscored by the presence of Rhodes College leadership. President Jennifer Collins, along with the VP for Student Life, VP for Belonging and Compliance, VP for Development, and the President's Chief of Staff attended the event to demonstrate the college's commitment to fostering an inclusive



environment and safe space for Jewish students. Their presence, coupled with expressions of warmth and support, sent a positive and uplifting message to the new students and their families.

Rhodes Chaplain Beatrix Weil offered robust and inspiring words of encouragement, urging students to embrace their full identities, including their Jewish heritage, and to be authentic throughout their college experience. President Collins echoed this sentiment, expressed her strong support for Jewish life on campus and acknowledged the robust partnership between Rhodes, Hillels of Memphis, and the Memphis Jewish Federation. She was enthusiastic about attending a Hillel Shabbat Dinner and extended an open invitation for students to connect during office hours.

Jimmy Ringel, Chair of the Memphis Jewish Federation, delivered opening remarks that emphasized the strong partnership between the Federation and Rhodes Hillel. He said the Federation is proud of the vibrant Jewish life on cam-

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pus and highlighted the opportunities Hillel provides for students to connect with one another, celebrate holidays, engage in meaningful discussions, and explore their Jewish identity.

He also addressed the vital role of the Hillel/Federation relationship in both joyful moments and in addressing challenges such as antisemitic and anti-Israel activity on campus. Ringel also mentioned the Federation's work to foster understanding and build bridges across communities, such as a future Black-Jewish Unity Dinner between Hillel students at Rhodes and the University of Memphis and students at LeMoyne-Owen College that is currently being planned.

"In so many ways, Rhodes College has proactively supported Jewish life on campus," said Federation Executive Vice President Bluma Zuckerbrot-Finkelstein. "From creating the merit-based Jewish Community Fellows program for incoming Jewish students to their current participation in Hillel International's Campus Climate Initiative, the college has partnered with the Jewish communi-

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ty in deep and meaningful ways."

Other speakers included Jack Seigerman, Rhodes Hillel Student President, Zachary Roberts, Chair, Hillel Advisory Council and Laura Linder, President and CEO of Jewish Community Partners.

The reception provided a valuable opportunity for new Jewish students from across the country, from Denver to New Jersey, to meet one another. Parents in attendance experienced firsthand the tangible support offered by Rhodes College and the unwavering commitment of the Memphis Jewish Federation to Jewish college students. Many parents expressed their sincere appreciation for this support as their children begin college, which they said they found reassuring during this significant transition for their families and the currently fraught time for Jewish students on campuses nationwide.

If you know a Jewish student attending college in Memphis, Hillel leadership would love to meet them! Reach out to Phoenix Goldberg, Director, Hillels of Memphis at pgoldberg@jcpmemphis.org HW

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Weekly Torah Portion: Shoftim

USDA Changing Reference to State of 'Palestine' on its Website after JNS Query

By JNS Staff

(JNS) – The U.S. Department of Agriculture, which consists of 29 agencies with almost 100,000 employees at 4,500 locations in the country and abroad, is changing an option in a drop-down menu in its organic integrity database for users to identify their location as "Palestine, state of."

The United States does not recognize an independent Palestinian state, and

U.S. officials have said that other countries that have said that they intend to recognize such a state would reward the Hamas terror organization for its attacks on Oct. 7.

"Thank you for alerting us to this issue," a USDA spokesperson told JNS. "The database is run by a contractor, and USDA is working immediately to change the listing to the State Department recognized name." HW





Bar Mitzvah

Judah Ari Levine Reich, son of Amara Levine-Reich and Eli Reich, will celebrate his becoming a bar mitzvah Aug. 30 at Baron Hirsch Congregation. In honor of the milestone occasion, Judah will chant Parshat Shoftim and its haftarah for the congregation and share a d'var Torah following Shabbat morning services. He studied his Torah portion with Baron Hirsch's Rabbi Ian Lichter and Cantor Ricky Kampf.

Judah is a seventh grader at Bornblum Jewish Community School. He is a member of the National Junior Honor Society and enjoys sports, video games and traveling to new places.

He is a grandson of Phylis and the late Sandy Levine of Memphis and of Rabbi Yosef and Shoshana Reich of Brooklyn, New York. **HW**

New U.S. Postal Service Stamp Honors Holocaust Survivor and Humanitarian Elie Wiesel

By Grace Gilson

(JTA) – The United States Postal Service announced a new series of stamps honoring Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel.

Wiesel, who died in 2016 at the age of 87, is the 18th person to be honored in the USPS' Distinguished Americans stamp series.

"The 18th stamp in the Distinguished Americans series honors humanitarian Elie Wiesel (1928-2016), a survivor of Nazi concentration camps whose dozens of works bore witness to the Holocaust and whose resilience and compassion continue to be a source of inspiration," a description for the stamp on the USPS website reads.

As a teenager, Wiesel was sent with his father, Shlomo, to the Buna Werke labor camp in the Auschwitz complex. He went on to become an international human rights advocate, publishing several books, essays and educational projects, including "Night," a 1960 memoir about his experience during the Holocaust.

Wiesel was also awarded the Pres-

idential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, the National Humanities Medal and the Medal of Liberty in the United States.

Wiesel joins several other notable Jews featured in the Distinguished Americans series, including Jonas Salk, who developed the first influenza and polio vaccines, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and playwright Edna Ferber and Albert Sabin, who developed the oral polio vaccine. Jewish author and illustrator Shel Silverstein and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg have also been featured on stamps, and the postal service has issued several stamps marking Hanukkah.

The Wiesel stamp, which is set to be released on Sept. 17, features a 1999 black-and-white photo of Wiesel by Sergey Bermeniev along with his name and the word "Humanitarian." It will be used for a less common category of mail, two-ounce mail, and will always be valid for the rate printed on it, according to USPS. A sheet of 20 stamps is available for pre-order for \$21.40.

The MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club Happenings

Lunch is Monday—Friday at 11:30 a.m. All programs start at 12:15 p.m. Monthly Luncheon is at noon.

Monday, September 1

The MJCC Senior Department will be closed for Labor Day. While some of the MJCC will be open, there will not be any lunch served. There will also not be any senior after lunch program. Have a Great and Safe Labor Day!

Wednesday, September 3 Field Trip to Baron Hirsch Synagogue for their Monthly SoShuls Luncheon

The bus will leave from the MJCC, go to the Baron Hirsch, and return the group back to the MJCC following lunch. Baron Hirsch also has entertainment from Creative Aging and bingo following the entertainment. We will also pick up those who need it that live around the MJCC. Call Steve Kaplan for more information at the number below.

Monday, September 8 Speaker: Josh Goldin with Extendicare Home Health

Topic: Staying Fit for Seniors

Josh will bring one of his senior specialists from Extendicare to go over many exercises that seniors can do to remain fit. Exercises both for the home and the gym! This topic is one all seniors need to pay attention to remain physically able to enjoy life as we get older. There is no cost for the talk. Reservations are only needed for the kosher lunch

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Wednesday, September 10 Special Program: Frank Shaffer and the Healing Power of the Drum

Frank is a percussionist with the Memphis Symphony. Attendees will each have their own drum, provided by Frank. In just one hour, everyone will be playing together with big smiles on their faces. The Healing Power of the Drum gives anyone the opportunity to experience the transforming power of music. You do not need any previous musical experience to join the drum circle. All that is required is an open mind and an open heart. Come join the fun, and experience the many benefits that group drumming has to offer you. A group of people look forward to this program every year. As the room fills up quickly, please call the front desk at 901-761-0810 and register. Come join some old and new friends and have a great time!

Please join us Monday through Friday for a delicious kosher lunch from the kitchens at Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab. The cost is only \$2 for seniors. Reservations are required the day before by 1 p.m. by contacting Steve Kaplan, Adult Services Coordinator, at 901-259-9220 or stevekaplan@jccmemphis. org or by calling the front desk at 901-761-0810. Steve works Monday through Thursday 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. HW

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Israel to Acquire KC46 Refueling Aircraft in \$500 Million U.S.Funded Deal

(JNS) – Israel is set to sign a contract with the U.S. government to purchase its fifth and sixth Boeing-made refueling aircraft for the Air Force, pending approval from the Defense Procurement Ministerial Committee.

The deal is a follow-on contract for two additional KC-46 refueling aircraft, supplementing the four already purchased. The new planes will be fitted with Israeli systems and adapted to meet the operational requirements of the Israeli Air Force.

The contract, valued at roughly half a billion dollars and funded through U.S. aid, marks a significant milestone in the Defense Ministry's broader force build-up for the IDF.

"The fifth and sixth refueling aircraft will strengthen the IAF – the IDF's long-range strategic arm – enabling it to reach distant theaters with greater force and scope," said Defense Ministry Director General Maj. Gen. (res.) Amir Baram. "We will continue to work together to strengthen the IDF in the current campaign and toward future challenges."

Added Maj. Gen. (res.) Ido Nehushtan, president of Boeing Israel: "The KC-46A tanker aircraft will provide the world's most advanced multi-mission aerial refueling capability to the IAF."

The Washington-based JINSA first advocated in 2018 providing Israel KC-46A tankers in order to enhance its ability to destroy Iran's nuclear program. **HW**

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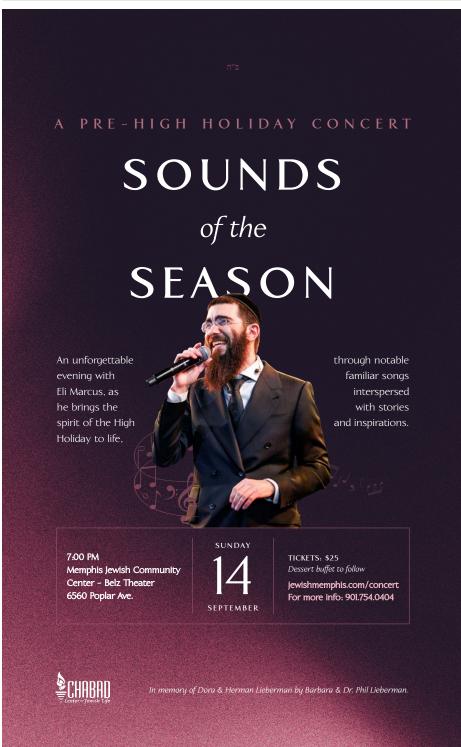


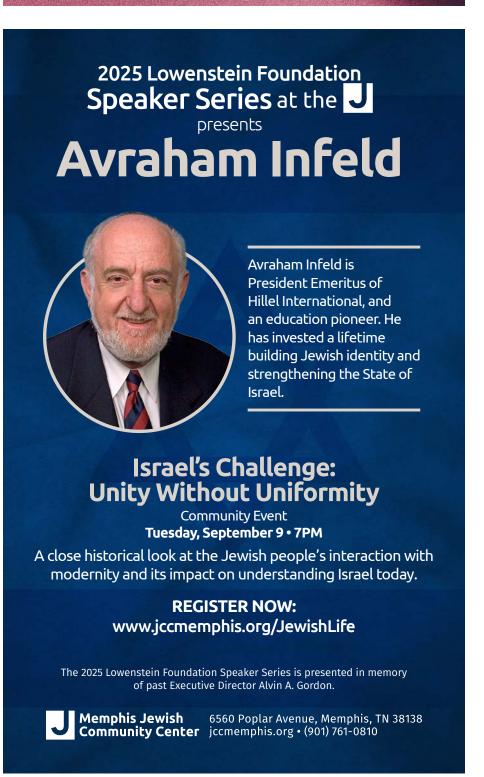
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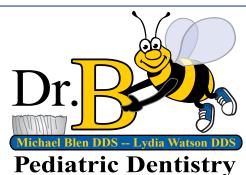
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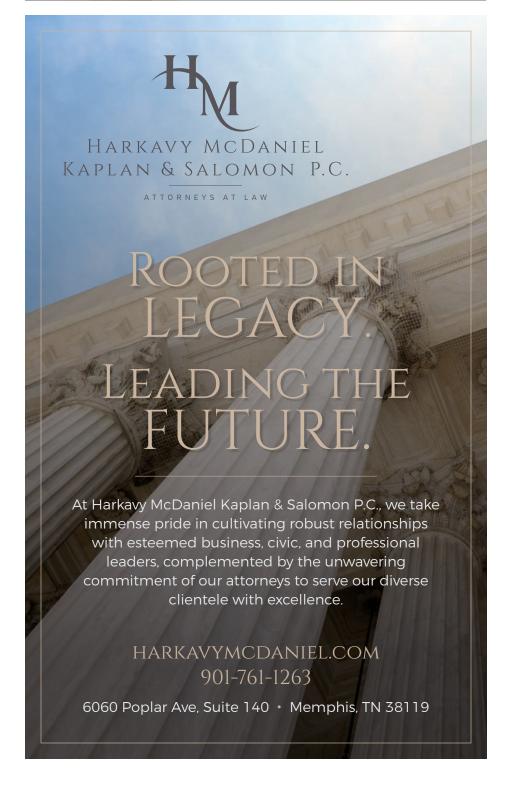
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Earliest Evidence of Mating Between Homo Sapiens and Neanderthals Found in Israel

(JNS) – Israeli and French researchers have discovered in Israel the earliest scientific evidence of interbreeding between Homo sapiens and Neanderthals, Tel Aviv University announced last Wednesday.

The skeleton of a five-year-old child who lived 140,000 years ago, that was found in a prehistoric cave on Mount Carmel, features a combination of Neanderthal and Homo sapiens traits, according to the university.

Neanderthals vs Homo sapiens

While closely related, Neanderthals and Homo sapiens were distinct human species with different physical characteristics and behavioral patterns. Neanderthals primarily inhabited Europe and Asia and were stockier with shorter limbs, while Homo sapiens, which originated in Africa, were taller and leaner. While they coexisted and interbred for a period, Neanderthals eventually became extinct about 40,000 years ago.

The 140,000-year-old fossil, which was uncovered nine decades ago in the Skhul Cave on the slopes of Mount Carmel in northern Israel, is the earliest ever found with morphological features of both of these human groups, the researchers said.

"Genetic studies over the past decade have shown that these two groups exchanged genes," said TAU's professor Israel Hershkovitz. "The fossil we studied is the earliest known physical evidence of mating between Neanderthals and Homo sapiens."

The child's skeleton is the result of continuous genetic infiltration from the local – and older –Neanderthal population into the Homo sapiens population, according to the researchers.

Earlier studies of mergers of the two species date back 40,000 to 60,000 years ago, while this one goes back 140,000 years, said Hershkovitz.

"In our study, we show that the child's skull, which in its overall shape resembles that of Homo sapiens – especially in the curvature of the skull vault – has an intracranial blood supply system, a lower jaw and an inner ear structure typical of Neanderthals."

For years, the Neanderthals were thought to be a group that evolved in Europe, migrating to the Land of Israel only about 70,000 years ago, following the advance of European glaciers. But a recent landmark study showed that early Neanderthals actually lived in the Land of Israel as early as 400,000 years ago.

Anthropologists have previously attributed the fossils discovered in the Skhul Cave, along with fossils from the Qafzeh Cave near Nazareth, to an early group of Homo sapiens, said Hershkovitz

Even today, 40,000 years after the last Neanderthals disappeared, part of our genome -2% to 6% – is of Neanderthal origin, he added.

The study, carried out with the French National Centre for Scientific Research, was published in the journal *l'Anthro-pologie*. **HW**



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When Did You Last Check Your Beneficiary Designations?

Provided by Mike Stein, Managing Director - Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors

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One of the easiest, yet often overlooked, components of an estate planning strategy is designating beneficiaries. Those whose estate plan includes a will or trust may wonder why this step is important. Transfer of some assets – such as life insurance policies, annuities, IRAs, retirement plans, and other employee benefit plans – can be based on beneficiary designations in place at your death. As your objectives for transfer may change over time, it is important to review those designations in context of your overall plan for asset transfer.

Confirm your designations align with your estate plan

Inventory your assets and determine which can have designated beneficiaries.

Review the designations in place to make sure your preferred beneficiaries are listed for each asset. Consider choosing a successor in case your designated beneficiary does not survive you.

If changes are needed, be sure to complete each form as indicated. Requirements may vary from one financial institution to another or from one state to another. For example, the custodian of a retirement plan may require a spouse's signature but a life insurance carrier may not. Similarly, some institutions may require a notarized original while others may allow you to complete the designation online.

As you acquire new assets, make sure to consider establishing beneficiary designations in alignment with your estate plan.

Identify any unintended implications to your overall estate plan

While creating designations may be a clear-cut process, identifying potential tax implications for your beneficiaries may not be so easy. Your tax and legal advisors can help you review your beneficiary designations to identify any unintended impacts to your beneficiaries.

Remember that your beneficiary designation forms are one piece in the larger estate-plan puzzle you have put together. It is important to consider how those designations – which operate outside your will or trust – may impact your overall strategy. For example, if

your objective is to evenly divide all of your assets among your decedents, a designation could change that balance.

Your tax advisor can also help you weigh options for transferring taxable assets. If charitably inclined, you may consider naming a tax-exempt organization as a beneficiary of a taxable asset, such as a qualified retirement plan or nonqualified stock options.

Revisit your designations

As with all documents in your estate plan, it's a good idea to review your beneficiary designations regularly. Not updating your forms to reflect life events such as a birth, death, marriage, or divorce may mean that your wishes would not be reflected when your assets ultimately transfer.

Changes in the law may also create a need to revisit your beneficiary designations. Your tax advisor can help you understand how the latest changes may impact your objectives for transfer.

Kev takeaways

Make sure you take the time to thoughtfully fill out beneficiary desig-

nations for eligible assets. Also, consider regularly discussing your plans with your tax and legal advisors and wealth planning specialists. Your advisors can help you avoid expensive mistakes and suggest opportunities to better reflect your ultimate wishes for your estate.

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Lebanese Army Begins Disarming Palestinian Arab Camps

(JNS) – The Lebanese army, a branch of the Lebanese Armed Forces, began disarming the country's Palestinian refugee camps last Thursday, regional media reported.

Troops entered the Burj al-Barajneh camp to collect arms and ammunition in what is intended to be the first step of removing weapons from armed Palestinian Arab groups throughout the country and restoring security authority to the control of Lebanon.

The dozen official Palestinian refu-

gee camps in Lebanon house more than 200,000 Palestinians and have long hosted members of Fatah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and other armed militias and terrorist groups, who have used the country as a staging ground for attacks on Israel, particularly in the north.

Tom Barrack, U.S. ambassador to Turkey and special envoy for Syria who has been negotiating the disarmament plan with Lebanese officials, welcomed the first step.

"Congrats to the Lebanese govern-

ment and Fatah for their agreement on voluntary disarmament in Beirut camps, a great accomplishment as a result of the bold action recently taken by the Lebanese Council of Ministers," he wrote.

The disarmament operation does not yet include an agreement or plan to seize weapons from Hezbollah north of the Litani River.

The Lebanese cabinet approved by

vote earlier in August to start removing Hezbollah's arms on an open-ended timeline.

Leaders of the terrorist group reacted with fury. "Handing over the weapons is suicide, and we do not intend to commit suicide," said Mohammad Raad, head of Hezbollah's bloc in the Lebanese parliament. "We choose death over handing over the weapons." HW



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Katz Calls Up 60,000 Reservists as IDF Gears Up for Gaza City Conquest

By JNS Staff

(JNS) – Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz last Wednesday authorized the call-up of 60,000 reservists and extended service orders for an additional 20,000 during a visit to Southern Command.

Joined by IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Eyal Zamir, he was briefed on operational plans to capture Gaza City and create the conditions for ending the war as part of the next phase of "Gideon's Chariots."

Katz praised the army's readiness on both military and civilian fronts.

"We are now calling our heroic soldiers in the reserves, the career army, and the regular forces to the flag, in order to bring about the release of the hostages, the defeat of Hamas, and the end of the war under the conditions set by Israel," Katz stated.

"I instruct you to use all tools and all strength to strike the enemy until its defeat, and to protect the IDF soldiers. This is the top consideration; anyone with complaints should address them to me," the minister continued.

Southern Command Chief, Maj. Gen. Yaniv Asor, presented Katz with a comprehensive briefing; while Deputy Commander of the Southern Command, Maj. Gen. (res.) Yossi Bachar and other commanders provided additional briefings.

With 70,000 reservists currently serving, the influx of 60,000 additional soldiers will raise the total to 130,00 active reservists on duty. Mobilization is scheduled for early September, some two weeks after the call-up orders, which began last Wednesday. The Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee last Monday approved Katz's request to extend emergency reservist mobilization until Sept. 4. It passed with eight in favor and seven against, with ultra-Orthodox Knesset members abstaining.

Israel Hayom reported that the IDF is preparing for the possibility of lower turnout rates due to reservist fatigue after nearly two years of war.

The IDF plan to conquer Gaza City, that was approved by Katz, envisions three to four divisions seizing and encircling the area, relying primarily on regular forces. The reservists would replace regular soldiers in other sectors across the country.

The operation could commence in early September, pending government approval. The military estimates that control of the area could be achieved within two months of the start of the operation, with reservists remaining for an extended period to clear the area of terrorists and weapons.

Before troops enter Gaza City, some 800,000 to 1 million residents will be evacuated south along a humanitarian route to the al-Mawasi area in Rafah. There will be two additional field hospitals and four more Gaza Humanitarian Foundation aid distribution centers, bringing the total GHF aid sites to eight, according to Channel 12. U.S. Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee said recently the plan is to scale up GHF sites to 16 that will operate as much as 24 hours a day.

IDF soldiers are currently clearing areas in and around Gaza City in preparation for the expanded operation, including the resumption of activities in the Jabalia area on the outskirts of Gaza City, where in recent days Givati Brigade forces have been dismantling military infrastructure above and below ground, killing terrorists and consolidating control.

"This enables the expansion of the operation to additional locations and prevents terrorist organizations from returning to their positions," the IDF said last Wednesday.

Evacuation orders were issued for the civilian population to leave the combat zone south to the humanitarian zone.

IDF thwarts attempted terrorist infiltration in Khan Yunis

The IDF reported last Wednesday that earlier in the day troops thwarted an attempted terrorist infiltration of a military outpost in the Khan Yunis area of southern Gaza.

Over 15 terrorists participated in the raid on the 90th battalion's Kfir Brigade, shooting at soldiers and launching anti-tank missiles at them – seriously wounding one and lightly injuring two others.

During the incident, troops managed to kill 10 of the terrorists in close-quarters combat, supported by air strikes.

The IDF said that the incident was still ongoing, with troops continuing to work on locating and eliminating terrorists. **HW**

Israel Bars Entry to Barcelona Mayor

By JNS Staff

(JNS) – Israel's Population and Immigration Authority announced last Friday that Barcelona Mayor Jaume Collboni had been denied entry into Israel, just hours before his scheduled arrival.

In a statement, the Interior Ministry confirmed that the move was made "in accordance with the Entry to Israel Law and in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Security Council."

The decision followed a series of anti-Israel statements by Collboni in recent months, as well as a resolution passed by Barcelona's city council in May to "sever ties with Israel."

"The suffering and death in Gaza over the past year and a half and recent attacks by the Israeli government make any relationship unviable," Collboni told the council.

The city council also suspended its

1998 friendship agreement with Tel Aviv-Jaffa "until respect for international law is restored and the basic rights of Palestinians are respected." And it instructed the Port of Barcelona and trade show organizer Fira de Barcelona not to host Israeli pavilions or companies involved in weapons trade or profiting from Israel's war against Hamas.

The mayor had planned to visit Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and meet with officials in the Palestinian Authority during his trip. The Catalan Spanish newspaper Ara reported that he had been invited by the mayors of Bethlehem and Ramallah.

Israeli officials have tightened restrictions on foreign dignitaries who promote boycotts or hostile policies against the Jewish state, stressing that delegitimization of Israel will not be rewarded with official visits. **HW**

Estate Planning Why Your College-Bound Child Needs Powers of Attorney

By Benjamin I. Wachtel, Esq. and David L. Mendelson, Esq.

As summer winds down and the excitement (and chaos) of the new school year ramps up, many parents are busy packing dorm room essentials, finalizing class schedules, and preparing emotionally to send their children off to college or for a year abroad.

One critical item often overlooked in this flurry of preparation is a legal plan that ensures parents are able to step in and help their child if something unexpected happens. Specifically, every college-bound student should have two key documents in place before they leave home: (1) a Healthcare Power of Attorney and (2) a Durable Property Power of Attorney.

Why Are These Documents So Important?

Once a child turns 18, they are legally considered an adult. This means that as a parent, one no longer has automatic access to their child's medical records, nor can the parent make medical or financial decisions on their child's behalf – even in the event of an emergency.

Without a plan in place, the sad nightmare that can play out is that the child is, God forbid, in a car accident, rendered unconscious in a hospital hours away, and the doctors can't share any information with the child's parents due to HIPAA laws. Or in a more common, less tragic, case, imagine a child is studying abroad, loses his or her debit card, and the parent can't even speak to the bank or help manage the child's account. These situations happen every day, and without the proper legal documents in place, parents' hands are usually tied when the child needs the parents the most.

Healthcare Power of Attorney

This document allows adult children to appoint individuals – typically par-

ents – to make medical decisions on the child's behalf if, for whatever reason, the child is unable to do so on his or her own. The plan should also include a **HIPAA release**, which gives parents access to their adult children's medical records and information.

In the event of a medical emergency, time is critical. Having a healthcare POA in place ensures that parents can speak with doctors and make decisions without delays caused by legal red tape.

Durable Property Power of Attorney

This legal tool enables adult children to authorize parents to manage financial matters on the adult child's behalf. This can include, for example, paying bills, managing bank accounts, dealing with landlords, or handling tuition and loan issues

Even if a child is perfectly healthy, having this document can be invaluable if the child is studying abroad, in college out of state, or simply needs help navigating adult responsibilities for the first time.

Adult children establishing basic estate planning documents is a relatively quick and affordable process – and one that can save significant time, stress, and even heartache later. Parents and adult children should make this process part of their pre-college (or year abroad) checklist. HW

Trump Says Remaining Hostages Will Be Released When Hamas is 'Confronted and Destroyed'

By Grace Gilson

(JTA) – President Donald Trump said last Monday morning that the remaining hostages in Gaza will only be returned when Hamas is "confronted and destroyed"

"We will only see the return of the remaining hostages when Hamas is confronted and destroyed!!! The sooner this takes place, the better the chances of success will be," wrote Trump in a post on Truth Social.

Trump's latest comments appeared to support a recent plan approved by Israel's security cabinet to take over Gaza City, a move reportedly opposed by the IDF over concerns it could endanger the remaining hostages.

Israel's plan to expand its offensive in Gaza has reportedly prompted Hamas to reengage in ceasefire negotiations.

Last Monday, Hamas presented Qatari Prime Minister Mohammed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani with a new cease-fire proposal that would see the release of 10 living hostages in exchange for 150 Palestinian prisoners over a 60-day period, according to the Times of Israel.

The proposal appears largely in line with one that Israel had previously offered. But Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that Israel will no longer accept any partial deals, insisting that the war will only end if Hamas agrees to disarm, return the hostages,

demilitarize Gaza, grant Israel "security control" of the enclave and create a new civil administration separate from Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.

Last Monday, Netanyahu met with the IDF senior command staff about the Gaza takeover plan, saying in a statement that "Hamas is under immense pressure." **HW**

OBITUARY

Richard Lewis Kohn

Richard Lewis Kohn was born on May 9,1934, in St. Louis, Missouri.

After attending the University of Missouri, he was drafted into the United States Army. He was stationed at Fort Rucker in Alabama for two years. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Hayti, Missouri, where he worked alongside his father in the family store.

In addition to the store, Richard served his community for over 40 years as chairman of the Hayti Housing Authority. He was past president of the Hayti Rotary Club and past master of Hayti Masonic Lodge #571.

He is survived by his three nephews, Jay Greenberg (Phyllis), Barry Greenberg (Sharon) and David Greenberg (Dory) and many great-nephews and -nieces.

A grave side service was held at Beth Sholom Memorial Gardens, Tuesday August 19, 2025. **HW** PAGE 10 | AUGUST 28, 2025 THE HEBREW WATCHMAN | hebrewwatchman.com

Your Trusted Guides: The Jewish Foundation's Professional Advisory Group



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Sheri Gadberry, Senior Philanthropic Officer, Executive Vice President, Jewish Community Partners

August is National Make-A-Will Month, and while the thought of creating or updating a will can be overwhelming, the good news is you don't have to do it alone. The Jewish Foundation of Memphis offers a unique and invaluable resource for the community: the Professional Advisory Group (PAG). This is a network of highly skilled and trusted legal and financial experts who are dedicated to helping you navigate the estate planning process with confidence and clarity.

The PAG is designed to take the stress out of planning for the future. By connecting you with professionals who understand the complexities of wills, trusts, and charitable giving, the Foundation empowers you to create a plan

that not only protects your loved ones but also secures your personal and philanthropic legacy.

Why a Will Matters

For many, starting the estate planning process is the hardest part. The thought of sorting through finances and making decisions about the future can be daunting. But a will isn't just about assets; it's about peace of mind.

Holly Brewer Palmer, an attorney at Harkavy McDaniel Kaplan & Salomon P.C. and a member of the PAG, finds her work rewarding because she helps clients develop a comprehensive plan that takes into account their specific circumstances. "I like listening to clients tell their story and express their concerns regarding financial affairs and family

dynamics," she says. "It is rewarding to help implement the plan and give my clients peace of mind."

A will lets you decide who manages your estate, who inherits your property, and who cares for your children. Without one, the state makes these decisions for you, which can create stress, confusion, and family disputes. Planning ahead means you are in control.

Beyond the Basics: Leaving a Legacy

Estate planning also provides an opportunity to reflect on the causes you care about most and how you want to support them. You can use your will to create a charitable legacy that extends your impact beyond your lifetime.

"I encourage them to think about causes and organizations they already love and support," says Renée Castle, an attorney at Castle Law and a member of the PAG. She suggests considering how to leave a lasting legacy to those groups, whether directly or through a foundation like the Jewish Foundation of Memphis.

The Jewish Foundation supports a wide range of organizations, making charitable giving simple and effective. Instead of dealing with the administrative work of multiple donations, you can work with the Foundation to create a Donor-Advised Fund that aligns with your values.

"The Jewish Foundation is a great resource because it provides a sounding board for the client to discuss his/her overall interests as it relates to charitable giving," says Palmer. "The Foundation can then assist the client with identifying charitable organizations that fit

the client's interests and tailor a plan to accomplish such donations."

Your Expert Guides

The Jewish Foundation of Memphis created its Professional Advisory Group to connect the community with experts in estate planning. The Foundation doesn't provide legal or financial advice itself; rather, it facilitates the conversation by introducing you to professionals who can help you craft a plan that works for you.

"I do like to bring up charitable giving in my client estate planning meetings because it's not necessarily something people are thinking about when they sit down with me initially," says Palmer. "But I find that once I plant the seed, it's an idea that resonates with at least some clients who otherwise may not have considered it."

Similarly, Castle brings up the topic of giving from the start, mentioning it in her initial estate planning questionnaire to get clients thinking about their options. "Many clients are charitably minded but don't really know where to start or how to go about it," she says.

The Jewish Foundation is committed to helping the community leave a legacy for future generations. By working with the PAG, you can create a plan that not only protects your loved ones but also ensures the organizations you care about continue to thrive.

Ready to take the first step? Contact the Jewish Foundation of Memphis at JFOM@jcpmemphis.org to be connected with a member of the Professional Advisory Group who can guide you through the process of creating a will and planning your philanthropic legacy. HW



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France: Park Manager Denies Entry to 150 Israeli Children

(JNS) – The manager of Parcours aérien Tyrovol, an outdoor adventure facility known for its aerial zipline course and located near Porté-Puymorens, southern France, refused entry to 150 Israelis aged 8 to 16, French media reported last Thursday, citing the Perpignan Public Prosecutor's Office.

The group booked its visit "a long time ago," but the manager blocked the youngsters' entry citing his "personal convictions."

The manager was taken into police custody on suspicion of "discrimination based on religion in the provision of goods or services," an offense that carries a maximum penalty of three years in prison.

"Who will be able to find the words to explain to [the children] the hatred that forbids them entry to a leisure park?" wrote Yonathan Arfi, president of CRIF, the Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions.

"This act is not a critique of policy but an expression of violent hatred toward Israel, using a conflict 3,000 kilometers away as a pretext to discriminate against children," he added. "The punishment must be exemplary."

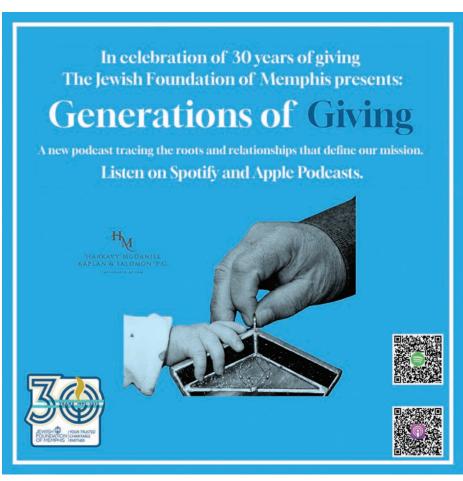
Earlier this week, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote a letter to French President Emmanuel Macron declaring that his intention to recognize a Palestinian state at the United Nations General Assembly in September "pours fuel" on the fire of antisemitism.

Macron's office rejected the accusation as "abject" and "erroneous." **HW**



Celebrating 30 Years of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis





Andie Uiberall, Jill Shanker and Sydney Shanker represent three consecutive generations of a family committed to philanthropy. As a "Generations of Giving" family, they each have donor advised funds and have all held major leadership positions in the Jewish community. All three participated in the recent Washington, D.C., Federation fly-in, Sydney was a national BBYO Officer, and both Jill and Sydney were Presidents of the Delta Region of BBYO. Andie is also a Federation Board member and Lion of Judah.

In honor of the 30-year anniversary of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis, we are showcasing the Foundation's history and impact through a content series across multiple platforms, including a photo series highlighting key moments in the Foundation's history.

30 Years, 30 Moments A Look Back at the Legacy of the Jewish Foundation of Memphis in Photos



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