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Marshall Elected President of Bornblum Jewish Community School



Bornblum Jewish Community School Elects 2026-27 Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting.

The Bornblum Jewish Community School community gathered on Sunday, May 18 for its Annual Meeting. Board members, parents, faculty and supporters filled the Wendy and Avron Fogelman Hall for an evening that honored the past year, recognized remarkable service and welcomed a new generation of leadership.

The program opened with a D’var Torah delivered by students Swayzie Michaels and Abby Stokar. Makhela, the school choir, then performed two songs for the assembled guests: “Kehila Kedosha” and “Part of a Chain.” The performances drew warm applause and were a fitting reminder of the central role music plays in the Bornblum experience.

Students Swayzie Michaels and Blaire Kleinman presented their work during the SPARK segment: a program

highlight that put student achievements in design thinking front and center for the entire community to see. Not only did they present incredible projects, but they spoke about the importance of resilience and the ability to pivot when you face challenges.

The evening’s most moving moment came when Bornblum Head of School Daniel R. Weiss Ed.D. honored Director of Student Services Sally Rhodes Baer for 37 years of extraordinary dedication to Bornblum. Baer has served the school in virtually every capacity: beginning as a second-grade teacher, she went on to serve as General Studies principal, Assistant Head of School, Head of School and currently Director of Student Services.

Dr. Weiss presented Baer with a piece of glass art created in the Bornblum Fab Lab, reflecting the social and emotional

themes central to her work, as well as a proclamation from the City of Memphis honoring her 37 years of service to the school and the Memphis Jewish community. “Few people in this community have given more of themselves to Jewish education than Baer,” said Dr. Weiss.

Outgoing President Jeri Moskowitz reflected on her two years as president and presented the Volunteers of the Year Award to Alla Lubin, Janice Ringel and Benjamin Lazarov, Bornblum’s endowment chairs. With the Together for Tomorrow Campaign Cabinet, they have raised nearly \$6.3 million in a little over a year, a remarkable achievement that will secure the school’s future for generations to come.

“Serving as president of the Bornblum board has been one of the great honors of my life,” shared Moskowitz. “Watching

this community come together for the Together for Tomorrow campaign and raise nearly \$6.3 million in just over a year showed me what Bornblum families are truly made of. I am so proud of everything we accomplished together, and I could not be more confident in Jaclyn and this new board to carry it forward.”

Immediate Past President Janice Ringel presided over the election of new board members and officers. Jaclyn Marshall was elected Board President, succeeding Moskowitz and stepping into a role she is well prepared for.

“I am humbled and inspired to step into this role, especially following someone as dedicated as Jeri Moskowitz,” she said. “Bornblum is a place where children grow into confident, curious and deeply rooted young people, and that is worth every bit of energy we can give it. I am excited to get to work alongside this board and this incredible community.”

The full 2026-2027 officer slate includes:

- President: Jaclyn Marshall
- Vice President: Zach Kisber
- Secretary: Stacy Canales
- Treasurer: Monte Eiseman
- Counsel: Ryan Saharovich
- Immediate Past President: Jeri Moskowitz

Joining the board for their first two-year terms are Jenny Cook, Stuart Frisch, Dr. Todd Gruen and Danielle Lazarov. Michelle Goldwin Kaufman, Stuart Lazarov and Shayna Roark were elected to additional two-year terms. They join current board members Ted Cohen, Rhonda Feiler, Scott Felsenthal, David Peterson and Jana Weiskopf.

Reflecting on the evening, Dr. Weiss shared, “Evenings like this one remind

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German Nationals Face Potential Felony Hate-Crime Charges in Miami Beach Over Antisemitic Graffiti



Hotels along Ocean Drive, across from Lummus Park, in Miami Beach, Fla. Credit: P. Hughes via Wikimedia Commons.
By Jessica Russak-Hoffman

(May 20, 2026/JNS) – Florida prosecutors are considering whether to elevate misdemeanor charges against two German nationals accused of vandalizing a Miami Beach bench with antisemitic graffiti to a felony hate-crime offense, the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s office told JNS last Tuesday.

Miami Beach police responded to Lummus Park near 12th Street and Ocean Drive last Monday evening after park rangers discovered graffiti drawn on a public bench, reading, “Adolf was here” alongside a swastika.

According to police reports, the city’s Real Time Intelligence Center used surveillance cameras to identify and track the suspects to the Colony Hotel on

Ocean Drive shortly after the incident. Investigators alleged that one man wrote the graffiti while the other shielded him from public view.

The suspects were arrested and identified as Christoph Rehak, 58, and Gunther Manfred Jekschtat, 63, both of Germany. Police said both men admitted involvement in the vandalism and were charged with criminal mischief.

“The 1st Degree Misdemeanor charge of Criminal Mischief more than \$200 and less than \$1000 is presently being reviewed to see if it can be enhanced to a 3rd Degree Felony under Florida’s Hate Crime Enhancement statute,” a spokesman for the Miami-Dade State Attorney’s Office told JNS. **HW**

Alleged Manifesto Tied to San Diego Shooting Suspects Praises Hitler, Calls for ‘Race War’



Crime scene tape during a Sept. 25, 2019, mass-casualty exercise at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Va. Credit: FBI.

(May 20, 2026/JNS) – Investigators are reviewing the authenticity of a 75-page manifesto allegedly written by Caleb Vasquez, 18, and Cain Clark, 17, the two teenagers suspected of killing three people outside the Islamic Center of San Diego last Monday before dying by apparent suicide, according to law enforcement officials.

Authorities are investigating the attack as a hate crime.

The document, viewed by JNS and titled “The New Crusade: Sons of Tarrant,” appears to reference Brenton Tarrant, the gunman who killed 51 worshippers at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 2019. The manifesto contains neo-Nazi, antisemitic and racist rhetoric and praises mass killers, including Tree of Life synagogue shooter Robert Bowers and Adolf Hitler.

“I only hope that we can finish what he had once started and make him proud, Heil Hitler,” the document states.

The New York Post reported that investigators have a copy of the document “and believe it to be authentic.”

According to the manifesto, the suspects sought to revive what they described as the “momentum” started by Tarrant and to “kick start the race war.”

“What’s the plan? Blitzkrieg,” the document states. “Cause as much death and destruction to the system and the invaders as efficiently and quickly as possible with a diverse selection of targets.”

The manifesto outlines plans to attack at least three locations and lists goals in-

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cluding maximizing casualties, spreading their ideology and dying during the attacks.

In a section titled “Middle Easterners and Islam,” the document describes Islam as incompatible with Western society and accuses Muslim immigrants of “invading” the United States.

The text also praises attacks targeting Jews, Muslims, Blacks and immigrants, and encourages followers to livestream acts of violence.

In another section, titled “The Universal Enemy,” the manifesto blames Jews for “all the wrong in the world.”

“It’s the Jews,” the document states repeatedly in all capital letters. “For any sane man seeing all this, the only logical solution would be to just kill them all.”

The manifesto also calls for the killing of U.S. President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance, stating: “Yes, I am inciting violence from the left, because as an accelerationist I know that it takes all sides opening fire to cause that much desired societal collapse.” **HW**

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me why we do this work. Watching our students deliver a D’var Torah, perform with Makhela and share their SPARK projects with this community demonstrates the outstanding work of our students, but also the important role our faculty play in their lives. And, of course, honoring Sally Rhodes Baer for

37 years of service felt absolutely right. She has been the heart of this school across so many chapters, and we are so fortunate to have her.” **HW**

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Speaker: Lynn Doyle, M.S.
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Those who have heard Lynn speak know why audiences consistently ask for her return. Her presentations are not only uplifting and enjoyable, but also filled with practical ideas that participants can immediately apply to improve daily life. After speaking to our group just a few weeks ago, attendees unanimously requested that she come back – and we are delighted she did!
There is no charge to attend. Reservations are requested, as the senior lunchroom seats only 20 guests. Come enjoy lunch and stay for this valuable and engaging program. To reserve your seat, call the front desk at 901-761-0810.

Wednesday, June 3
Speaker: Patrick Twele with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
Don’t miss this important and timely presentation featuring. Patrick’s topic, “Safe Seniors: Scam Avoidance,” focuses on protecting seniors from the growing number of scams targeting older adults. Patrick previously spoke to the group and was invited back by popular demand to spend more time on this critical issue. He will discuss some of the latest scams and provide practical tips on how to avoid becoming a victim. This program is valuable not only for seniors, but also for anyone with senior family members.
Seating is limited to 20, so early reservations are strongly encouraged.

Monday, June 8
Speaker: Jacob Woloshin, MJCC’s Membership Director
The MJCC’s membership director, Jacob Woloshin, will present a special program highlighting the many activities, services and opportunities available to seniors at the MJCC.
Guests frequently ask about exercise programs, classes, discussion groups and other daily activities designed specifically for older adults. Jacob will provide an overview of these offerings and answer questions during a Q&A session following his presentation. Guests interested in learning more about the facility will also have the opportunity for a special tour of the MJCC.



Jacob Woloshin



Rabbi Ross Levy
Wednesday, June 10
Speaker: Rabbi Ross Levy, Associate Rabbi of Temple Israel
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Elon Musk Praises Israeli Innovation as ‘No. 1 in the World’

By JNS Staff
(May 19, 2026/JNS) – Elon Musk, considered to be the richest person on the planet, has lauded Israeli innovation as “number one” in the world.
“I’m a huge admirer of the innovation coming out of Israel,” Musk said last Monday in video remarks at the Samson International Smart Mobility Summit at Expo Tel Aviv. “I think it is objectively true that Israel punches high above its weight for population.”
The owner of Tesla and SpaceX added: “My hat is off to Israel for just how much incredible innovation. ... I’d say innovation per capita, Israel must be No. 1 in the world.”
Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last Tuesday shared video of Musk’s remarks in an X post, thanking “the world’s leading man in innovation.”

Musk was originally scheduled to be a keynote speaker at the conference, which was postponed from March due to the war with Iran. Speaking from Texas, he apologized for not making the trip, but said he looked forward to visiting Israel again.
He last visited the Jewish state in November 2023, when he toured Kibbutz Kfar Aza with Netanyahu in the aftermath of the Oct. 7 Hamas massacre and met with families of hostages and victims.
The two-day conference at the Tel Aviv Expo, hosted by the Israeli Ministry of Transport and Road Safety, brought together business leaders, innovators, policymakers and academics to explore the trends shaping mobility in the 21st century. **HW**

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AOC and Other Leading Democrats Condemn Texas Congressional Candidate Maureen Galindo Over Antisemitic Rhetoric



Maureen Galindo, left, and Johnny Garcia, candidates for U.S. House District 35, participate in a forum held by the League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area in the Sidney Board Room at Brooks in San Antonio on Wednesday, May 6, 2026. Credit: Katina Zentz/San Antonio Express-News via Getty Images

By Grace Gilson

(May 20, 2026/JTA) – Rabbi Mara Nathan says watching an antisemitic conspiracy theorist emerge as a serious contender for a U.S. House seat in her Texas district has been “very disorienting.”

Nathan lives and works in San Antonio, where Maureen Galindo, a local activist who has vowed to turn a local immigrant detention center “into a prison for American Zionists,” was the top vote-getter in a Democratic primary in March and now faces a runoff on Tuesday.

“It seems shocking that someone who is so virulently antisemitic and anti-Zionist has not only been given a voice, but is even now in this primary runoff,” Nathan, the senior rabbi of Temple Beth El, a 150-year-old Reform congregation, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Galindo’s extreme rhetoric has drawn national attention as the runoff in Texas’ 35th Congressional District nears – and

increasingly has also drawn condemnation from other Democrats, including some who are themselves critical of Israel and its supporters in the United States.

Last week, the Texas Senate candidate James Talarico revealed to JTA that he would not back or campaign with Galindo if she wins the runoff against sheriff’s deputy Johnny Garcia.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the progressive leader who has been strongly critical of Israel, threw her support behind Garcia in a post on X Tuesday, calling Galindo’s rhetoric “absolutely disgusting.”

“This bigoted garbage and antisemitism should be nowhere near our politics. If you’re in TX-35, vote for @johnnygarciatx,” Ocasio-Cortez wrote.

Also on Tuesday, Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and Washington Democratic Rep. Suzan DelBene issued a

joint statement condemning Galindo’s rhetoric, writing that the “vile language by her is disqualifying and has no place in American politics, and certainly not in the Democratic Party.”

The two Democratic leaders also accused Republican leadership of propping up Galindo in the race through the newly launched Lead Left PAC, which has spent nearly \$600,000 on ads and mailers bashing Garcia and boosting Galindo.

While the PAC has not had to disclose its donors, the metadata on its website previously linked it to WinRed, a Republican donation platform, according to a Punchbowl News report. Ocasio-Cortez made the connection in her statement, saying, “The donors behind the Republican super PAC funding her should be exposed.”

Jeffries and DelBene called on Republican leadership to “immediately cease propping up this antisemitic candidacy, pull spending in the race and forcefully condemn these comments,” adding that “MAGA extremists should be ashamed of themselves.”

In a statement to The New York Times regarding funding for a mailer supporting her candidacy, Galindo suggested that the funds had come from “a billionaire Zionist who made the PAC to sabotage candidates.”

“Dems and Republicans uniting against me in the same week with the same message is evidence that they’re working together for the Zionist billionaires that control our government and tax money,” Galindo told The Times.

Galindo, WinRed and the National Republican Congressional Committee did not immediately respond to JTA requests for comment, and attempts to reach Lead Left PAC and the Republican National Committee were not successful.

The head of Democratic Majority For Israel, Brian Romick, whose organization has launched a new six-figure ad campaign backing Garcia, also took aim at Lead Left PAC’s spending on Galindo

in a statement, calling on Republicans to “explain why they’re paying to keep her viable.”

“Republicans aren’t doing this by accident,” Romick said. “They are deliberately elevating one of the most grotesque antisemites in American politics this cycle because they think it helps them win.”

Several Jewish Democrats, including Sen. Jacky Rosen of Nevada and Reps. Josh Gottheimer of New Jersey and Jared Moskowitz of Florida, also decried Galindo’s rhetoric. In a joint statement Wednesday, Gottheimer and Moskowitz said that, if Galindo wins the election, they would force votes to expel her from Congress “every single day we are here.”

The Jewish Federation of San Antonio did not immediately respond to a request for comment from JTA. But the federation appeared to weigh in on Galindo’s remarks in a post on Facebook last week, calling on “candidates and elected officials” to “refrain from bigoted and offensive attacks.”

The widespread condemnation has reassured Nathan that opposition to Galindo’s rhetoric extends across the Democratic party.

“It is heartening that those folks who are clearly not fan of Israel understand that you can be critical of a government without saying you’re going to put Jewish people in internment camps,” Nathan said.

Nathan said she hoped the growing attention surrounding the race would help Texans “wake up and step up for a more sane perspective in how one is going to lead our community.”

“On both sides of the aisle, what we need is for both our elected officials and people who are running to speak out against that kind of antisemitic rhetoric,” Nathan said. “Beyond the political position, the idea that you want to attack any faith or any religion, any race is really abhorrent and goes against American values and certainly Texan values.” **HW**

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Pop Star Harry Styles to ‘Viva Palestina’ Concertgoer in Amsterdam: ‘Correct’

By Jackie Hajdenberg

(May 20, 2026/JTA) – On the opening night of his world tour beginning in Amsterdam last Saturday, global superstar Harry Styles backed a brief pro-Palestinian chant from the crowd. It was his first public comment on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, after years of expressing an affinity for Jewish culture.

The Amsterdam concert last Saturday was the first of his Together, Together tour, held at the Johan Cruijff Arena.

Following Styles’ remarks about “changing the world together,” in between songs, an attendee shouted, “Viva, Viva Palestina” (meaning, “Long Live Palestine”), to which Styles replied, “Correct.”

It’s the first time the 32-year-old has made any public remarks on the conflict, but one of Styles’ tour charity partners is Choose Love, a humanitarian organization that works with displaced communities around the world, including those from Gaza.

Styles is newly engaged to actor Zoë Kravitz, who is Jewish, and as a teenager, he often tweeted transliterated Hebrew well wishes for various Jewish

holidays. While competing on the British talent show The X Factor in 2010, where he rose to stardom, Styles stayed with the Orthodox Jewish Winston family, with whom he became close and considers mentors. In 2014, Styles announced that his New Year’s resolution was to learn Hebrew.

Last Saturday’s show was the latest demonstration of pro-Palestine solidarity in the concert space since the Oct 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel. Some performers have integrated pro-Palestine activism into their concerts by creating large displays with flags and visuals accusing Israel of genocide. Others have called for an end to the war in Gaza, and some have dedicated entire concerts to raising funds for Palestinian charities.

Other articles, including some who are Jewish, have faced hecklers making pro-Palestine comments who were later removed by security. In Britain, a member of the Irish band Kneecap faced terrorism charges for holding a Hezbollah flag, though they were later dropped. Kneecap has been vocally pro-Palestine since they formed in 2017. **HW**



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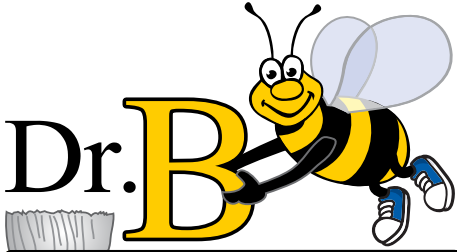
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Estate Planning What Constitutes Legal Incapacity in Tennessee?

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

If you are like us, or most Memphians for that matter, you despise the right lanes on Poplar Avenue.

When we present seminars and workshops on estate planning, more particularly, what happens upon incapacity without a plan in place, we often use the example of a healthy, typical, mid-aged couple cruising down the right lane on Poplar when they are crushed by a drunk driver and, as a result, rendered incapacitated, or in some type of vegetative state. This example is effective because it highlights a point that many disregard or fail to carefully consider, which is the fact that – whether due to mental health related issues, physical health related issues, an unexpected accident as in the Poplar case, cognitive impairment, etc. – one can become legally incapacitated at any age and at any time. In our experience, sadly, people often fail to plan

for incapacity and assume that legal incapacity and disability are concerns reserved for the elderly. We categorize this logic as the faulty, “it won’t happen to me” logic. From a planning, legal, and pragmatic perspective, however, for the incapacitated individual and for his or her family, incapacity without a plan is even worse than death without a plan. Incapacity without a plan leads to preventable expense and suffering for the individual and his or her family.

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The key understanding in this area is that without any plan in place should one, G-d forbid, become incapacitated, via a Conservatorship or “living probate” proceeding, a judge or jury – not



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the incapacitated individual nor his or her family – will determine who makes key medical and financial decisions for the incapacitated individual.

The bottom line is that anyone, regardless of age, net worth, or health status, can become incapacitated at any time and, in the event of incapacity, basic estate planning, via Powers of Attorney and Advanced Directives, prevents the nightmare of the Conservatorship or living probate proceeding. **HW**

German Court Allows Pro-Palestinian Encampment in Hamburg Park Where Jews Were Deported by the Nazis

By Shira Li Bartov

(May 19, 2026/JTA) – Activists in Hamburg [were] commemorating the displacement of Palestinians last week in a park where Jews were deported during World War II, following a legal fight that ended in their favor.

A German court allowed the “Bridges of Resistance” encampment to be set up from May 9 until last Saturday in Moorweide, a public park where, according to the Hamburg Memorials Foundation, the Nazis rounded up more than 1,000 local Jews for deportation to the Łódź ghetto in October 1941.

The encampment will culminate on Saturday with a march from the park to Hamburg’s port, the organizers announced. The demonstration will be part of nationwide protests marking 78 years since the Nakba, the Arabic word for “catastrophe” used by Palestinians to describe their flight and expulsion from their homes when Israel was established in 1948.

A Bridges of Resistance spokesperson, Nikodem Kaddoura, told the German newspaper Die Tageszeitung that the encampment’s location was deliberate. Commemorating the displacement of Palestinians on a site where Jews were forced from their homes was not a “provocation,” said Kaddoura, but a choice pointing to historical “continuities.”

The encampment triggered an outcry from local Jews, who reportedly said in an open letter that its location constituted “a mockery of the victims” of the Holocaust.

The chief rabbi of Hamburg, Shlomo Bistritzky, urged local authorities to take action against the encampment and said on X, “We – the Jews of Hamburg – are deeply concerned about this.”

The city and police initially sought to relocate the protest the week prior, but after the organizers appealed, Hamburg courts ruled that it could continue.

Hamburg’s Higher Administrative Court determined that the Bridges of Resistance camp did not pose sufficient danger or risk of antisemitic incidents to justify a ban, according to regional broadcaster Norddeutscher Rundfunk.

The encampment in the southern part of Moorweide is not located in the same area as the historical deportation site in the park’s northwestern corner, according to Die Tageszeitung. The “Square of Jewish Deportees” is marked with a memorial plaque. It is separated from the encampment by the main building of the University of Hamburg.

The encampment includes over 10 tents and dozens of participants, with a schedule listing lectures and workshops about Palestinian history and culture,

boycotts against Israel and what the activists identify as “German complicity” in genocide against the Palestinians.

The organizers also said Hamburg was a key location for protesting because its port was a “prime example of Germany’s role in the global arms trade.” Pro-Palestinian activists have previously targeted Hamburg’s port to protest arms shipments to Israel.

Bridges of Resistance did not respond to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency’s request for comment.

About 150 counterprotesters rallied against the encampment last Sunday, local media reported. Some held a sign that read, “There is no place for antisemitism and hatred of Israel in Hamburg.”

Stefan Hensel, Hamburg’s former antisemitism commissioner, said on Facebook that “many in Hamburg consider the anti-Israel agitation again taking place there, of all places, as political and moral bankruptcy.”

Hensel added that some of the activists were “accused of holding antisemitic and extremist positions.” One group involved in the encampment, Thawra Hamburg, is under surveillance by the Office for the Protection of the Constitution, Germany’s domestic intelligence agency, according to attorneys working on the group’s behalf.

Members of the Jewish community

demanding in an open letter that “Hamburg’s politicians clearly distance themselves from the camp, end the open hatred against Israel and Jews, and permanently recognize Moorweide as a protected memorial site.”

For all of Moorweide to be permanently insulated from protests, it would have to meet the requirements of Germany’s Assembly Act, which includes a provision limiting the right to free assembly. The provision says memorial sites of “outstanding historical significance extending beyond the regional level” receive special protection to “protect the dignity of the victims of National Socialist violence and arbitrary rule.”

The Hamburg court’s ruling likely rested on the fact that only part of Moorweide is designated as a memorial site, according to William Nevin, a German history professor emeritus of Nottingham Trent University.

“If one accepts that the protestors were not intending to demonstrate in the section of the park dedicated to the memory of those deported, or otherwise act in a disrespectful or antisemitic manner, then the court’s ruling can be understood,” Nevin told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

Germany’s Holocaust remembrance sites have become the center of fierce dispute between pro-Palestinian activists and state authorities.

German politicians have publicly reckoned with the country’s Nazi past by promising a special responsibility to Israel. Since the 2000s, many have identified the robustness of the Israeli state as part of Germany’s “Staatsräson,” or reason of state. Germany is a staunch ally to Israel and its second-largest arms supplier after the United States.

In April, the city of Weimar blocked a pro-Palestinian demonstration at the former Buchenwald concentration camp on the anniversary of its liberation, and a local court upheld the ban.

Judges decided that the Buchenwald rally would likely “violate the dignity of victims” of the Nazis. The activists argued that their planned rally was a vigil for all “victims of genocide and fascism,” saying they upheld the memory of the Holocaust by urging Germany not to be involved in another genocide. **HW**



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Over the next two years, we will publish 100 Stories for 100 Years – a weekly column spotlighting resident, staff, and lay leader stories with the Home from throughout our history. This week, we are sharing words from our past President, Jay Lindy.



Jay Lindy (r) at a recent MJHR Golf Tournament with Andy Saslawsky, Scott Gruber and Elkan Scheidt.

MJHR: Tell us about yourself (hometown, education, family, hobbies, career).

I grew up in Memphis and went to college at Cornell University, then law school at the University of Denver. I had a private law practice for 20 years, then left that to join the Tower Ventures business, where I serve as COO and general counsel.

My wife, Susan, and I have been married for 29 years, and we have three kids – two sons and a daughter.

I have varied interests: golf, skiing, fishing, playing guitar, and I enjoy cooking and traveling.

MJHR: How did you become connected to MJHR?

In 1999, Mark Halperin and Jef Feibelman invited me to join the board. Then 10 years later, I served as president and was later involved in leading the campaign for the rehab facility with Pace Cooper and Scott Notowich. I've been involved as a contributor for quite a while, and since my presidency, I've always been available as an ad-hoc advisor when needed.

MJHR: Share your favorite MJHR story.

The most indelible story is that I was able to say kaddish for my grandmother who was at the Home and passed away at 104. When she moved back to Mem-

phis, we tried to have her live at home, but eventually, she was able to live out her last days at MJHR, comfortably.

My second indelible story was early on when I joined the board: We used to talk a lot about fried chicken! We had phenomenal kosher fried chicken in dining services, and we used to sell a lot of fried chicken to the community on Fridays. We talked about it, though, from a cost perspective. Like many things at that time, anything the Home did was at a superlative level, service came before economics. When a new board member joined and asked what we talk about, I said fried chicken – and she thought I was joking – these fried chicken conversations could last 20 minutes!

MJHR: What do you wish for the future 100 years of the organization?

I hope the Home will continue to be able to provide a place, lifestyle and caring resource for those who need it. I very much hope that it continues to be the preeminent resource for that stage of life, whether nursing, rehab or somewhere in between for those who need it.

We have the challenge of a Jewish community that doesn't have robust growth plus a demographic of aging Jewish people – I want to make sure that the Home will continue to be growing and providing better and better services, particularly for the Jewish community, but



Jay with fellow committee members at the opening of the Belz Family Foundation Rehab Center at MJHR

also for the community at large. There's a misconception that you have to be Jewish to be at the Home, which is not true. I want the Home to be there for all people who need it, when they need it.

MJHR: Anything else you'd like to share about MJHR?

Becoming President in 2008, my time on the board was marked by turbulent economic times, and I believe I left the Home in much better financial shape – but it's a hard model to run the Home. With our high level of services – at a time when the economy made it challenging to pay for those services – I tried to get the formula right. One of my successes was that I could leave the Home's board and at least set it up to get it to where we needed it to be. The board reviews studies and has strategy sessions, and we move at a deliberate pace. Our strategy is emblematic of how MJHR's board really focuses on longevity.

The Home's saving grace is its endowment and the good stewardship of that endowment. The endowment investments were extremely generous. Without the endowment, we can't do what we do; it ensures the Home survives. That kind of mindset will keep the home going for another 100 years at the level it has been.

We are fortunate and lucky to have Executive Director Bobby Meadows, who is a godsend to the Home and broader community. We have an inval-

able, committed staff. Bobby and his executive staff are a community within the community that makes it a place where people want to go to work – it's a loving environment, and you can't put a price on that.

Then there's the Golf Tournament – the people who work on it should be commended. I didn't appreciate the magnitude of that one event and the impact it had on the quality of life for residents of the Home until I joined the board. From a mission statement, we really owe a lot to the people who created and sustained and continue to be involved in the tournament and to those people who are being good stewards of the endowment.

MJHR is like a security blanket, we don't want to use it, but we want to wake up every morning knowing that MJHR is there if we need it – not only because of the quality it provides, but also because it doesn't create additional stress at that time. We know it's an option... with good fried chicken!

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Israeli Man Indicted in Attack on Catholic Nun in Jerusalem's Old City

By Grace Gilson

(May 7, 2026/JTA) – An Israeli man was indicted on May 7 in connection to the violent assault of a Catholic nun in Jerusalem last month, after prosecutors said he targeted her over her Christian identity.

Yona Schreiber, 36, from the West Bank settlement of Peduel, was arrested [in April] and has since been indicted on charges of "assault causing actual injury motivated by hostility toward the public on the grounds of religion, as well as simple assault," the state attorney's office said in a statement.

According to the indictment, Schreiber, who is Jewish, attacked the nun just outside of the Old City in Jerusalem because he identified her as a Catholic nun. Schreiber allegedly pushed and then kicked the nun as she was lying on the ground and also attacked a passerby who attempted to intervene.

The nun, a researcher at the French School of Biblical and Archeological Research, suffered bruises on her face and leg due to the attack, the state attorney's office said.

The attack, which drew condemnation from Catholic leaders as well as faculty at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, comes amid mounting concern over hostility toward Christian clergy and holy sites in Israel.

Cases of Jews harassing Christians have risen sharply in recent years. [In April], the IDF punished a soldier who was filmed bludgeoning a statue of Jesus in southern Lebanon. The IDF also announced that it would discipline a different soldier who was seen placing a cigarette into the mouth of a statue of

the Virgin Mary in a photo posted on social media.

Israel's attorney general asked the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, where the indictment was filed, to hold Schreiber in detention for the duration of the legal proceeding.

The assault carries a maximum prison sentence of three years, which could increase to six years if prosecutors prove the attack was motivated by religious bias. **HW**

Build Your Portfolio on a Solid Foundation

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Asset allocation can be to investment planning what the foundation is to a house or the chassis is to a car. It’s what everything else is built upon. And just as important as constructing a house on a firm foundation, having the right asset allocation can be vital to helping you work toward your financial goals.

Although the name may sound intimidating, asset allocation is just a technical term for a rather simple concept. It’s merely how your portfolio is divided up among different types of investments, such as stocks, bonds, and what are called “cash alternatives.”

How it works

Using asset allocation to build a portfolio designed to help you reach your long-term goals requires taking three primary factors into consideration:

Goals. These are simply what you’re investing to achieve. For many of us, a major goal is to enjoy a financially secure retirement. If you have younger children or grandchildren, helping them afford higher education without building a mountain of debt is likely another goal. Or maybe you’d also like to make a luxury purchase – such as a vacation home, dream car, or exotic vacation – down the road.

Time horizon. One reason why knowing your goals is important is because it helps determine your time horizon (how long you have until you need to tap into your investments). If you’re 37, for example, and want to retire at 67, your time horizon is 30 years. Simple as that.

Risk tolerance. Your risk tolerance is the amount of volatility in your portfolio’s value you’re comfortable with. If

you find you can’t sleep because you’re worried about your investments – especially when there’s market volatility – you probably need to adjust your asset allocation to suit your risk tolerance.

Putting the pieces together

With those factors in hand, you can begin to piece your asset allocation together. The primary building blocks, at least to begin with, are likely to include:

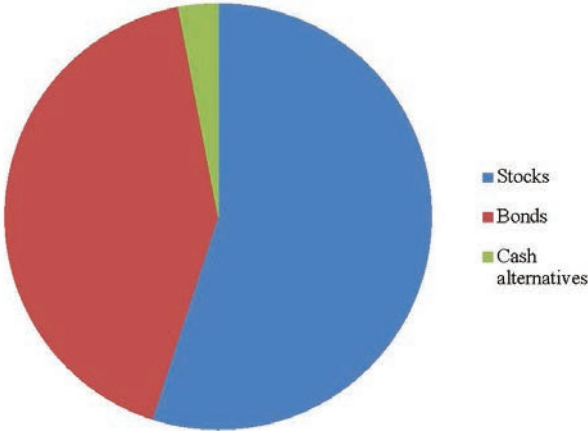
Stocks. Historically, stocks have offered attractive returns, but along with those returns, there’s also been periods of volatility. If you’re young, you generally have a long time horizon – especially when it comes to retirement. That may allow you to have a larger allocation to stocks because you have longer to ride out any short-term market volatility.

Bonds. One reason investors like bonds in a portfolio is because their prices have historically been relatively stable. By owning bonds, an investor’s aim may be to help manage his or her portfolio’s overall value when there’s volatility in the stock market. The larger the proportion of bonds, the more steady the portfolio’s overall value should remain. Keep in mind, however, that bonds’ returns have been significantly less than stocks.

Cash alternatives. These are relatively lower-risk, lower-return investments. On the upside, they can be easily be converted into cash when it’s needed. On the downside, their returns may not even keep up with inflation.

Of course, there are many other investments to consider, many with varying degrees of historical risk vs. return. Just remember that you should intend

What a sample asset allocation may look like



for each type of investment to play a particular role, such as providing the potential for growth or income or stability, in your overall allocation, and you need to understand the risks involved.

Once you’ve decided on the types of investments to include, you need to determine how much of each is appropriate. If you’re looking to grow your investments’ value, you’ll likely have a larger stock allocation and a smaller one for bonds. The result would be a portfolio with more potential volatility than one with a larger proportion of bonds. You should ask yourself if that’s a trade-off you’re comfortable with.

Get help if you need it

Although asset allocation is a relatively simple concept, you can see it has lots of “moving parts.” That’s one reason why many investors opt to work with a professional financial advisor. If you decide to seek help, look for an advisor who will first get to know you and then help create an investment plan that’s built around (what else?) an appropriate asset allocation.

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Jack Kirby Finally Gets His Corner of the City That Made Him Super

By PJ Grisar

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(May 13, 2026/JTA) – Jack Kirby Way is located at the intersection of Essex and Delancey Street and at the crossroads of a created universe.

More prosaically, it shares a corner with a McDonald’s and a halal truck. Across the street is the subway stop and the old, permanently closed Essex Street Market building from whence Levy’s sold its famous frankfurters. If you cross Delancey, you reach the new Essex Market, boasting world cuisines and the singular hybrid food of macaroni-and-cheese pancakes at Shopsins General Store.

A few blocks away: Forget it, Jack, it’s Chinatown. But in this small patch of the world, Jacob Kurtzberg came of age amid the pushcarts and street melees he documented in his graphic story “Street Code” and reimagined in Yancy Street, the home turf of the Fantastic Four’s Ben Grim.

“You became a toreador at an early age, just dodging ice wagons,” Kirby, born on 147 Essex, later recalled, not disguising his fear of “the ghetto,” and his desire to break free from a world that all but required membership in a street gang to survive.

On May 11, Kirby made a homecoming nonetheless. Dozens, many in costume, gathered to witness the dedication of the street that now bears his name. The word on everyone’s lips: “overdue.”

“I think everyone on Earth at this point knows something Jack Kirby made without knowing the name,” said Alex Baglio, dressed in the original, Kirby-designed costume of Captain America’s sidekick Bucky Barnes.

For years, devotees of King Kirby have had to settle for hints of his massive influence in Marvel’s new age of mass appeal – a forgettable “Eternals” film here, an homage to his art there.

“I was just excited by the wall painting in the back of “Thor: Ragnarok;” it took so little for me to be happy,” said Baglio, there with his coworker Kris Nedelka, who was dressed like Captain America.

More professional cosplayers were also in attendance; the Thing kicked off the occasion with the cry of “it’s clobberin’ time.” (Another, amateur Thing was so committed to character he kept his mask on, rendering his interview inaudible.)

The naming was more than symbolic recognition. For many, it was justice for a creator whose contributions were eclipsed, and arguably erased, by his creative partner and boss, the writer and editor Stan Lee, with whom he developed the Fantastic Four, X-Men, Black Panther and Thor, to name just a few.

Marvel has been slow to give him his full credit even after it exploded into a multibillion-dollar multimedia franchise over a decade after Kirby’s 1994 death. (Lee, who wrote the credits on the comics, had a way of fudging exactly who had what idea.)

The effort to get Kirby his street cred due – there’s a Stan Lee Way in Lee’s old neighborhood in the Bronx – was fan-driven, following an earlier, one-day renaming at the same intersection in advance of last summer’s film “Fantastic Four: First Steps.”

“The street naming on July 9, 2025, what was meant as a homage and was done with full hearts, struck me as almost an injustice, because Jack Kirby deserved the street name in perpetuity,” said Roy Schwartz, a comic historian

and Forward contributor who spearheaded the renaming effort.

It took the help of council member Chris Marte, who spoke movingly of Kirby’s origins and how they mirrored his own.

“His story is more than just the story of an incredibly influential comic book artist. His story is the story of the Lower East Side,” Marte said.

Both men were the children of immigrants (Kirby’s from Galicia, Marte’s the Dominican Republic) and garment factory workers. Both are alumni of PS 20. Both went to the Henry Street Settlement – in Kirby’s day, the Boys Brotherhood Republic – to escape their rough neighborhood.

A key difference: Kirby left. But never in his imagination, or arguably, his ethics.

The subtext of the ceremony, like the very intersection itself, was very Jewish.

Former president of DC Comics Paul Levitz remarked “the reason he’s Jack Kirby and not Jacob Kurtzberg is the name Jacob Kurtzberg would have been an anchor holding him down from doing what he dreamed and what he wanted to do.” (In 1990, when Kirby was asked if he changed his name because antisemitism was prevalent at the time, he said “Yes. A lot of it... And it hasn’t changed.”)

Kirby’s youngest granddaughter, Jillian, explained how his “acts of mitzvah” inspired her nonprofit Kirby4Heroes, which helps comic book workers in financial and medical need. Keeping with the theme, she read a letter from her father, Kirby’s son, Neal, who described his first visit to his dad’s neighborhood, for a cousin’s bar mitzvah, in 1962.

The service was in an Orthodox shul, conducted in Yiddish, English and Hebrew. Afterwards there was a kiddush in the foyer. Neal watched as his father, seeing an elderly man at the door of the temple, got up, took the man by the arm to an empty table, filled a platter with food and brought it to him without exchanging a word.

“I didn’t realize it then as a 14-year-old, but the stereotype of the Lower East Side producing nothing but tough guys was a myth,” Kirby wrote. “When you grow up and every family is as poor as yours, and your friends and enemies alike are as poor as you are, I believe that breeds a compassion and empathy that most of us cannot understand. When you hear the expression that someone is in the same boat as you, in the case of the Lower East Side immigrant community, it probably was literally true.”

The neighborhood, largely Asian and Latino, looks different now – though a few kippot were in the crowd, along with a crew of Yeshiva boys who passed by – but the tribute, Jillian Kirby hoped,

would continue to inspire, even as the family now lives on the West Coast.

With the move to Southern California in December 1968, Kirby’s creative life continued and arguably became more Jewish. As an exhibit at the American Jewish Historical Society, coinciding with the naming, notes, it was in his California era that Kirby developed his “New Gods” series for DC.

“Even the “New Gods,” which is the space opera, like warring gods and far-away planets, all the bad guys are based on Nazi archetypes, and all the good guys are based on Jewish archetypes,” Schwartz said.

The Kirbys joined Temple Etz Chaim in Thousand Oaks, and Kirby made personal art – on display at the Center for Jewish History – of God, Jacob wrestling the angel and Joshua at the battle of Jericho. They are replete with Kirby’s signature “krackles” of negative space and the sci-fi piping he drew into characters like Galactus.

Jack was a family man; he and his wife, Rosalind, (Roz) hosted the Passover Seders. His granddaughter Tracy told me they hid the afikomen in the exact same spot every year: inside the piano bench. For Hanukkah, he sent a greeting card featuring the Thing with a kippah and siddur, on view at the AJHS exhibit.

Daniel Greenberg arrived early to the show, there in part to scope out evidence of Kirby’s neglected writing and story credits on his comics with Stan Lee.

“Jack Kirby’s place in history was stolen by a guy named Stan Lee,” said Greenberg, who is involved with a social media campaign to recognize Kirby as the primary author of his collaborations with Lee.

There are hints that the narrative is now breaking in Kirby’s favor in the years since Lee’s passing and the end of his cameos in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

“Fantastic Four: First Steps” seemed to acknowledge Kirby’s pivotal role in

the Marvel Universe, calling the world in which it takes place Earth-828 and explicitly acknowledging the origin of that number: Kirby’s birthday of Aug. 28.

The film also follows Ben Grimm – Kirby’s not-so-secret avatar – to Yancy St. where he meets a Hebrew school teacher named Rachel Rozman (Roz, no doubt a tribute to Kirby’s wife) and spends some time bearded and in shul.

A small but scrappy film crew was at the renaming, gathering footage for a documentary on Kirby. But real awareness starts at home.

“The city is recognizing that the city itself owes something to comics and that the city is a key player in comic books,” said Miriam Mora, a historian of American immigration, who sported X-Men earrings at the dedication.

“It’s not just this corner on the “Fantastic Four,” and it’s not just comics creators like Kirby, who grew up right here, it’s comics creators who grew up in Cleveland who still place their comics in New York City. It’s comic creators who grew up in San Diego, and still set their comics in New York, because there’s something magical about this space, and it’s where heroes come from.”

Curiously, a benediction was offered, just before the green paper covering was tugged away to reveal the bright new signage, not by a rabbi, but a reverend. Perhaps that speaks not only to the changed character of the neighborhood, but to the nature of Kirby’s universal appeal.

While Neal Kirby, due to health issues, couldn’t be there in person to see his father honored, he made the case for the neighborhood’s role in shaping Kirby’s life’s work.

“If you examine my father’s characters and you peel away the muscles, peel away the sinew and peel away the superpowers, you are left with a character of compassion, tolerance and empathy for his fellow man,” he wrote. “I believe that is the true legacy of being born and raised on the Lower East Side.” **HW**

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OPINION

Bill Maher Deserves Praise, Not Gratitude, for Telling the Truth About Israel

By Ruthie Blum

(May 18, 2026/JNS) – In his typically acerbic style of dry humor, comedian-pundit Bill Maher marked the 78th anniversary of Israel’s Declaration of Independence with a hard-hitting monologue that promptly went viral.

During the closing segment of the May 15 episode of his eponymous HBO show “Real Time,” Maher stated that “everyone must either wish [the Jewish state] a happy birthday or admit they’re antisemitic.”

He didn’t mention that Zohran Mamdani – who openly mourned the nakba, the “catastrophe” of Israel’s establishment in 1948 – perfectly fits the latter label. Nevertheless, he went on to let the likes of New York City’s mayor have it.

“Now, it’s everyone’s right in a free country to be antisemitic,” he said. “But enough with hiding behind Israel or Zionism or [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu. If you think, as so many do now, that when it comes to human rights, Israel is the monster country of

all time, you either don’t read or you don’t care about your own hypocrisy, because there are so many worse places. But that’s where we are these days. No Jews, no news.”

For a full eight minutes, he let the hypocrites have it, highlighting the fact that “no one blinks” when an editor from the progressive magazine The American Prospect calls Israel a “brainwashed psychopathic death cult that might need to be nuked to save the human race.”

He then pointed out that Jew-bashing is the one thing that the left and right have in common these days, mentioning Tucker Carlson, on the one hand, and The New York Times, on the other. Though he failed to bring up the Gray Lady’s latest blood libel – penned by Pulitzer Prize-winner Nicholas Kristof, who printed the lunatic lie that Israel trains dogs to sodomize Palestinian prisoners – he did stress that ignoramuses on both sides of the spectrum see Israel

as “the only country in the world doing anything bad.”

Yes, he said, taking a dig at the condition of education in the United States, “I see why the meathead manosphere and the Code Pink people are on the same page, because they both went to high school in America and they don’t know anything.”

Unfortunately, according to Maher, “Jew-hatred isn’t just acceptable now; it’s cool. Celebrities love it and make it trendy.”

Ditto concerning cowardly politicians, whom he chastised for “indulging, rather than correcting, their brainwashed-by-TikTok constituents who now have an unfavorable view of Israel,” and for “not telling their woke idiots that Israel isn’t a colonizer or an apartheid state or committing genocide.” Oh, and for not admonishing the younger generation, “If you brats had to spend a week anywhere in the Middle East other than Israel, you would understand what

liberalism is not.”

The above are snippets of his lengthy rant, the rest of which was equally unflinching. Given the political, sociological and cultural climate he was describing so accurately, it’s not surprising that the clip exploded – shared widely on social media by pro-Israel influencers and broadcast on Israeli TV channels.

As worthy of praise as Maher might be for his wise and witty words, however, something is disturbing about the elation they elicited. It’s one thing to give credit to those brave enough to tell the truth about Israel and antisemitism. It’s quite another to be grateful for it.

Indeed, Jews shouldn’t need to treat intellectual honesty as heroism. Nor does it behoove us to grab any morsel of sympathy with the hunger of a hostage.

It’s the height of irony that we can fight fearlessly against enemies on the battlefield, yet recoil in the face of defamation and delegitimization – and bow at the feet of defenders like Maher. **HW**

Jewish Man Says He was Attacked After Speaking Hebrew in London’s Golders Green



British police investigate the scene after two people were injured in a stabbing attack in the Golders Green area of north London on April 29, 2026. Credit: Rasid Necati Aslim/Anadolu via Getty Images

By Grace Gilson

(May 19, 2026/JTA) – A Jewish man says he was assaulted early last Monday morning in Golders Green, a heavily Orthodox neighborhood of London where residents are on high alert after

recent antisemitic attacks.

In a statement to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, London’s Metropolitan Police said the assault was being treated as an antisemitic hate crime and said the

victim received hospital treatment for injuries to his face and back. No arrests have been made.

The victim, identified as Shalev Ben Yakar, 22, told YNet that he was attacked after he stepped out of an apartment in the heavily Jewish neighborhood at around 2 a.m. last Monday local time to take a phone call.

Ben Yakar claimed that, after hearing him speaking Hebrew, a group of five or six men began chasing him and shouting insults at him in Arabic. The group eventually caught up with him, he said, dragging him across the road and tearing his clothes.

“They kicked me like an animal and didn’t stop,” Ben Yakar told the BBC. “They were shouting ‘Are you Jewish’? I was thinking they could kill me.”

The incident comes as Jews are on high alert in Golders Green, where two Jewish men were stabbed on the street last month and four ambulances owned by Hatzola, a Jewish volunteer emergency service, were set ablaze in March.

“Incidents like this underline the very real dangers facing Jewish communities,” the Community Security Trust, Britain’s main antisemitism watchdog, said in a statement about Ben-Yakar’s assault.

The Jewish Leadership Council, a British Jewish umbrella organization, wrote in a post on X that the incident marked “yet another appalling attack in the heart of the Jewish community in Golders Green.”

“There must be a robust response from law enforcement which demonstrates that those who violently attack Jews will face the full force of the law,” the post continued.

The Metropolitan Police have rolled out a host of new initiatives meant to keep Jews safe, including forming a team of 100 officers to patrol Jewish communities specifically. The announcement of the special team earlier this month followed an emergency meeting convened by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who has denounced the spate of antisemitic attacks. **HW**

Pennsylvania’s Jewish Governor, Josh Shapiro, Faces Trump-Backed Challenger in Reelection Bid

By Joseph Strauss

(May 20, 2026/JTA) – The stage is officially set for Pennsylvania’s Jewish governor, Josh Shapiro, to vie for reelection against GOP opponent Stacy Garrity in November.

The matchup comes as no surprise, as the two candidates won their respective primaries uncontested last Tuesday.

Shapiro is seen as the strong favorite to win. But Garrity, who is popular among Republicans and endorsed by President Donald Trump, could mount a competitive challenge. She became the only person to earn more votes than Shapiro in Pennsylvania history when she was reelected as state treasurer in 2024.

The matchup could pose a hurdle for Shapiro’s potential 2028 presidential ambitions even if Garrity loses in November. A hard-fought race in a purple

state will allow Republicans to test attack strategies against Shapiro.

Shapiro is a pro-Israel Democrat in a party where supporting Israel is an increasing liability. Garrity, too, has gone to bat for Israel. As state treasurer, she has more than tripled Pennsylvania’s investment in Israel bonds. She invested \$20 million following Hamas’ Oct. 7, 2023, attack on Israel, and another \$25 million in July 2025.

“Israel is our greatest ally in the Middle East, and I will continue to stand by them in their fight to achieve peace,” Garrity said when announcing the \$25 million investment last year.

“Israel bonds are a smart, dependable investment with a proven track record – and it’s especially important to show our support at a time when Israelis and

Jews – both abroad and here in the United States – continue to face horrific acts of antisemitism,” she wrote. “I’m proud to announce this significant new investment, continuing the strong relationship between Pennsylvania, Israel, and the Jewish Community.”

Garrity is embracing her endorsement from Trump, whom she has said she believes won in her state and nationally in 2020, when President Joe Biden prevailed.

Garrity’s early attacks on Shapiro have implicated his record on Jewish issues. Last year, she took a shot at Shapiro in response to an article by politically conservative website the Washington Free Beacon. In the story, a group of Philadelphia parents said Shapiro had “completely ignored” their pleas for

help addressing antisemitism in public schools during the war in Gaza.

“I know Josh Shapiro understands the evils of antisemitism – he’s lived it,” Garrity wrote on X. “That’s why it’s painful to see him turn away from Jewish parents begging for help as their kids face N*zi salutes and teachers praising Hamas.”

Shapiro’s team denied that the governor had neglected parental concerns. He is widely regarded as being outspoken against antisemitism and has maintained a pro-Israel outlook that includes support for U.S. military aid to Israel. The man who confessed to committing an arson attack on Shapiro’s residence in 2025 said he thought Shapiro was contributing to violence against the Palestinian people. **HW**

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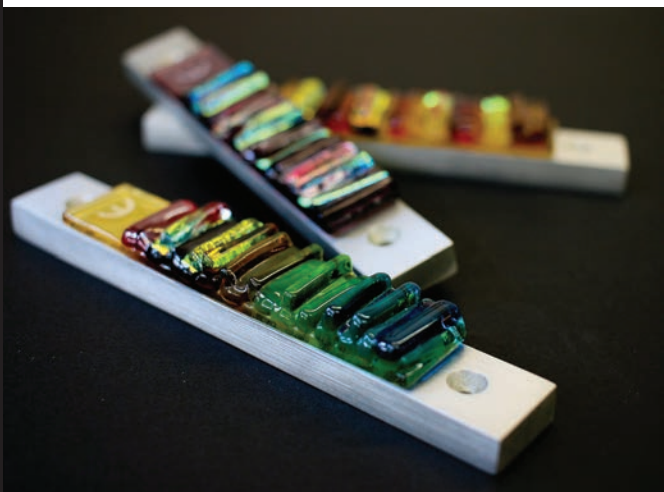
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