

The Hebrew Watchman

Be sure your subscription is up to date to receive the 100 Year Anniversary Commemorative Edition

901.763.2215

INFO@HEBREWWATCHMAN.COM



CELEBRATING



100 YEARS

the Hebrew

Watchman

1925-2025

HEBREWWATCHMAN.COM

19 SIVAN, 5786

JUNE 4, 2026

VOL. 104, NO. 37

# US Forces Carry Out Defensive Strikes Against IRGC Targets



An F/A-18E Super Hornet, attached to Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 14, taxis on the flight deck of Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) as part of "Operation Epic Fury," April 16, 2026. Credit: U.S. Navy.

By JNS Staff

(May 26, 2026/JNS) – American forces last Monday destroyed Iranian vessels laying mines in the Strait of Hormuz and struck missile-launch sites in a series of defensive strikes, United States Central Command said.

"U.S. forces conducted self-defense strikes in southern Iran today to protect our troops from threats posed by Iranian forces," CENTCOM spokesman Capt. Tim Hawkins told Fox News, adding that the military "continues to defend our forces while using restraint during the ongoing ceasefire."

A senior U.S. official said the attacks "eliminated" two IRGC mine-laying vessels and a surface-to-air missile site in Bandar Abbas that had been used to target American fighter jets.

Two "well-placed sources" cited by Fox News emphasized that the strikes do not indicate that the temporary ceasefire with Tehran was no longer in force.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio told reporters last Tuesday that the negotiations with Iran could still "take a few days," stressing that Washington would

give diplomacy every chance to succeed before considering taking action against the regime in "another way."

"The straits have to be open, they're going to be open one way or the other, so they need to be open," Rubio said, speaking on his plane during an official visit to India.

"What's happening there is unlawful; it's illegal; it's unsustainable for the world; it's unacceptable," he stated. "There were some talks going on in Qatar today, so we'll see if we can make progress."

"I think it's a lot of talking back and forth going on about specific language in the initial document, so it'll take a few days," added Rubio. "The president's expressed his desire to make it. He's either going to make a good deal or no deal."

U.S. President Donald Trump in a Truth Social post last Monday reiterated that, as part of the agreement with Tehran, the Islamic Republic should hand over its enriched uranium.

"The enriched uranium (nuclear dust!) will either be immediately turned over to the United States to be brought home and destroyed or, preferably, in conjunction and coordination with the Islamic Republic of Iran, destroyed in place or, at another acceptable location, with the Atomic Energy Commission, or its equivalent, being witness to this process and event," the president wrote.

Trump earlier last Monday pushed back against critics of the potential deal being negotiated with Iran, writing on his Truth Social account that any such accord "will either be a great and meaningful one, or there will be no deal."

The proposed terms reportedly include reopening the Strait of Hormuz and easing sanctions to allow Tehran to resume oil exports. In return, Iran reportedly committed not to advance its nuclear program.

Meanwhile, Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei last Tuesday threatened the U.S. and Israel, calling on Muslims worldwide to chant for the destruction of the two nations during the upcoming Hajj pilgrimage.

"In various parts of Iran and the world, and continuing well beyond these blessed days, 'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel' shall become the common chants of the Islamic ummah [nation]," Khamenei said in a written statement issued on the occasion of the Hajj and published in English by the semi-official ISNA news agency.

"The hands of time will not turn back, and the nations and lands of the region will no longer serve as shields for U.S. bases," he vowed. "The United States not only will no longer have a safe haven for its mischief and for establishing military bases in the region but day by day, it is growing more distant from its former status." **HW**

# Credibility Crisis: 'NYT' Rape Story Source Caught Removing Terrorists from Its 'Gaza Journalists' List



Members of the Al-Qassam Brigades, the armed wing of the Hamas terrorist movement, on patrol in Rafah, the southern Gaza Strip, April 27, 2020. Credit: Abed Rahim Khatib/Flash90.

By David Isaac

(May 25, 2026/JNS) – The Committee to Protect Journalists, one of the key sources in The New York Times May 11 report by opinion writer Nicholas Kristof accusing Israel of systemic sexual violence against Palestinian security prisoners, has been caught removing

terrorists on its list of purported "journalists" killed by Israel.

Kristof's report, which has been crumbling under scrutiny, described CPJ as "a respected American organization," but as JNS reported already in 2024, CPJ's list of journalists was virtu-

ally identical to a Hamas-supplied list, a fact exposed by veteran British reporter David Collier.

By adopting the Hamas list, CPJ helped propel a falsehood within a falsehood, that in addition to the wanton killing of civilians, Israel was targeting journalists.

Now, The Washington Free Beacon reports that HonestReporting, an Israeli media watchdog group, discovered "that in the weeks leading up to the publication of the Times piece on May 11, CPJ surreptitiously removed six names from its running list of 'Journalist casualties' in the Gaza War."

The six names were removed by CPJ between March 29 and May 7, without any "contemporaneous acknowledgment of error from the organization," the Free Beacon reported. All six were actually "terror combatants."

This further undermines the credibility of sources used in the Times' piece, the Free Beacon reported.

The six names that CPJ deleted without mention included a member of "Hamas' Jabalia Battalion," "a terror

combatant for Islamic Jihad," "a commander in the Nasser Salah Al-Din Brigades" and three other known jihadist militants.

Their names were added to a "clarifications and corrections" page on CPJ's website only after HonestReporting's Salo Aizenberg brought attention to the matter, the Free Beacon reported. CPJ still doesn't mention their terrorism ties, identifying the six only as civilian journalists or media workers.

"By not issuing a clarification regarding its removal of these names from its list, it is clear that the CPJ is trying to hide its inclusion of so many terror combatants on its list of journalists killed in Gaza," HonestReporting said in its report. "This removal of names from the running list of killed journalists seems to be much more widespread than the CPJ is letting on."

The Times report cited statistics from CPJ, whose survey of 59 Palestinian "journalists" released by Israel after the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas-led invasion



### Credibility...

(Continued From Page 1)

found that 3% claimed that they had been raped while in custody and 29% that they had experienced some form of sexual violence.

One of the reporters who went on record for the Times, Sami al-Sai, 46, described in the report as a “freelance journalist,” is actually a “confirmed Hamas operative,” according to Aizenberg.

The Times’ report has been pilloried since its publication, as its sources, not just CPJ, have been shown to be seriously compromised.

Despite the revelations undermining the report, and the announcement by Israel’s Prime Minister Netanyahu and Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar that they intend to sue the Times, the newspaper continues to defend it.

Kathleen Kingsbury, the head of

Times Opinion, in a May 21 Q&A, insisted that “Nick’s reporting underwent a rigorous vetting process by Opinion’s fact-checking department to ensure that every testimony and anecdote he personally reported was supported by independent sources.”

One of those sources, Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor, which supplied the “dog rape” claim, is headed by Ramy Abdu, who appeared on a 2013 list published by Israel of Hamas’s “main operatives and institutions” in Europe.

On May 20, asked about a photograph in which he appeared with Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh (2006 to 2017), Abdu said, “I am proud to engage with all segments of my Palestinian people. I do not see for their struggle for the freedom of their homeland anything that places them in the category of terrorism.” **HW**

## NYC Councilwoman Under Fire for Invoking Hell on Muslim Rally-Goers Outside Gracie Mansion

By Jessica Russak-Hoffman

(May 27, 2026/JNS) – Shahana Hanif, a member of the New York City Council, is facing backlash after invoking hell upon Muslim activists who attended a rally last Tuesday opposing antisemitism and criticizing New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani.

“May Allah condemn you to Jahan-nam,” Hanif wrote, directing the remark at Anila Ali, president of the American Muslim and Multifaith Women’s Empowerment Council, and Zeba Zebunessa, a board member of the organization. Both attended the rally organized by EndJewHatred outside Gracie Mansion.

Ali stated that she and Zebunessa attended “to stand with the Jewish people and protest Mayor Mamdani’s refusal to stop religious freedom violations against the Jewish people, their intimidation and harassment under his leadership.”

Jayne Zirkle, director of communications and outreach at the Lawfare Project, told JNS that the protest was “a powerful show of solidarity in defense of freedom and Western civilization.”

“Our co-sponsoring organizations included Muslim, Christian and Hindu groups alike, reflecting a coalition that rose above politics and the divisions that too often separate us,” said Zirkle, who helped organize the rally. “To condemn people for attending such an event is to condemn the very principles of freedom our nation was founded on.”

After the post drew criticism online, Hanif defended her comment, writing, “It’s OK for me to say that about my people (these Muslim ladies) joining a hate-fest. You all love to take things out of context.”

Brooke Goldstein, executive director of the Lawfare Project and founder of EndJewHatred, called the comment evidence of the kind of “Islamist radicalism” the rally was meant to oppose.

“We will end the extremism that has been brought to this country,” she wrote.

Rabbi Yaakov Menken, executive vice president of the Coalition for Jewish Values, stated that Ali “showed up only to oppose hate, harassment and murder. For these things, Hanif con-

# THE Hebrew Watchman

SERVING THE MEMPHIS JEWISH COMMUNITY SINCE 1925

Established September, 1925  
By Leo I. Goldberger (1902-1989)

MAILING ADDRESS  
THE HEBREW WATCHMAN  
PO Box 770846  
Memphis, TN 38177-0846  
Office: 901.763.2215  
Direct: 901.827.7244  
info@hebrewwatchman.com

Susan C. Nieman  
Editor and Publisher  
Larry Nieman  
Advertising Sales Director  
Toni Nieman  
Office Manager & Subscriptions  
toni@hebrewwatchman.com

Rebecca Schudel  
Social Media Director  
Web Development  
Herman I. Goldberger  
Editor and Publisher Emeritus  
Barbara B. Goldberger  
Editor and Publisher Emeritus

The Hebrew Watchman is a  
Member of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, and Jewish News Service

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION RATES:  
Memphis and Mid-South \$36  
Out-of-State \$50  
Payable in Advance

Subscriptions  
toni@hebrewwatchman.com

Submissions  
Send editorial submissions  
(calendar items, news releases,  
event photos, and letters to the  
editor) at least 9 days prior to  
publication date to  
info@hebrewwatchman.com

Advertising  
For advertising rates and specs,  
contact Larry at 901.299.7376 or  
info@hebrewwatchman.com

Simchas  
Weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs,  
birthdays, engagement,  
anniversaries  
info@hebrewwatchman.com

Obituaries  
901.763.2215  
info@hebrewwatchman.com

THE HEBREW WATCHMAN  
(USPS #807-360) is published  
weekly every Thursday  
for \$36 per year by  
JEWISH LIVING OF THE SOUTH, Inc.  
THE HEBREW WATCHMAN  
PO Box 770846  
Memphis, TN 38177-0846  
Periodical postage paid at  
Memphis, Tenn.

POSTMASTER:  
Send address changes to:  
THE HEBREW WATCHMAN  
PO Box 770846  
Memphis, TN 38177-0846

PUBLISHER’S STATEMENT  
THE HEBREW WATCHMAN must  
give permission for any material  
contained herein to be copied or  
reproduced in any manner without  
express permission of THE HEBREW  
WATCHMAN. The publication of any  
advertisement in this edition does  
not constitute an endorsement of  
the advertisers’ product, kashrut  
or services by this publication. The  
opinions of contributors do not  
necessarily reflect those of THE  
HEBREW WATCHMAN. Nor can the  
publishers be held responsible for any  
errors.  
6/4/2026

## Memphis Candlelighting Time

Erev Shabbat, Fri. June 5, 2026 / 20 Sivan, 5786.....7:53 p.m.  
Havdalah, Sat. June 6, 2026 / 21 Sivan, 5786 ..... 8:56 p.m.

Weekly Torah Portion: Behaalotecha

demns her.”

“If you are not disgusted by Hanif, something is seriously the matter with you, and particularly your moral compass,” Menken wrote.

New York City Council Member Inna Vernikov criticized Hanif’s remarks, saying, “Telling fellow Muslims to go

to hell because they’re willing to work with Jews. Nice.”

“Not surprising, though, from someone who called to globalize the intifada and voted no on a symbolic resolution to end Jew hatred,” Vernikov stated.

Michael Novakhov, a member of the New York State Assembly representing Southern Brooklyn, called Hanif “a vile antisemite, full of hate and violence,” and said she was attacking Ali for attending a rally protesting “this exact same type of hate coming from the current mayor and leader of the Democratic party in New York City.” **HW**

YOUR

Summer

STARTS AT HOME

Find the home your summer deserves.

BACKYARD BBQS. POOL DAYS. MEMORIES THAT last forever.

Brian Lurie  
REALTOR®

If your current space isn't matching your summer goals, let's find one that does!

BRIAN LURIE

Broker, CRS, GRI, REALTOR®, RENE, Vice-President, e-PRO

Cell: 901.315.2298  
Office: 901.260.4780  
Blurie2003@gmail.com  
BestRealEstateAgentinMemphis.com  
www.BluffCityBuilders.com

CRYE-LEIKE, REALTORS®

Official REALTOR®

SCRIBBLER ON THE ROOF

By Ted Roberts

The best of Ted's work ~ a collection of stories designed to make you laugh and cry.

\$10.95  
AVAILABLE AT LULU.COM



# Food, Friends, and Fun: A Special Week at the MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club

The MJCC Larisa and Ben Baer Senior Adult Club is kicking off June with an exciting lineup of informative speakers, engaging discussions and opportunities to connect with friends over delicious kosher lunches. Programs begin at noon following lunch at 11:30 a.m.

### Monday, June 8

#### Speaker, Jacob Woloshin, MJCC’s Membership Director

Jacob 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.

### Wednesday, June 10

#### Speaker, Rabbi Ross Levy, Associate Rabbi of Temple Israel

Rabbi Levy will present a lively discussion titled “Yiddish in America.” Rabbi Levy is always a crowd favorite, and this entertaining talk will explore the lasting influence of Yiddish on everyday American speech and culture.

Come enjoy lunch, laughter and learning with us!

### Daily Kosher Lunch Program

Join us Monday through Friday for a freshly prepared kosher lunch from the Memphis Jewish Home kitchens. The cost is just \$2.00 for seniors.

Reservations are required by 1:00 p.m. the day before.

To reserve your spot, contact:

Steve Kaplan, Adult Services Coordinator

901-259-9220

stevekaplan@jccmemphis.org

(Available Monday–Thursday, 9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.)

You may also call the front desk at 901-761-0810. **HW**

**PAST ISSUES**  
**NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE AT**  
**HEBREWWATCHMAN.COM**

# Tales From the Tallit

By Elizabeth Daggett

Why do you hate my people?  
I sit ask Hashem why he made people like this  
You don’t care about my story  
Or my religion  
You believe what is said on social media  
You don’t seem to care about the truth  
Obviously my people and I are in the wrong, to you  
We still pray and sing songs that are centuries old  
We still stick together like we always have  
We fight for what is right  
And we fight for the truth  
We teach our religion to our children  
And we teach them to be proud  
We show them our symbols  
And when it comes time  
We see them in our Tallit, smiling  
A symbol  
A cloth  
Just one cloth that means lador va dor  
Generation to generation  
Our love and dedication  
That is our Tallit

Elizabeth Daggett is the daughter of Richard Daggett. She is an alumna of Bornblum Jewish Community School and a member of Temple Israel Synagogue. She submitted this poem to a freshman creative writing contest at White Station High School, where she was named runner-up. Elizabeth chose this topic, not with any personal attack towards herself, just the hate that she has seen online. **HW**

# Bronx Man Charged with Assaulting Jewish Woman on Brooklyn Bus

By Jessica Russak-Hoffman

(May 26, 2026/JNS) – David Taplin, 58, of the Bronx, was arrested and charged after allegedly assaulting a Jewish woman aboard an MTA bus in Brooklyn last Monday, according to the New York City Police Department.

Taplin faces assault and harassment charges in connection with the incident on an eastbound B11 bus, which runs

along Avenue J in Brooklyn.

Police said officers responded to a 911 call at about 1:36 p.m. near 1112 Avenue J in the Midwood neighborhood. A 40-year-old woman told officers that Taplin “approached her from behind and slapped her with an open hand on her upper back multiple times, causing pain.”

The victim declined medical attention at the scene, police said. Taplin was taken into custody without incident.

An NYPD spokesman told JNS that the case is not being investigated as a hate crime because the suspect allegedly did not make any statements during the assault. **HW**

# WHITE STATION & LEXINGTON



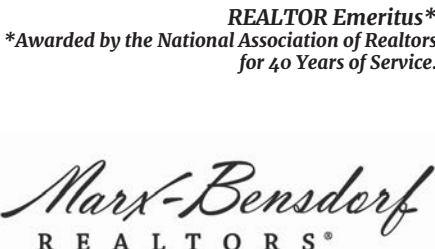
## UPSCALE UPDATE - \$465,000

East Memphis gem near Sanderlin and White Station within walking distance to innumerable restaurants and fun places! Granite, Stainless Kitchen w/29 Cabinets & Double Convection Ovens! Hardwoods, high smooth ceilings, extensive molding and HUGE rooms! Windows across back of house have views of gorgeous plantings and Covered Patio. Primary Bedroom on back of house for privacy has newer Bathroom with soaking tub and oversized Walk-In Shower and both Walk-In closets have built-ins. 2 Bedrooms & Playroom/4th BR up – all with Walk-In closets. Laundry Room is actually two rooms with additional storage and Wine area. Two floored attics for exceptional storage. Garage w/custom Storage has epoxy-coated floor for ease of maintenance. Gotta pet? Rear area is great or walk a few steps to the Lexington Park community park on the corner. 530 E. Lexington Park Circle. And, remember...

**When you want the job DONE, call Shel-DONE!**



Sheldon Rosengarten,  
Broker



REALTOR Emeritus\*  
\*Awarded by the National Association of Realtors  
for 40 Years of Service.

Life Member, Multi-Million Dollar Club  
Memphis Area Association of Realtors

Cell 901.483.0546 • Office 901.682.1868  
shelrose@memphisrelocate.com

## PHOTO DIGITIZING & RESTORATION

**Photos and Slides  
Digitized**

**Damaged Photos  
Restored**

**Hal Jaffe 901-229-4725**

Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Complimentary pick up & delivery

## Services Available

### Driver

Courteous & reliable person to take you anywhere you need to go in Memphis & surrounding areas: Doctor’s Appointments, Shopping, Errands, Airport. Available weekdays & weekends.

### House & Dog Sitting

I love dogs & can stay at your house while you are away.

**Call Rick Danzig:  
901-337-6009**



# Ukraine Reburies Nazi Collaborator with State Honors, Drawing Israeli Condemnation

By Grace Gilson

(May 26, 2026/JTA) – Israel criticized Ukraine last Monday after President Volodymyr Zelensky gave full state honors to a Ukrainian nationalist leader who was part of a movement that collaborated with the Nazis during World War II.

During a reburial ceremony last Sunday, Zelensky described Andriy Melnyk and his wife, Sofia Fedak-Melnyk, as “iconic Ukrainians of the 20th century who are deeply respected,” according to The New York Times.

Melnyk led one of the factions of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists during its collaboration with Nazi Germany during World War II. Though the Ukrainian organization shared a mutual opposition to Soviet rule with the Nazis, it also promoted antisemitic rhetoric and some of its members participated in the persecution of Jews during the Holocaust.

Melnyk initially sought cooperation with Nazi Germany but was later detained by the Nazis as relations with Ukrainian nationalist groups deteriorated.

The ceremony marked the latest flash-point in a longstanding dispute over Ukraine’s commemoration of World War II-era nationalist figures linked to Nazi collaboration. In 2018, the country designated the birthday of Nazi collaborator Stepan Bandera as a holiday, and in 2017, a statue was unveiled honoring a nationalist leader whose regime killed

tens of thousands of Jews in pogroms during the Russian Revolution.

The remains of Melnyk and his wife were exhumed from Luxembourg last week and then transported to Ukraine for reburial at Kyiv’s National Military Memorial, which opened last year for soldiers killed in Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

“Glory to every Ukrainian hero! Glory to all our Ukrainian warriors! Glory to our people!” Zelensky, who is Jewish, wrote in a post on X marking the ceremony, adding that he was “grateful to everyone who has worked to make such returns of great Ukrainian figures possible and to give the Ukrainian People their own pantheon of heroes.”

The reburial was quickly decried by Yad Vashem, Israel’s Holocaust memorial, which wrote in a post on X that it was “deeply troubled by such national commemorations, which come at the expense of historical truth and the memory of Holocaust victims.”

“Honoring the leader of a movement that supported and collaborated with Nazi Germany during the persecution and murder of millions of Jews undermines the moral integrity essential to Holocaust remembrance,” the post read.

Israel’s Foreign Ministry wrote on X that there is “no place for ignoring historical truth and the memory of the victims murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators.” **HW**

# Your Health I Am in Remission from Cancer. What Can I Do to Stay Cancer Free?

By Cindy Katz, DNP

A cancer diagnosis brings a wave of uncertainty. Patients are suddenly faced with overwhelming questions: Is the cancer localized, or has it spread? Will treatment involve surgery, chemotherapy, or radiation? The most frightening of all – will this end my life?

For many, the journey doesn’t end when treatment is complete. Weeks turn into months, and months into years of follow-up visits, imaging and lab work. Even after reaching remission, the emotional and physical impact of cancer lingers. Follow-up appointments can feel just as stressful as the initial diagnosis, filled with hope – but also fear.

## So, what happens next?

When life begins to resemble “normal” again – when appointments become annual and daily routines return – many survivors are left wondering: What can I do now to stay cancer-free?

## Redefining Your “New Normal”

Redefining the new normal begins with acceptance of everything you have been through and identifying areas that need your attention to remain healthy. Life after cancer is not about going back to who you were before – it’s about moving forward as you navigate the new challenges. Healing involves both physical recovery and emotional acceptance of everything you’ve been through. This is your opportunity to take an active role in your long-term health.

## Stay Up to Date with Cancer Screenings

One of the most important steps in staying cancer-free is maintaining appropriate screening based on your age, risk factors and medical history. General recommendations include:

### Lung Cancer:

Yearly cancer screening with Low-Density Computerized Tomography (LDCT) is recommended for people aged 50-80 with a 20-pack-year history who continue to smoke or quit within the past 15 years. Pack-year history is calculated by multiplying the number of cigarettes smoked daily by the number of years. For example, one pack a day for 20 years equals a 20-pack-year history.

### Breast Cancer:

Women should undergo self-breast exams to know how their breasts feel and look and to report any changes to their Health Care Provider (HCP) immediately.

The American Cancer Society suggests guidelines on breast cancer screening based on your risk factors. If you don’t have a personal history, a strong family history of breast cancer, or a genetic mutation identified by testing, and have not had any chest radiation before age 30, you can begin screening at age 40 and should continue every year.

Screening should continue if the woman is in good health and is expected to live 10 years or longer.

Women at high risk of breast cancer should begin mammograms at age 30 and have a breast MRI.

## Colon and Rectal cancer, including Polyps:

It is recommended that people at average risk for developing colorectal cancer begin screening at age 45. Testing should include regular screening with a colonoscopy every 10 years or a high-sensitivity stool-based test annually.

Ages 76-85 should discuss with their HCP and base their decision on patient preferences, life expectancy, health status and prior screening.

## Cervical Cancer:

Women aged 21-65 who have a cervix, regardless of their sexual history or HPV vaccination status, should undergo screening:

Women ages 21 to 29 should undergo conventional or liquid-based pap tests every three years.

Women ages 30-65, the guidelines recommend screening with HPV and Pap tests every five years or every three years with the Pap test alone.

Women 65 years and older who have had three or more consecutive negative Pap tests or two or more consecutive negative HPV and Pap tests within the last 10 years, with the most recent test occurring in the previous five years, can stop cervical screening.

The following recommendations do not apply to individuals diagnosed with a high-grade precancerous cervical lesion or cervical cancer, having been exposed in utero to diethylstilbestrol, or having compromised immune systems, such as those living with HIV.

## Prostate Cancer:

The American Cancer Society recommends PSA Screening with or without digital rectal examination for prostate cancer in males 50 and older. If you are at risk of developing prostate cancer based on African heritage and a strong family history, begin at age 40-45.

## Reclaim Your Body

After cancer treatment, your body may feel unfamiliar. Regaining strength and stamina takes time, but small, consistent steps can lead to meaningful progress.

Begin to incorporate physical activity at a level you can tolerate as you build endurance.

Work on eating a healthy, nutritious diet.

Prioritize rest and restorative sleep.

Learn to manage added stress in your life.

Don’t Overlook the Emotional Healing  
Cancer survivorship carries a significant mental and emotional component. It’s normal to feel fear, uncertainty, or even vulnerability in your “new normal.”

Seek support when needed – whether through counseling, support groups or trusted relationships.

Surviving cancer changes you – but it also strengthens you in ways you may not yet fully recognize.

By staying proactive with screenings, prioritizing your health and addressing both physical and emotional well-being, you can take meaningful steps toward staying cancer-free. **HW**

# Renew or Subscribe



BE A PART OF  
**Jewish**  
Memphis

Receive 6 issues of Jewish Scene Magazine  
& 52 weeks of The Hebrew Watchman

## SUBSCRIBE ADVERTISE CONTRIBUTE



### TO SUBSCRIBE



order online at [JewishSceneMagazine.com/subscribe](https://JewishSceneMagazine.com/subscribe)  
call **901.763.2215** scan the QR code  
or mail payment with card below to: *The Hebrew Watchman*  
P.O. Box 770846 Memphis, TN 38177-0846

### Keep Memphis Jewish journalism alive!

Jewish Scene®  
MAGAZINE

MEMPHIS/  
MIDSOUTH

\$25/year

THE  
Hebrew Watchman  
NEWSPAPER

OUT OF  
STATE

\$50/year

Best Value  
Both  
publications

\$50/year

\$60/year

NAME

ADDRESS

CITYSTATEZIP

EMAILPHONE

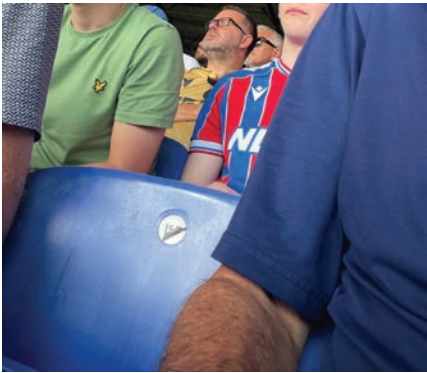
## MOVING?

Please let us know before you go! It's easy...  
**info@hebrewwatchman.com 901.763.2215**  
**PO Box 770846, Memphis, TN 38177-0846**



# Your Best Self: The Empty Seat

A monthly column *by Greg Graber* (Graber Performance Coaching LLC)



I'm still a bit groggy and jet lagged from the transatlantic flight, but I am ecstatic to be here. As I follow the usher leading me to my seat, I take a deep breath to soak up the atmosphere. My head is swimming with excitement.

I'm at Selhurst Park in London, the home of Crystal Palace FC, to see my beloved Arsenal win their first league title in 22 years. Today is my birthday, and I decided to treat myself by attending. My friend, who lives in London, was able to get me a single ticket, so my wife and I flew over from Memphis. She's hanging out with our friends in Soho, while I'm at this game solo.

I have followed Arsenal for years, but they aren't the first soccer team I fell in love with. My father introduced me to the beautiful game, coincidentally also on my birthday, May 24, 1978, when he took me to see our hometown team, the Memphis Rogues, play the mighty New York Cosmos.

In that match, the Rogues weren't given much of a chance, as they were the doormat of the North American Soccer League, and the Cosmos were the class of the league. The Cosmos were comprised of world-class superstars while the Rogues were a rag-tag assembly of rookies and washed-up veterans.

What I witnessed that night was amazing. The Rogues, at least a three-goal underdog, were able to somehow miraculously defy the odds and upset the Cosmos. To make it even sweeter, the lone goal was scored by Tony Field, a former Cosmo. No one expected this. The crowd of 10,000 sounded more like 50,000 when the final whistle blew! It was bedlam.

What a birthday gift for a young boy!

My extreme passion for soccer was born in this instant. My father and I not only bonded over this, but we talked about this game until the day he died. Both my father and the Rogues are now long gone, but I still think about them both quite often.

As I take my seat to watch Arsenal play on May 24, 2026, exactly 48 years to the day the Rogues beat the Cosmos, I notice the stadium is filled. The only empty seat I see is next to me, to my left. As the ref blows the whistle to start the game, I think about the past 48 years: the various people, places and things that have come and gone from my life. The ups and the downs. The wins and the losses. It suddenly dawns on me that it doesn't matter who wins this game. I'm just happy to be here.

I instinctively put my arm around the empty seat next to me, and I think of my father. A warm comfortable sensation fills me when I realize that I may be physically sitting by myself, but I am not alone. He's here with me.

Thank you, Dad. This game is for you. **HW**



**Greg Graber, the author of *Slow Your Roll-Mindfulness for Fast Times*, is an internationally respected coach who helps teams, schools, organizations and individuals thrive. From NBA coaches to soccer moms, he offers mental performance coaching, wellness counseling and executive coaching. For more information (and *The Hebrew Watchman* discount), email Greg at [info@greggraber.com](mailto:info@greggraber.com), or visit his website at [www.greggraber.com](http://www.greggraber.com).**

## Tennessee Law Shifts Jew-Hatred Probes from Title VI Office to State Ed Department



Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee visits Fayette Academy, March 20, 2026. Credit: Courtesy.

(May 28, 2026/JNS) – Public schools in Tennessee need to investigate incidents of Jew-hatred and report them to the state in a new way, under a 60-part education bill that Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, a Republican, signed into law last week.

School districts and charter schools in the state must probe complaints of antisemitic discrimination before reporting them to the Title VI coordinator at the state's education department under the new law. Previously, the coordinator under Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act investigated complaints.

And instead of the Title VI coordinator issuing an annual report on Jew-hatred to the state's attorney general and legislature, as was the case under prior state law, the Tennessee Department of Education is now responsible for issuing the annual statewide K-12 Jew-hatred report by Dec. 31 of each year. Public colleges and universities must submit their reports by June 30 annually.

The antisemitism provisions are included in sections 57 and 58 of the broader education omnibus bill, which makes dozens of changes to Tennessee's education law.

The bill, HB 2533, which William Lamberth, a Republican state representative, introduced in February, passed

77-8 in the state House on April 21. The state Senate passed it unanimously on April 22.

The governor also signed SB 2318, which allows private colleges and universities, including those with religious affiliations, to establish and operate public charter schools. **HW**

**Please Vote Sea Isle Dog Park as BEST DOG PARK in Memphis! Memphis Flyer Best of Memphis 2026 Scan the QR Code to visit the website.**

*Thank You! Hal, Kim, and Sam Lovett*

**TRUST THE CARE EXPERTS.**

**BECAUSE EXPERIENCE MATTERS.**

**Free In-Home Consultation**  
or visit [comfortkeepers.com](http://comfortkeepers.com) and schedule your free consultation.

**901-563-2142**



# Ayala's Life of Service: Magen David Adom Paramedic's Stories of Rescue, Resilience, and Faith



Ayala, Chaim and Lavi Haimson.  
By Shoshana Cenker

For many in attendance, a May evening began as a gathering about Magen David Adom (MDA) ambulances and emergency care in Israel. It ended as something much deeper: a reminder of what it means to save a life, serve a people, and run toward danger.

Hosted in a Memphis home filled with supporters of Israel, the evening featured an inspirational conversation between Adi Brown, American Friends

of Magen David Adom's director of major gifts, and Israeli MDA paramedic Ayala Haimson, whose personal story stirred strong emotions throughout the room.

Before the uplifting discussion began, one of the hosts thanked attendees for coming and reflected on her family's connection to Magen David Adom. Since donating an ambulance a few years ago, medics have treated more

than 17,760 patients in it.

"Our tradition teaches us that if you save one life, you save an entire world. ... The more we learned about Magen David Adom, the more we realized what an incredible organization it is and the lifesaving work it does for our people," she said. "We flew to Israel for the ambulance dedication in Jerusalem. We contacted a few of our Memphis friends and family ... they contacted their friends and family ... we had a rather large contingent of Memphis people at the dedication. This exemplifies what an incredible, loving, caring, and committed people we are here in the Memphis community."

Throughout the conversation, Adi explained the enormous scope of Magen David Adom's work. The organization operates nearly 2,000 ambulances nationwide, serves as Israel's national EMS service, and is responsible for the country's blood services, breast milk bank, and 101 emergency call system. Of the 37,000 paramedics, 30,000 are volunteers.

"Every ambulance on the streets of Israel has been donated by incredible people from around the world," Adi shared. "When you support this organization, you are actually saving lives."

Ayala's firsthand stories from the field, though, transformed those statistics into something profoundly human.

"I used to get very nauseous from blood and injuries," she admitted with a laugh, sharing that she joined MDA as a youth volunteer at age 15. "But my grandfather was a Holocaust survivor, and he always taught us to never be helpless – do what you need to do, no matter how hard it is."

That lesson changed the course of her life.

"Helping people, saving lives, and being there for people in their time of need," she said, "there's nothing more amazing than that."

Now a veteran paramedic living in a small Israeli community far from major hospitals, Ayala and her husband, Chaim, who's also an MDA paramedic and has delivered 700 babies, are often the first people neighbors reach out for medical help.

The room was rapt as Ayala shared the remarkable story of her own emergency, delivering her fifth child herself at 25 weeks at her parent's home, while Chaim was out of town.

"I knew the baby was coming," she said. "My head just went into treatment mode. I'm not the patient, I'm a paramedic, I need to use my head, not feelings. I delivered my baby, and he came out in the amniotic sack, which I had to tear open. He was not breathing or reacting."

Ayala performed CPR on her tiny newborn – the size of a sugar packet – for nearly an hour during the ambulance ride to the hospital. "When we arrived," she said, "he had a heartbeat again."

Her son Lavi survived after months in the NICU, aided in part by high-quality

donor blood and breast milk provided through Magen David Adom services, which "improved his prognosis greatly."

"For NICU babies specifically, mother's milk is lifesaving medicine," Ayala explained, since her own milk had not yet come in with the premature birth. "We went from being on the giving treatment side of Magen David Adom to being on the treated side. As hard as that experience was ... it was another learning experience of the amazing organization that I was in that I had never experienced before."

Another story also stays with Ayala. Responding to a car crash on a pitch-black mountain road, her team treated an unconscious woman trapped inside the vehicle. Not seeing anyone else, as they prepared to leave for the hospital, something gave her pause.

"We noticed a toy in the front seat," she recalled. After searching again, they discovered a child silently trapped between the seats inside a car seat barely visible in the darkness. "If we would have left without doing that extra look around, G-d forbid..." she said quietly. Both mother and child survived.

Magen David Adom also operates the 101 emergency call system, where the "chain of survival begins" when trained EMTs or paramedics answer the call on the first ring. The Marcus National Blood Services Center, which guests can tour, is the only one of its kind, 15 floors below ground. Scheduled to open on Oct. 9, 2023, it actually began operation 48 hours earlier on Oct. 7.

Adi reminded attendees that Magen David Adom's work became even more critical after Oct. 7. "Within one hour," she said, "every ambulance was manned."

Despite wartime and constant threats, "it's just a part of life," Ayala said, as she and her fellow MDA colleagues run to offer help.

"You're an Israeli. You're a Jew," she added. "Even if one person is in danger and needs help, you can't stay locked safely in the closet. You put on that uniform and get out there. We're all brothers and sisters."

By the end of the evening, attendees hadn't just learned about emergency medicine. They heard about resilience, service, faith, selflessness, and ordinary people making impossible decisions under unimaginable circumstances.

The hosts closed the night by encouraging the group to support Magen David Adom however they could. "The people of Israel are incredibly grateful," he said of the assistance. "This organization saves lives every single day."

Ayala's stories are a powerful testament to the skill, courage, and composure of all MDA paramedics – the incredible frontline responders who save lives in Israel every day. And with support from Memphians, they're now even better equipped.

For more information or to donate to Magen David Adom: [afmda.org](http://afmda.org) [HW](#)



Robin Shainberg  
Rick Baer Realty  
917-364-4468



For Sale

5483 Brantford

\$449,900



3 Bedrooms



Remodeled Kitchen



Modern Finishings

[www.rickbaerrealty.com](http://www.rickbaerrealty.com)

The Best and Most Reliable  
Attendant in the world  
Avis Wilson 901-650-5333  
References available  
Rochelle Wiener  
901-378-5298



# Jew-Hatred Makes Everyone Less Safe, Pennsylvania Governor Says

By Jonathan D. Salant

(May 28, 2026/JNS) – Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro decried what he called a “dramatic spike in antisemitism that is unmatched elsewhere,” adding that Jew-hatred is “not only making Jewish Americans less safe” but others as well.

“At the end of the day, you make all people less safe, because this is something I know to be true,” Shapiro told Politico. “When you allow one group to be scapegoated or targeted, you’re making every other group ultimately less safe.”

Shapiro was the victim of an antisemitic attack last year, when an anti-Israel vandal firebombed the governor’s mansion shortly after the Jewish governor held a Passover seder there.

“There is rising hatred and bigotry targeting people across the board, but it is also undeniable, and no one’s pain is greater or more important than others,” he told the magazine. “But from a data perspective, there has been a dramatic spike in antisemitism that is unmatched elsewhere, and that’s a problem.”

Shapiro blamed social media for spreading hatred more easily but also said that more education is needed.

“There’s just a lot more in education

we’ve gotta do,” he told the magazine. “We need leaders of both parties, leaders at every level, to call it out when they see it and to not give it a pass because it suits their immediate political need, not give it a pass because it’s someone that they support or agree with or what have you.”

Earlier this week, Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), who has denounced Israel regularly, lost his primary after U.S. President Donald Trump endorsed his opponent.

“I would have come out sooner, but I had to call my opponent and concede, and it took a while to find Ed Gallrein in Tel Aviv,” Massie said when conceding the race at a primary night rally.

Chris Rabb, a Pennsylvania state representative, won his primary for Congress after accusing Israel of committing “genocide” in Gaza after Oct. 7. He made his opposition to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee part of his campaign.

Shapiro criticized those who would go after AIPAC’s right to support its favored candidates.

“What you are seeing is not ‘AIPAC money,’ or however it was termed, but you’re getting the Jews who give to that

candidate who also support AIPAC,” Shapiro told Politico. “I think it’s very dangerous in our system if you are trying to silence certain voices based on their race, based on their faith, based on their particular ideology.”

A potential 2028 Democratic presidential candidate, Shapiro continued his advocacy for a two-state solution in the Middle East, as he had harsh words for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and for Trump.

“I think Benjamin Netanyahu has been a destructive force, and I think he has undermined the relationship between the United States and Israel,” the governor told the magazine. “I would argue he’s isolated Israel in the world, which presents a real challenge for

them.”

“Having a president of the United States, who gives a total pass and is a rubber stamp to Benjamin Netanyahu, is not in America’s national security interest,” Shapiro said in the interview. “I don’t think it is in the interest of global stability.”

Instead, he said that the U.S. president needed to use his platform to push for Israel living peacefully alongside a Palestinian state and enjoying normal relations with the other Arab nations.

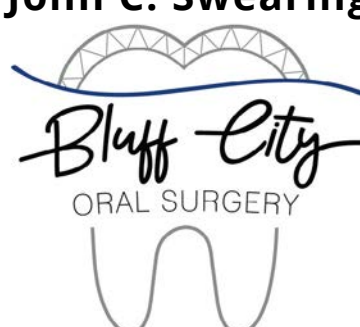
“I think the status quo is not sustainable,” Shapiro told Politico. “I don’t think it’s in the U.S. interest. I think we gotta broaden that out and be looking for a total regional peace involving all of those nations.” [HW](#)



**THE EMBASSY APARTMENTS**  
A DATTEL REALTY PROPERTY  
“Luxury and Location”

CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT  
**901-685-8020**

505 South Perkins Rd. In the Heart of East Memphis | 1BR | 2BR | Penthouses  
Utilities Included  
See our floorplans  
@ [embassyaptsmemphis.com](#)



**Dr. Matthew Breit**  
**Dr. John C. Swearingen**

780 Ridge Lake Blvd • Suite 101 • Memphis, TN • 38120  
P [901-682-8431] • F [901-682-2345]  
[www.bluffcityoralsurgery.com](#)

Practice Limited to Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery



**ORIANA TRAVEL CO.**  
Journey Beyond Ordinary  
An Independent Affiliate of Andorra Travel – a Virtuoso® Member

**Debbie Rosenthal**  
Luxury Travel Advisor

📞 901.682.5600  
🌐 [www.orianatravel.com](#)  
✉ [debbie@orianatravel.com](#)  
📍 @orianatravelco

Custom



T-shirts  
mugs  
hats  
koozies  
and more...

**Toni Nieman**  
**DynamicDuoDesign1@gmail.com**



**HARKAVY MCDANIEL KAPLAN & SALOMON P.C.**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**ROOTED IN LEGACY.  
LEADING THE FUTURE.**

At Harkavy McDaniel Kaplan & Salomon P.C., we take immense pride in cultivating robust relationships with esteemed business, civic, and professional leaders, complemented by the unwavering commitment of our attorneys to serve our diverse clientele with excellence.

**HARKAVYMCDANIEL.COM**  
**901-761-1263**  
6060 Poplar Ave, Suite 140 • Memphis, TN 38119



# Understanding Donor-Advised Fund Basics

Provided by Mike Stein, Managing Director - Investments, Wells Fargo Advisors  
Questions for Mike? You can reach him at 901.761.8151 or Michael.Stein@WellsFargoAdvisors.com • fa.wellsfargoadvisors.com/michael-stein

A donor-advised fund offers a middle ground between participating in simple “checkbook charity” and starting a non-profit foundation.

Often considered smaller and nimbler cousins of private foundations, donor-advised funds offer many of the benefits of foundations, including the ability to:

- Involve multiple members of the family, friends, or other advisors
- Research potential recipients
- Recommend how funds are distributed

But, unlike foundations, donor-advised funds require less legal and financial paperwork, such as an annual tax filing that is subject to public inspection, regulatory requirements, and excise taxes.

### How do you contribute?

Donor-advised funds allow you to contribute cash, stock, real estate, or other assets, such as business interests. These contributions can be bunched to combine multiple calendar years’ worth of gifts into one year, which may offer tax benefits if you are close to your standard deduction limit.

You may partner with a donor-advised fund sponsor or the sponsor may run your fund. A fund sponsor can be a financial institution or a community, educational, or religious institution. Grants may then be recommended by you or your designee to your charities of choice.

Rather than keeping track of gift receipts from multiple charities, a donor-advised fund serves as your single source for tax receipts and grant-recipient information. Keep in mind, your

potential deduction is based on your contribution(s) to the fund itself, not the individual grants distributed from the fund.

### More potential considerations for donors and recipients

Donor-advised funds are gaining popularity for other reasons, including:

**Anonymity.** When you give gifts to a charity through a private foundation, those gifts become public record through IRS form 990-PF. In contrast, you can choose to make your gifts from a donor-advised fund anonymously.

**Recurring gifts.** Many donor-advised funds have recurring gift options so you can optimize your giving in line with your giving strategy and the organization’s needs. If you had previously used credit cards to make recurring gifts, you can use tax-advantaged dollars and save a charity from costly credit card processing fees.

**Noncash gifts.** Appreciated stock, real estate, or collectibles are easier to handle for both the giver and the recipient through a donor-advised fund. This holds true even for highly liquid yet noncash assets like cryptocurrency.

While many charities may be unable to take noncash gifts given the level of complexity, donor-advised funds serve an important role to help charities benefit from the wealth accumulated in these illiquid assets.

### Potential cautions

Of course, there are some potential cautions for anyone considering a gift to a donor-advised fund:

**Irrevocable donations:** The donor to the fund cannot withdraw their money for any reason once it’s gifted.

**No legal requirement to make grants:** There is no legal requirement to grant the money donated to the fund. This has been viewed as a criticism of donor-advised funds as grants may not be made at the time they are most needed.

**Underlying costs/fees:** Be aware of the administrative fees associated with the management of the donations as well as the investment options within the fund. Fees and investment options vary by provider.

**Grant-making restrictions:** Grants can be made only to certain eligible 501(c)(3) organizations that the IRS recognizes as public charities. These organizations cannot provide goods and services to the donor, such as tickets to a gala.

### Potential tax advantages

Contributing to a donor-advised fund may bring tax advantages, such as:

- You may receive a tax deduction, the use of which is subject to your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limitations.
- There is no capital gains tax for highly appreciated assets when sold inside the donor-advised fund. The invested assets have the potential to grow tax-free, which could increase the eventual grant that you can make from the fund at a later date.
- Real estate gifts are valued at their current value, which may provide a bigger tax break if the property has appreciated, unlike similar donations to a private foundation that limit the deduction to the cost basis in the property.

If you’re considering using a donor-advised fund but are uncertain about whether it could be right for you, talk with your tax advisor and your financial advisor to help you decide.

Donor-advised fund donations are irrevocable charitable gifts. The sponsoring organizations maintaining the fund have ultimate control over how the assets in the fund accounts are invested and distributed. Donor-advised funds donors do not receive investment returns. The amount ultimately available to the donor to make grant recommendations may be more or less than the donor contributions to the donor-advised fund. While annual giving is encouraged, the donor-advised fund should be viewed as a long-term philanthropic program. Tax benefits depend upon your individual circumstances. You should consult your tax advisor. While the operations of the donor-advised fund and pooled income funds are regulated by the Internal Revenue Service, they are not guaranteed or insured by the United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities. Contributions are not insured by the FDIC and are not deposits or other obligations of, or guaranteed by, any depository institution. Donor-advised funds are not registered under federal securities laws, pursuant to exemptions for charitable organizations.

This advertisement was written by Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network and provided to you by Mike Stein, Managing Director – Investments.

Investment products and services are offered through Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC, Member SIPC, a registered broker-dealer and a separate non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company.

©2022 – 2025 Wells Fargo Advisors Financial Network, LLC. All rights reserved. Investment and Insurance Products are:  
• Not Insured by the FDIC or Any Federal Government Agency  
• Not a Deposit or Other Obligation of, or Guaranteed by, the Bank or Any Bank Affiliate  
• Subject to Investment Risks, Including Possible Loss of the Principal Amount Invested [HW](#)

WELLS FARGO

Advisors

Honored to be recognized

Mike Stein

2026 Wells Fargo Advisors Platinum Council

Committed to helping build and preserve wealth for clients

Mike Stein

Managing Director – Investments

6075 Poplar Ave, Memphis, TN 38119

Direct: (901) 761-8151

michael.stein@wellsfargoadvisors.com

https://home.wellsfargoadvisors.com/michael.stein

The Platinum Council distinction is held by a select group of Financial Advisors within Wells Fargo Advisors as measured by business production from the previous year and professionalism.

Investment and Insurance Products:  
• NOT FDIC Insured • NO Bank Guarantee • MAY Lose Value

Wells Fargo Advisors is a trade name used by Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC, Member SIPC, a registered broker-dealer and non-bank affiliate of Wells Fargo & Company.  
© 2025 Wells Fargo Clearing Services, LLC. PM-10022026-7814657.1.1

Scan to view award disclosures

THE HEBREW WATCHMAN

CELEBRATING 100 Years!

1925 ~ 2025

Window World

MICHAEL LURIE

WINDOW WORLD OF MEMPHIS

memphis@windowworld.com  
office: 901-684-6670  
mobile: 901-233-2921

4899 Summer Ave. Suite 104  
Memphis, TN 38122  
WindowWorldMemphis.com

Windows • Doors • Siding

STOP

all of the

MEDICARE

calls

■ Get FREE advice from a local independent specialist

■ Learn the difference in a supplement and an advantage plan

■ EVERYONE should have an annual review of their health coverage

MEDICARE SPECIALIST  
STEVE BAER  
...  
901.237.4207  
stevenfbaer@gmail.com

As always ...  
Your long term care, life and annuity specialist



# Harrison Ford Makes an Excellent Joke About His Jewish Mom

By Lior Zaltzman

*This originally appeared on Alma, re-printed with permission.*

Harrison Ford famously (well, famously to us!) once corrected Adam Sandler when he called him a quarter Jewish in his first “The Chanukah Song.”

When they met after the song’s release, the “Indiana Jones” actor was quick to fact-check the Sandman with a succinctly yelled: “Half!”

Ford is, indeed, half Jewish, or fully Jewish according to halacha (traditional Jewish law), because his mother, Dorothy Ford (nee Nidelman), was Jewish. In fact, Harrison is named, in accordance with Ashkenazi tradition, after his late maternal grandfather, who died when Dorothy was a child.

Ford, 83, didn’t have a particularly observant Jewish childhood. The actor, who is known for his jester ways, joked that his parents raised him and his brother “democrat.” He also said at an Actor’s Studio interview: “My mother is Russian Jewish, and my father is... was... Irish Catholic... As a man, I’ve always felt Irish, as an actor, I’ve always felt Jewish.”

It’s clear that as an interviewee, he also feels Jewish, a la Jewish Borscht Belt tradition, because he certainly knows how to dish a Jewish mom joke from time to time, as he did on Ted Danson’s (and sometimes Woody Harrelson’s!) delightful podcast, “Where Everybody Knows Your Name.”

The interview does get serious at moments, especially when the three talk about Ford’s ocean conservation efforts throughout the years (a reminder that he isn’t just an iconic actor but also a mensch) and the environment, and when Ford kvells about Jewish actor and writer Brett Goldstein (“he’s the best,” Ford says effusively) who co-showruns his show “Shrinking,” which he calls “a dream.” He also adds that his co-star, Jason Segel, is “a good, good person.”

But serious moments aside, the episode is mostly full of lots of humor.

As they start on a question about “Star Wars,” Ford, who is known for being a particularly funny and sharp interviewee, pretends to doze off. “I don’t need to

be interviewed!” he tells the two hosts, which is when Danson decides to bring in the heavy guns: a question about Ford’s mother.

“Did your mother love you?” Danson asks, half jokingly.

Ford seems to sober up — but anyone who has watched him knows that sobering up is deceptive and just a sign that he’s just about to start on another joke.

“Well, now we’re getting down to brass tacks, aren’t we?” Ford replies somberly.

“My mother was Jewish, she didn’t need to love me that way,” he then says. “She loved me in the Jewish way.”

And like any semi-professional interviewer, Danson takes it as a cue to press deeper. “Elaborate,” he says.

“Well, first they take a piece of you and throw it away,” Ford answers dramatically to the hosts’ laughter. “Then they teach you a whole bunch of stuff that’s supposed to be good for you.”

I have to say, it took me a second to understand what Ford meant about “taking a part of you,” because I was not born a Jewish man and so I assumed that Ford meant something a little dark, melancholy and metaphoric — but then I realized that he’s likely just talking about his bris. That’s when they take something from you and throw it away or, rather, bury it. Get it?

Ted Danson, who is not Jewish, kept things PC by saying that Jewish mothers are “good family,” which Ford then, in a rare moment of interview sincerity, agreed with. “Yes, yes,” he says. “It was normal, a normal family.”

Ford then goes on to refute the claim that his mother was a radio actor, though his father was a vaudeville radio actor who did radio plays. The confusion likely stems from the fact that Dorothy Ford is the name of a famous actress and model from the 1940s, though she doesn’t seem to be related to Harrison in any way.

It’s not the only Jewish mother joke in this very enjoyable interview. When Danson declares that Ford is considered one of “the greatest movie stars of all time,” Ford asks, “By whom? My mother?!” **HW**



Sandra Hanover Grissom

Sandra (Sandy) Hanover Grissom, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday evening, May 19, 2026, falling asleep with the same grace and quiet dignity that guided her life. She was born Sandra Joan Fink on February 12, 1935, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Helen Malkin Fink and Robert Aaron Fink. Soon after her birth, the family moved to Memphis, where she grew up surrounded by the large and loving Malkin family, she cherished her entire life.

Mom was beautiful in every sense of the word — known for her radiant smile, effortless style and the quiet kindness that spoke louder than words ever could. She attended Snowden School and graduated from Central High School before continuing her studies at Vanderbilt University. She married young and devoted her early years to raising her six children, creating a home filled with love, resilience, curiosity and a sense of humor.

Her love of history and the world around her inspired lifelong learning through classes at Memphis State University and extensive world travel. She volunteered with civic and Jewish community organizations, including Ballet South and Memphis Jewish Federation, always finding ways to connect with others, similar and different than herself.

In her 50s, after facing the challenges of divorce, Mom entered the workforce

for the first time at BellSouth, where she discovered the joy of friendship and independence in a new chapter of life. Later, she entered the jewelry business and eventually founded her own company, Gold-n-Elegance, where her creativity and remarkable eye for beauty flourished. She had a gift for transforming ordinary stones into extraordinary pieces of art and took immense pride in bringing happiness to her customers. Much to her own surprise, she became an exceptional businesswoman.

Mom was fortunate to find true love and companionship with William “Bill” Grissom. They married in April of 1992 and shared a devoted marriage until Bill’s passing in 2009.

One of Mom’s most compassionate acts came when she opened her home and heart to a St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital family whose young son was battling glioblastoma. Though their little boy passed away at age five, Mom walked beside that family through unimaginable heartbreak, offering comfort, love and unwavering support. Few people knew the heart that she shared with strangers, and she liked it that way.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill Grissom; and her brother, Wayne Charles Fink.

Her fun memories will always be a blessing to us as we hope to carry on her legacy of unconditional love and loyalty. She leaves us behind but will forever remain in our hearts. We are her proud children: Russell Hanover, Lisa Hanover, Dr. Tod Hanover (Susan), Charles (Chip) Hanover, Jill Buring (David), Trent Hanover, daughter-in-law Evelyn Hanover, and stepdaughter, Dr. Virginia (Ginger) Bradley. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Dr. Justin Hanover (Deanna), Paige Kaplan (Adam), Sydney Buring (Max Carduner), Logan Hanover; Her great-grandchildren: Isabella and Quinn Hanover, Aiden Kaplan, Stella Kaplan, and Kaia Carduner. She is also survived by her step-grandchildren, Mallory Rushing (Alan) and Rachel Wadley, as well as her step-great-grandchildren, Nate and Elaine Rushing, Jacob Wadley, and her nephew, Wayne Charles (Alisa) Fink Krouse. **HW**

**THE HEBREW WATCHMAN**  
**CELEBRATING 100 Years!**  
**1925 ~ 2025**

# Dem Congressman Says Platner’s Nazi Tattoo ‘Disqualifying,’ Says He isn’t Endorsing the Republican in the Race

By Andrew Bernard

(May 26, 2026/JNS) — Rep. Jake Auchincloss (D-Mass.) said that Maine Senate candidate Graham Platner’s Nazi tattoo was “disqualifying,” before clarifying last Tuesday that he continues to support Democrats taking back the Senate “regardless” of the outcome in Maine’s primary.

In an interview with CNN last Monday, Auchincloss, who is Jewish and represents some of the largest Jewish communities in Massachusetts, cited Platner’s recent decision to cover up a skull-and-crossbones Nazi Totenkopf tattoo on his chest and questioned the national appeal of Platner’s left-wing politics.

“I find that tattoo and his commentary about it to be personally disqualifying,” Auchincloss said. “I hope Maine voters agree with me.”

“I think that it would be a mistake for the Democratic Party to think that Gra-

ham Platner’s brand of the Democratic Party is what wins us durable majorities throughout this country,” he added.

Polls suggest that Platner will likely be the Democratic nominee to challenge incumbent Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) in one of the most closely-watched races in the country to determine control of the Senate.

Maine Gov. Janet Mills has dropped out of the Democratic primary, though her name will remain on the ballot for the June 9 election.

Auchincloss’s comments drew condemnation from some on the Left and praise from conservatives.

“Auchincloss should be primaried,” wrote Saikat Chakrabarti, a California congressional candidate and former chief-of-staff to Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

“Jake Auchincloss is essentially endorsing Susan Collins in Maine,”

Chakrabarti said. “Absolutely no excuse for a Democrat in the House to back a Republican for Senate in a crucial swing seat.”

“How refreshing to find someone willing to dissent with their party and acknowledge the fact that Graham Platner is an absolutely unacceptable choice for U.S. senator,” wrote Laurel Libby, a Republican who is a member of the Maine state House.

Auchincloss appeared to backtrack his comments last Tuesday, saying that while he would not support Platner in the primary, he was not endorsing Collins.

“Susan Collins is a rubber stamp for the worst admin in history,” he wrote. “Claims that I would endorse her, implicitly or otherwise, ignore my track record supporting Democrats to take back both chambers.”

“As I said months ago, I find Platner’s

**Rep. Jake Auchincloss walked back his interview denouncing the Maine Senate challenger on Tuesday, saying that he would support Democrats re-taking the upper house “regardless” of the outcome in the Maine primary.**

Nazi tattoo and his commentary about it personally disqualifying. If it were me, I’d vote for someone else in the Maine Democratic primary,” he added. “Regardless of what happens in Maine, Democrats need to take back the Senate, and I’ll keep working hard to make it happen.” **HW**



# Jewish Roller Derby Takes on the World



Photo by Josh Samuels

By Evelyn Frick

*This originally appeared on HeyAlma.com. Reprinted with permission.*

When Alex Knopoff arrived in Innsbruck, Austria, for the 2025 Roller Derby World Cup, she knew there would be a few shocks to the system. There was the nine-and-a-half-hour time difference between Innsbruck and their hometown of Adelaide, Australia. There was the summer sun sparkling against the snowy caps of The Alps (it was winter in the southern hemisphere). But perhaps the biggest challenge for the 28-year-old jammer (the primary scoring position in derby), was that she had never actually met her teammates in-person before, let alone skated with them.

That’s because Knopoff, aka Smasha Lyonne, was skating with Jewish Roller Derby.

Jewish Roller Derby is a team that, according to its mission statement, “provide[s] space within the international derby community for the displaced, the exiled, the stateless, diasporic Jewish people.” Strictly speaking, JRD has no home base. The team’s roughly 80 members span the United States, Canada and thanks to Alex, Australia. They also run the gamut of derby ability, making up developmental and competitive teams. Members also vary in their levels of Jewish observance. They keep in touch via an active Discord group, a place where they can socialize as well as organize skaters to go to roller derby matches and tournaments across North America.

But as co-founder Jodi Kansagor told Hey Alma in 2019, JRD was founded in the hopes of being able to send a team to a future World Cup. For Jewish skaters who aren’t on the level of making a highly competitive team like Team USA and/or aren’t interested in competing for their home nation or the nation their ancestors hailed from, they could still have an opportunity to participate.

This past July, Jewish Roller Derby finally reached this goal. It sent a team to the highest competition in the roller derby world. There, they competed alongside national teams as well as a thriving contingent of borderless teams including Teams Black Diaspora, Indigenous Rising, Desi, Fuego Latino, SALAAM, Korea, West Indies and Chinese Nations.

“It felt like the most authentic identity for me under which to skate in that space. My European heritage is not something I’m as connected to,” says Gina Rome, aka Winnin’ Rome, a Se-

attle-based skater who joined the team around 2020. “I think that there are people involved in Jewish roller derby that could probably skate on maybe even a higher ranked national-type team. But I know they choose Jewish roller derby because it’s where they feel the most authentic and where they can really shine.”

And shine they did.

Despite a tough 251-110 loss to Belgium in their first match of the World Cup, JRD bounced back quickly. Skating in the massive OlympiaWorld sports complex, where Innsbruck hosted the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics, Jewish Roller Derby took on Denmark. JRD took an early lead, scoring 12 points in roughly the first minute of the game. Denmark, meanwhile, seemed to not have an answer for Winnin’ Rome, who served as team captain that game, and her squad. The Danes’ jammer was sent to the penalty box after the first jam of the game, and they seemingly never recovered. Jewish Roller Derby handily won the match 304-107. The next day, they pulverized Norway – beating the Scandinavian team 289-67. On the sidelines, JRD’s three coaches ran the bench, and substitutes on the bench helped give instructions and cheer. From the stands, JRD’s loved ones and fans got chants of “Hava Nagila” going to spur on the team. “We did the hora non-stop,” Rome recalled.

JRD finished the tournament ranked 16th in the world, the 3rd best showing of a diaspora team at the World Cup. (Behind teams Fuego Latino and Black Diaspora, respectively.) It was an experience that Knopoff described as “exhilarating, exhausting and altogether incredible.” Rome agreed. For her, the outing served as proof positive that borderless teams deserve their place in derby, and in sports in general.

“I think it was an incredible way to see how far we’ve come and how much more we can do,” 35-year-old JRD coach and New Yorker Staci Akselrod, who has been with the team basically since its inception, shared. “We got to do more team activities outside of the tournament than we often have time for, and that was incredibly special. It was a good reminder that we can figure out ways to balance prioritizing competitive rosters with the joy of community and getting to celebrate being Jewish together.”

In that spirit, the most memorable moment of the tournament came after the competition ended. At the afterpar-



Photo by Josh Samuels

ty, all the teams participated in a Parade of Nations. JRD decided to walk out to “Hava Nagila” and proceeded to hoist a member of their team on a chair and do the hora. “The joy of getting to do a hora in front of a crowd, most of us in skates, was infectious. It was seriously so invigorating and just felt like a beautiful representation of us,” Akselrod told me.

Knopoff added, “It was a moment of pure Jewish joy that I don’t think I’ve felt since going on Netzer camps when I was younger.” (Netzer is, Knopoff explained, Australia’s equivalent of NFTY.)

For all the team’s success, it wasn’t an easy path to get there. Not having a home base means that JRD has fewer opportunities to practice together as a full team. With the opportunities they do have, the focus is on communication and basic skating skills and strategy.

And then there was the existential obstacle.

When Jodi Kansagor initially reached out to World Cup organizers and Nations Committee after the 2018 Roller Derby World Cup about a potential future Jewish Roller Derby team competing, they said no. Despite having made exceptions in the past for Team Indigenous, Team Korea and Team West Indies, a team composed of Jewish skaters from the diaspora didn’t fit their definition of a nation. That is to say, a political state with borders. Undeterred, Kansagor challenged the rejection, doing what a Jewish person does best: interrogating and laying on some guilt. The decision was ultimately reversed, and the Roller Derby World Cup began to redefine their idea of a nation based on culture, rather than states.

It’s within this paradigm of Jewishness outside of anything else that draws in so many players. For 36-year-old Rachel Sherman of Tempe, Arizona, aka Sure, Mensch, joining JRD in 2019 “felt like an invitation back into Judaism” after growing up in the Jewish community and then falling away from it. “[JRD] has reignited my love of and relationship to Judaism,” they told me. “It’s been a place where people of different backgrounds, political lines and relationships to Judaism can connect, share, question and build community in diaspora.”

Meanwhile, Gina Rome had the opposite experience: roller derby as an invitation to Judaism. Rome met her wife Dana, a rabbi, doing derby, and through her, Rome started to live a Jewish life.

And while Dana has since hung up her skates, as soon as Rome completed her conversion in 2020, she resolved to try out for JRD. “Right off the bat, it was like roller derby Judaism,” she told me, laughing.

Though the two players took different paths to play for JRD, for both Rome and Sherman, the effect is the same. Together, and alongside their teammates, JRD has brought them closer to their Jewishness. It’s given them a space to express their Jewish identities via Jewy derby nicknames (or even their Hebrew names) and Shabbat and havdalah rituals when tournaments occur on the weekends. And of course, who can forget the legendary Worlds Parade of Nations hora?

Now that this World Cup cycle is over, its successes and challenges surmounted, what’s next for Jewish Roller Derby?

Well, the group recently concluded a virtual tryout process, something JRD does periodically. “We’re looking for a wide range of skating skills, beyond a baseline,” Akselrod explained when the skater search had just launched. “The important [thing] for us is a desire to be part of the community and to really show us why being on JRD would be important.” Thanks to their virtual tryout, JRD welcomed 11 new skaters to their roster, including the delightfully named Mazel Tov Cocktail from Thunder City Derby Sirens, Yid Vicious from Ann Arbor Roller Derby and Shmaltzy from San Fernando Valley Roller Derby.

Rome, Akselrod and Knopoff all offer practical advice when I ask how fans can keep abreast of JRD or how JRD hopefuls can get involved. Rome recommended tuning into the team’s social media, particularly Instagram, for events or merch sales. Akselrod, meanwhile, encouraged potential future JRDers to not be afraid to reach out; Knopoff added to not let distance be a deterrent.

Sherman’s guidance was more emotional, but equally as important.

“Please know that you don’t have to be ‘Jewish enough’ to join. Part of our story as people in diaspora is that many Jews were forcibly separated from our heritage and practices,” Sherman offered. “Whether you grew up very integrated into Judaism, or your Judaism feels like a distant part of you, if you are seeking Jewish community in derby, JRD wants to build with you.” **HW**



hover your phone camera

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR SUBSCRIPTION?**  
**SCAN THE CODE TO THE LEFT or see page 4 to**  
**mail a check to The Hebrew Watchman • P.O. Box 770846, Memphis, TN 38177-0846**  
**TO ADVERTISE: 901.763.2215 • info@HebrewWatchman.com**





*In 2027, Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab (MJHR) will celebrate 100 years of serving patients. In honor of this accomplishment and all the people who made it possible, we are telling 100 of their stories. 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 one of our longest serving staff members, Sharon Young, Certified Nurse Aide.*

## Meet Sharon Young



*Sharon receives the 2024 THCA Caregiver of the Year Award alongside (left to right), THCA Executive Director Jesse Samples, MJHR Past President Mitchell Lansky and MJHR Executive Director Bobby Meadows.*

**By Jasmine Williams**

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

I'm not from Memphis; I was born in Chicago, Illinois. I have 4 children; 2 girls and 2 boys; and 7 grandchildren. I like to cook for people. My daughter and I cater for birthdays and similar events. I also like to crochet and paint. There are so many things I like to do.

**MJHR: How did you become connected to MJHR?**

I decided to leave my job and become a CNA. After I graduated from CNA school, I met this young guy, and we ended up getting married. He told me about this CNA job at B'nai B'rith Home, and he helped me get a job there. I loved that place; there was so much love there. When I was hired, I got really close to the patients, and I got to hear their history. I worked there for I think 8 years, and the administrator said, "We're mov-

ing to another location." They took us to the current location, and it was nothing but dirt and trees. I thought, "Why did you bring us out. There's nothing out here." Every 2-3 months in the beginning, they would show us the progress on the building. We kept coming until the whole facility was finished. Back then, I'd get lost; I didn't know here from there. I now work on the 400 Unit, but when we first got here, I started on 300. They changed the name from B'nai B'rith Home & Hospital to Memphis Jewish Home and then Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab. This year I'll celebrate 36 years working here.

**MJHR: Share your favorite MJHR story.**

For my 30th anniversary of working at the Home, they sent a limousine to my house. It was early in the morning, and I got a phone call saying, "Your ride's outside." Doris Vassar, director of activities, and my daughter-in-law set it



*Sharon celebrates her award alongside staff members.*

up for me as a surprise. I hurried and ran downstairs, told my little chihuahua bye, and got in the limousine. I was snapping pictures. It had everything in there. I got to the Home, and they had so much set up for me. They had dinner for me and a gift for the spa. That was one of my happiest moments. I got the water, the fruit, I was riding high! I was in tears, and the day was full of joy. I couldn't believe that they did that for me.

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

I'd really love for the organization to build a house for the staff to stay close to the facility during inclement weather. Not only that, but a place for the families to stay and spend the night with their loved one. They'd be close by when families come from out of town, and they can all be together, kind of like our own bed and breakfast.

**MJHR: What does caring mean to you?**

I always say Sharon is Caring. It's

about giving to those who can't help themselves. To serve people gives me so much joy. Just seeing a smile on a person brings me so much joy. I can look at someone and know they need encouragement. It helps me to help others. My daughter can't believe the love I give to others, even if they do me wrong. I always tell her, "You have to kill people with kindness." I remind the CNA's that I'm training, when they come to work, they enter someone's home. You left your home to go to someone else's home, and you have to treat them as such.

Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab is a not-for-profit nursing home, Jewish in character and environment, dedicated to providing the highest level of care possible with dignity, compassion, and professionalism. Only through the help of generous donors is the organization able to care for those in need. Find more information at [www.memphisjewishhome.org/giving](http://www.memphisjewishhome.org/giving). **HW**

## All the Big Jewish Nominees at the 2026 Tonys

**By Evelyn Frick**

*This originally appeared on Hey Alma, reprinted with permission.*

When Pink takes the stage at Radio City Music Hall to host the 79th Tony Awards, she surely won't be the only Jewish star in attendance!

Nominations for Broadway's highest honors were released on May 5, and the list includes a nearly full rolodex of talented Jewish actors – like a young Han Solo, a former SNL cast member and one of the oldest Oscar nominees in history. We'll get to those in a second...

Still, there were some pretty substantial snubs. Both Adrien Brody and Jon Bernthal did not receive nominations for their respective Broadway debuts. Brody is currently starring in "The Fear of 13," while Bernthal plays Sonny Amato in the stage adaption of "Dog Day Afternoon." Plus, Lea Michele, who does not seem to identify as Jewish but does have Jewish heritage, failed once again to get any love from the Tony voters. She is currently

starring in the revival of the musical "Chess" (and, despite a very successful career, has somehow never been nominated for a Tony).

On the show level, "Ragtime," a musical which includes the story of a Jewish immigrant living out the American Dream in the early 20th century, received 11 Tony nominations. Bess Wohl's "Liberation," fresh off winning the Pulitzer Prize for drama yesterday, got a respectable five nominations. "[When writing the Jewish character of Susan] I was thinking about the relationship between Judaism and social justice and the call to action that's so rooted in the tradition," Wohl told Hey Alma back in October.

"Giant" also did well for itself, garnering four nominations. The John Lithgow-led play takes on Roald Dahl and his antisemitic views.

Ahead of the June 7 ceremony, here are all the notable Jewish nominees to root for at the 2026 Tony Awards.

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Play**  
Daniel Radcliffe ("Every Brilliant Thing")

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical**  
Sara Chase ("Schmigadoon!")  
Caissie Levy ("Ragtime")  
Marla Mindelle ("Titanique")

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical**  
Brandon Uranowitz ("Ragtime")

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play**  
Danny Burstein ("Marjorie Prime")  
Alden Ehrenreich ("Becky Shaw")

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Play**  
Betsy Aidem ("Liberation")  
Aya Cash ("Giant")  
June Squibb ("Marjorie Prime")

**Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Musical**  
Ben Levi Ross ("Ragtime")

**Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical**  
Shoshana Bean ("The Lost Boys")  
Rachel Dratch ("Richard O'Brien's 'The Rocky Horror Show'") **HW**



# Texas Dem Who Called for Zionists to Be Imprisoned, Castrated Loses Primary



The Texas State Capitol in Austin, Texas. Credit: Andrew Patrick Photo/Pexels.

By Andrew Bernard

(May 27, 2026/JNS) – Sex therapist Maureen Galindo lost her bid to be the Democratic nominee in the primary runoff last Tuesday for Texas’s 35th Congressional district after she was denounced by leaders of her own party for making incendiary comments about Jews.

The Associated Press called the race for Johnny Garcia, a Bexar County sheriff’s deputy, after polls closed. At press time, Garcia had about 62% of the vote to Galindo’s 38% with 74% of votes counted.

The race to represent the 35th district, which includes parts of San Antonio and is expected to favor the Republican nominee after redistricting in 2025, drew national attention over Galindo’s

history of social media posts about Zionists and Jews and questions about fundraising on her behalf from a shadowy political action committee with possible Republican ties.

“She’ll turn Karnes ICE Detention Center into a prison for American Zionists and former ICE officers for human trafficking,” a post from her campaign social media page states.

“It will also be a castration processing center for pedophiles, which will probably be most of the Zionists,” it adds.

After drawing scrutiny from across the Democratic party, including from staunch critics of Israel, Galindo denied that her posts were about Jews while continuing to say that she wanted to imprison “billionaire American Zionists

who are funding the genocidal prison systems.”

“If they committed a crime, do they not belong in prison?” she said in a video last Friday.

Pro-Israel Democrats lauded Garcia’s victory last Tuesday and condemned the political action committee that backed Galindo, which they allege was a Republican operation to support the weaker candidate.

“Republicans just spent weeks and almost a million dollars propping up an antisemite, and they should be ashamed and embarrassed – it was a disgrace,” stated Brian Romick, president of Democratic Majority for Israel. “Tonight is a victory for the voters of Texas’s 35th Congressional District, for the Democratic Party and for every Democrat who believes that antisemitism has no home in our coalition.”

Garcia’s victory in the runoff means that he will face off against Carlos De La Cruz, a U.S. Air Force veteran who won the Republican primary runoff last Tuesday after receiving endorsements from U.S. President Donald Trump and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican.

Trump’s endorsement also helped carry the night for former Texas attorney general Ken Paxton, who soundly defeated incumbent Sen. John Cornyn in the Republican primary to represent Texas in the Senate.

The Texas Senate acquitted Paxton in impeachment proceedings in 2023 after he was accused of bribery and abuse of office. Paxton is also going through a

**Sheriff’s deputy Johnny Garcia defeated sex therapist Maureen Galindo in Texas’s 35th Congressional District after she said that Zionists “belong in prison.” In the Republican Senate primary, Ken Paxton trounced incumbent Sen. John Cornyn after endorsement from Trump.**

divorce in which his estranged wife accused him of adultery.

Despite his controversial record, Paxton won 64% of the vote to Cornyn’s 36%, with 94% of votes counted at press time.

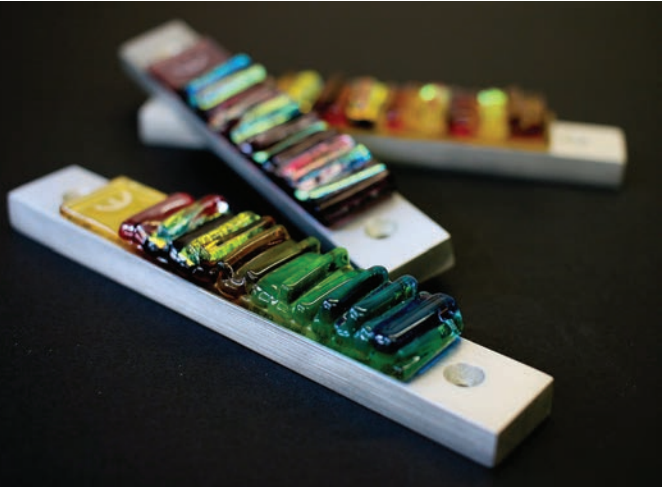
Paxton will now face off in the general election against James Talarico, the Democratic nominee, who has accused Paxton of being “morally unfit for office.”

In his victory speech last Tuesday, Paxton said that Talarico was too left-wing for the traditionally deep-red Lone Star State.

“My opponent is the most extreme radical the Democrats have ever nominated,” Paxton said. “He’s a vegan who thinks God is non-binary, and that there’s actually six biological sexes. It’s hard to imagine someone more radical than that.” **HW**



## Enhance Your Judaic Collection



Top Right: Tree of Life Mezuzah by Seeka \$185

Above Left: Mezuzahs by Alicia Kelemen \$115 • Above Right: Copper Seder Plate by Steven Bronstein \$425

### Fine Judaica Art, Jewish Artists, and more

Thursday / Friday 11-5 • Sat 11-4

Appointments Welcome

2571 Broad Avenue | Memphis | 901.323.2787 | TCliftonArt.com