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Zionism At Camp

Anti-Israel groups push agenda

By **JONATHAN S. TOBIN**

According to some young American Jews, it's time to start telling kids the truth about Israel. Upset about what they consider to be a steady

COMMENTARY

diet of pro-Israel propaganda that ignores the plight of the Palestinians, some who are employed as counselors at various camps have, with the help of the IfNotNow organization, launched an effort to use Jewish summer camps to begin educating their charges about the Palestinian narrative about the conflict. As far as they are concerned, camps and other Jewish institutions need to get on the right side of what they consider the great outrage of our time: indifference to the sins of the "occupation."

And the place to start, they say, is by educating (or should I say, re-

educating) Jewish campers.

Those promoting this effort have all the enthusiasm of youth and the

are getting about the Middle East and to tap into the idealism that comes naturally to those involved.



Activists from the group IfNotNow say they seek "balance" in what Jewish camps teach with regard to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

passion of true believers. Seen from their point of view, all they are doing is seeking to put some balance into the education that kids

And for some of them, their desire to say Kaddish — the Jewish prayer for the dead — for Palestinians who have been killed

during the violence in Gaza since IfNotNow's founding in 2014 seems to embody the sort of universalist approach that resonates with many American Jews.

But camp directors, donors, parents, and most especially, the impressionable kids this group is out to influence shouldn't be deceived. What this effort represents is not balance, but imbalance when it comes to truth about Israel and the Palestinians. Indeed, rather than point out how badly the official Jewish community is misleading Jewish kids about what's going on in the Middle East, this story is a reminder of how our institutions of learning are failing at giving children any education at all about Israel that is worth anything.

What's more, it also represents the problems associated with the Jewish community's obsession with preserving a big tent encompassing

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Don't Excuse FDR

Authors ignore policies that abandoned Jews

By **RAFAEL MEDOFF**

During the Holocaust, the Roosevelt administration claimed that rescuing Jews was too difficult, bombing Auschwitz was impractical, and

PERSPECTIVE

even if the president wanted to help, his hands were tied by Congress and public opinion. Now two young historians are making many of the same excuses. These excuses were untenable then, and the passage of time has made them no more credible.

Rebecca Erbelding's *Rescue Board*, her first book, focuses on the War Refugee Board, a small U.S. government agency created in 1944 to save Jews from the Nazis. The main achievements of the board have been chronicled by many previous scholars since the late 1960s. Erbelding adds more details to the story, but more trees

do not always make it easier to see the forest. She points out, for example, that one of the board's

Jewish as rumors had it. Needless to say, such trivia serves to clutter rather than illuminate the larger



President Franklin Delano Roosevelt did too little too late to save Jews during the Holocaust.

emissaries "always wore a white shirt; he abhorred colored ones," and that another was "at most, one-sixteenth Jewish," rather than half-

story. Erbelding's penchant for piling on irrelevant details is, however, the least of her book's flaws.

The United States and its allies confirmed in late 1942 that the "cold-blooded extermination" of Europe's Jews was underway, but insisted nothing could be done to help them except win the war. Jewish activists, by contrast, were convinced that, if there was a will, ways could be found to save lives. They were backed by members of Congress who, in the autumn of 1943, introduced a resolution urging the establishment of a rescue agency. The Roosevelt administration, trying to head off pressure to take rescue action, sent Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long to Capitol Hill to testify against the measure.

Long's prevarications ignited a firestorm of criticism in the press and galvanized the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to unanimously adopt the resolution. Meanwhile, a handful of Treasury Department officials discovered

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Trachtenberg paints a portrait of an America divided between good guys — FDR, Democrats, intellectuals, minorities—and everyone else, racist and reactionary.

The Middle East Transformed

Texan, Israeli partners reshape economic and political landscape

By FELICE FRIEDSON AND CHARLES BYBELEZER

“Nothing is easy,” is a common refrain in Israel and, for that matter, throughout the Middle East, where many of the comforts

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taken for granted and accepted as universal in the West have been assigned four-letter-word status.

So building an entire natural gas industry from scratch in the world's most volatile region might reasonably be expected to be an arduous process. But, to para-

none of that existed,” explained Keith Elliott, Noble Energy's senior vice president of offshore, from his Houston office.

“That required us to work with the Israeli government and businesses to create methods to ensure things are done in a safe and reliable manner,” Elliott continued. “This is also part of the big success story though — Israel has essentially gone from having no [natural gas] industry to it having a very large impact on society in less than ten years.”

Often viewed as “isolated,” Israel is by no means alone, with massive natural gas discoveries across the region reshaping

picture as more states move to gas, a more transportable and environmentally-friendly energy-generating source.”

The story of Noble's venture into Israel begins in Oklahoma, generally not the first place in the United States one thinks of when

hearing the words “fossil fuel.” And while the company is today headquartered in everything-is-
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This platform at the Tamar natural gas field is located some 50 miles west off the coast of the northern Israeli city of Haifa.

phrase the timeless adage, for Noble Energy — the Texas-based company spearheading Israel's still-ongoing transformation into a

both internal and broader geopolitical realities.

“One of the things we see occurring is a common understanding of

“In every place in the world you work there are obstacles ... since we first started producing gas in 2004 we have not had a single interruption because of any safety issue.”

potential major player — there is no better reward than triumph over trial, tribulation, and layer upon layer of bureaucratic red-tape.

“The oil and gas business has been around for 150-170 years and many of us grew up in an environment in which regulatory systems and infrastructure are well established. So one of the big challenges was going into a country in which

the importance that energy plays in creating prosperity and security, and this is causing countries to start working together to provide that future for their citizens,” Elliott explained. “You see that happening in Israel and then extending out to Jordan and Egypt. Ultimately, one sees the resources in the eastern Mediterranean becoming part of the global energy

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Gaza: Know The Truth

Defeat propaganda and lies with the best weapons: facts and context

By **ELANA YAEL HEIDEMAN**
Our motto has always been “None of the politics. All of the pride.” Ours is an a-political organization, and as such, our goal has always been to help

VIEWPOINT

Jews everywhere connect to Israel in ways that are natural to their needs and desires, without demanding any type of political stance.

Due to the riots on the Gaza border, Jews everywhere have been bombarded with politically-driven messaging telling them that, at least in this situation, they cannot be proud of Israel.

Israel Forever will sift fact from fiction and encourage continued connection, pride, and respect for Israel.

The success of this demonization of the Jewish state and those that stand in support of her right to exist is easily measured by the reporting of alleged crimes of Israel’s military or the silence of Israeli society. But the truth must speak for itself.

THE CONTEXT

The Gaza riots had been planned as a slow buildup of anti-Israel propaganda orchestrated by

Hamas, an internationally recognized terror organization, born from the Muslim Brotherhood that

response to the historic opening of the U.S. embassy in Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel and the

symbolic recognition of the eternal connection of the Jewish people to Jerusalem. They object to being

thing, and that is exactly what the media is not showing.

What is the connection between the opening of the embassy and the ongoing riots? Why are the people in Gaza suffering? And what can



Hamas has developed a new way to wreak havoc — firebomb kites are flown over the border to burn the fields of Israeli farmers.

also birthed Al-Qaeda, which governs and rules the region since Israel’s disengagement in 2005. They have been inciting Gazans towards violence against Israelis for years, most recently culminating in events on the border.

There are many claiming it is a

Jewish people. That date, May 14, marked the re-establishment of the Jewish state of Israel and, in the eyes of the Arabs, the *nakba* (“disaster”) — their term for the return of Jewish sovereignty to Zion.

Their objection to the embassy is not to the embassy itself, but to the

forced to accept that the Jewish people have come home to stay and will never again leave Zion.

The riots were but another ploy to persuade the world to believe in a massacre, a genocide, and an ethnic cleansing that are not taking place.

The mainstream media presented

help make their suffering stop?

There was no causal relationship between the two events. The parallel emphasizes only the ongoing contrast between the conflict forced upon us by the terror organizations and their supporters — the situation of the Palestinian population in Gaza under Hamas, and the normalcy life in Israel has achieved in spite of the ongoing dehumanization, threat of war, or death — in

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Images of the opening of the U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem were shown alongside violence on the Gaza border, sending the message that the first caused the second.

the opening of the embassy on a split screen with violent riots on the Gaza border, sending the message that the first caused the second, that the smiling people at the embassy were cruel, while people in Gaza were suffering, even dying.

Even the most insidious lies have a grain of truth at their core. It is true that the riots were timed to coincide with the opening of the embassy. It is true that people in Gaza were, and still are, suffering. But that’s where the truth ends and the lies begin. Context is every-

the eyes of the international media.

THE FACTS

Hamas retains its grip over Gaza by deceiving its population, feeding false hope based on hatred of Jews and Israel, offering distorted versions of history, and generating a desperation that allows it to foster martyrdom and murder.

Gazans are being funded by U.S. and European tax dollars to charge Israel’s borders, to try to break

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Moses And The Korah Wars

Parashat Korah (Numbers 16:1–18:32)

By **SHLOMO RISKIN**

"And Korah, the son of Yitzhar, the son of Kehat, the son of Levi, took Datan and Aviram, the sons of Eliav ... and they rose up in confrontation before Moses ..." (Numbers 16:1, 2)

Why didn't the Israelites rise up against the rebels who dared defy Moses, the selfless man of God who gave up a luxurious and care-

DVAR TORAH

free life as Prince of Egypt in order to liberate a slave people from tyranny?

Reading between the lines of this amazing story, we discern two distinct ideological positions and political platforms, which between them represented the majority of Hebrews. Both these positions were antithetical to everything that Moses stood for and the adumbrations of the Korah Wars are still to be heard today, thousands of years later, festering at the very heart of Israeli society.

Before we analyze the exact

nature of Korah's rebellion, two factors should be kept in mind. First, the commandment to wear ritual fringes on four-cornered garments (*tzitzit*), which closed last week's portion of Shelah, serves as an excellent introduction to and eventual rebuttal of the movements that Korah, and Datan and Aviram, represent.

Secondly, Moses's announcement that the entire generation, with the exceptions of Joshua and Caleb, was condemned to die in the desert (Numbers 14:26-39) made the Hebrews ripe for rebellion.

Moses attempts to deal with Korah, and then with Datan and Aviram separately. This is not only to "divide and conquer," but also it's the Torah's way to emphasize how they represent different approaches in their opposition, different "political parties," as it were.

Korah, called by the Kotzker Rebbe "the holy grandfather", uses the democratic argument of "equality in holiness" against Moses and Aaron: "It has

been enough leadership for you, all the people in the witness-community are holy with the Lord in their midst. Why must you set yourselves up to be on a higher plane than the congregation of the Lord?" (Numbers 16:3).

And if Korah sees no differences in holiness between different people, and rejects the unique

God wants us to establish a nation-state and to take responsibility to perfect an imperfect world, with all of the challenges that entails.

status of Aaron and his sons as Kohanim, it stands to reason that he would also deny any distinction in holiness between different lands, refusing to recognize the special sanctity of the Land of Israel.

After all, the Revelation at Sinai took place in the desert, outside the geographic boundaries of the land of Israel. If God is within all of us and the entire nation heard the Revelation, then the Lord of

the cosmos is certainly within the desert, the very place where that Revelation took place.

Korah's position rejects the Aaronic priesthood as well as the idea that the entire "desert-generation" must be punished for its refusal to conquer the Land of Israel. From Korah's point of view, these are false claims insti-

tuted by Moses rather than reflections of the true will and word of God (see Moses's defense of himself: Numbers 16:28).

Moreover, Korah justifies the Israelites' desire to remain in the desert precisely because of the desert's holiness, an ideal and idyllic setting for living their lives. For Korah and his sympathizers, the desert is not the place of punishment, but a perfect and perenni-

al Kollel institute of higher learning. God is their Rosh Yeshiva, communicating the "shiur" material to Moses. God also provides the daily portions of manna sufficient for their nutritional needs: He determines when the camp will travel and protects the people from the physical elements with His special "clouds of glory".

Why leave this ethereal, spiritual haven for the wars, political arguments, economic crises, and social challenges necessary to establish a nation state? For reasons of *frumkeit* (religiosity) alone, Korah argues that the Israelites are better off remaining in the desert-Kollel, freed from all decision-making and responsibility.

Moses is willing to call Korah's bluff. He instructs him to take his entire party of 250 men the next day and to provide each of them with a fire-pan and incense for a special "priestly" offering to see whose offering would be acceptable to God. The divine decision was not long in coming: "A fire came down from God and it consumed the 250

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Book features 62 startups that solve myriad problems

By ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN

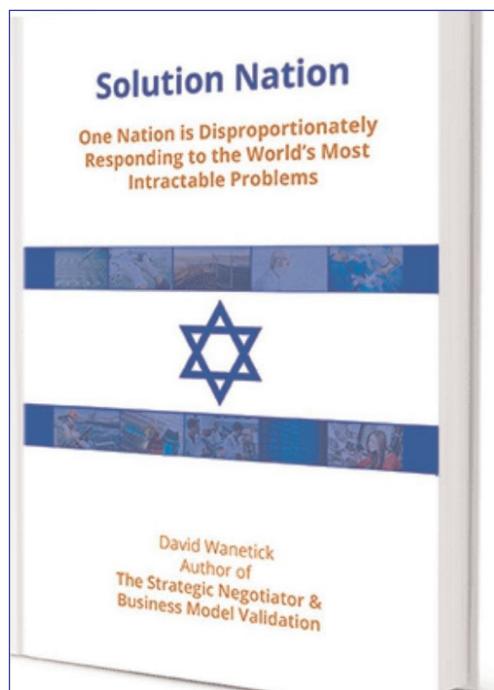
“The companies featured in *Solution Nation* are addressing acute pain points — blindness, amputations, food short-

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ages, polluted water, radioactive contamination, and more,” writes David Wanetick, author of a new book describing 62 Israeli companies developing solutions to problems “that threaten to end life itself or materially degrade the quality of life.”

Wanetick’s self-published book, *Solution Nation: One Nation is Disproportionately Responding to the World’s Most Intractable Problems*, has a different focus than Avi Jorisch’s *Thou Shalt Innovate*, recently ranked No. 1 by Amazon in three categories.

“The primary audiences for *Solution Nation* are investors and business professionals,” explains



David Wanetick's new book highlights Israeli companies addressing problems that threaten life or lower the quality of life.

Food security

In Africa, a staggering 30 to 50 percent of post-harvest corn (maize) fails to reach the market. A lot of that loss is due to rodent, fun-



TaxiBot towing a plane

Wanetick, a California resident who’s written company and patent valuation reports for Israeli companies, and also has been investing in Israeli companies for about 15 years.

Accordingly, these companies, selected from 500 nominations, are presented in a format that includes questions that prospective investors, business partners, or customers might want to ask the management.

“I wanted to enable readers to make a determination as to whether the featured companies will succeed in delivering their solutions to intractable problems to the market,” Wanetick writes.

Here are 10 companies from each section of the book.

Water security

Caesarea-base NUF -iltration helped solve the problem of what to do with some of the 125 million dialyzers (artificial kidneys used in dialysis) discarded annually worldwide; they sanitize and repurpose these sophisticated filters as water-purification devices for developing countries.

Inside the NUF machines containing four to 640 dialyzers, a single dialyzer can purify 50 to 200 liters of water per hour.

“A system with eight dialyzers that costs one-third of an equivalent, leading filtration system can produce eight liters of water per minute. This is easily enough to supply all of the daily water needs to 200 to 300 people in Africa — in one hour,” Wanetick writes.

The water purifiers are operated with hand pumps or solar power, requiring no chemicals and little maintenance, as their membranes are self-cleaning. NUF systems are currently operating in Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Fiji Islands, Cambodia, Vietnam, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Tanzania, and Nigeria.

Health security

Senecio of Kfar Saba put a twist on an existing mosquito-control method of releasing sterile male mosquitoes in infested areas by using airplanes rather than vans, greatly increasing the coverage perimeters.

“Releasing millions of sterile male mosquitoes from airplanes travelling at 250 kilometers per hour, in what I call Operation Infinite Romeo, presents monumental challenges,” Wanetick writes.

Among these challenges are sourcing the fragile insects, packaging them in containers, estimating the number needed per acre (four sterile males for every wild female), and determining optimal flying routes and times of day for release.

“Senecio has developed sophisticated algorithms and robotic processes set up in assembly-line

formation” to accomplish these tasks.

Netanya-based BioGenCell is developing a stem-cell therapy to treat a painful vascular disease called critical limb ischemia, a leading cause of amputations. The company’s BGC101 compound, when mixed with the patient’s own stem cells taken from a simple blood draw, creates natural artery bypasses and enhances the formation of additional blood vessels to better supply blood to damaged tissue.

While other biotech companies

cancer, irritable bowel syndrome, colitis, or Crohn’s disease. The smart device can even distinguish among different people in a household based on Bluetooth signals from their nearby devices.

“Such frequent screenings should be at least as successful in detecting digestive diseases as submitting to expensive and invasive colonoscopies once every decade,” Wanetick writes.

Clean energy

TaxiBot, a semi-robotic pilot-controlled towing tractor made by

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are pursuing cures for the same disease using stem cells from bone marrow, BioGenCell’s method is less invasive. When injected, the BGC101 formula “knows” to grow only where revascularization is needed.

OutSense, based on Kibbutz Nahsholim, is developing a device that clips onto a toilet

a division of Israel Aerospace Industries, allows pilots to leave their aircrafts’ engines off during taxiing and parking.

The result: a significant savings on jet fuel and carbon dioxide emissions, as well as a reduced risk of hearing loss for ground crews. TaxiBot, already in use at the Tel Aviv and Frankfurt air-



NUFiltration systems repurpose used kidney dialyzers for water purification

bowl to facilitate frequent and hands-free screening for signs of colorectal cancer.

The device’s spectral isolation and imaging technologies rapidly analyze solid waste for indicators including blood content, microbiome stability, texture, and color that could be warning signs for

ports, and certified for Boeing’s B737 and A320 planes, can reduce by 84 percent the number of gallons of jet fuel consumed when a plane is taxiing.

“Given the fact that each gallon of fuel emits 9.57 kilograms of carbon dioxide, the reduction in *continued on page 26*

Parents, Scientists Seeking Cures

Partnerships to create treatments for rare genetic diseases

By ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN

When Oren Ozeri's son, Ido, turned one, he was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, a rare incurable genetic disease. Even

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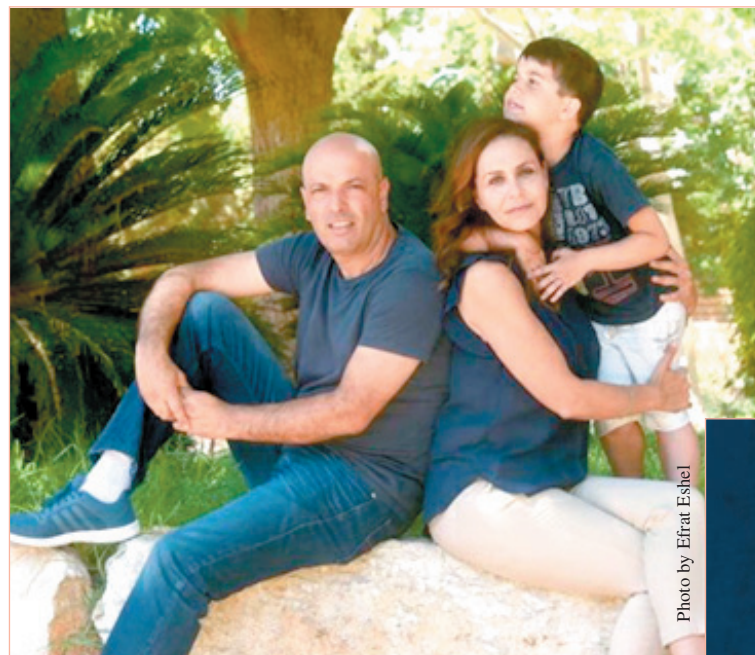
though he's neither a scientist nor a physician, this Israeli father was determined to seek a solution.

In 2011, Ozeri and his wife, Hila, and six other parents founded ADI. In December 2015, Ozeri and fellow ADI member Alon Hazan, whose son was diagnosed at age seven, founded ART BioScience, a Rehovot-based company using novel messenger RNA (mRNA) technologies to develop new therapeutics that could change the course of DMD.

ART Bioscience is one of five Israeli startups that will be part of the rare genetic diseases and gene therapy track at the international MIXiii-Biomed Conference and Exhibition in Tel Aviv in May.

"I structured the track to emphasize the handover between parents active in funding

Because many rare diseases affect newborns and children, interaction with their parents is



Oren Ozeri with his wife, Hila, and son Ido. The Ozeris founded the Israeli Duchenne Parent Association (ADI) to fund Duchenne muscular dystrophy research.

common among companies developing therapies.

"A parent really can't bring a drug to market alone. He or she can trigger the beginning of the process but needs a partnership with a company like mine to get the drug to patients," Weiss says.

Ozeri and Hazan are among the few parents who've taken the more

organization in Ness Ziona. Initial results show promising safety and efficacy, according to Ozeri.

modulating drug candidates to treat premature stop codon ("non-sense mutation") diseases, using technology invented by Prof. Timor Baasov from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa.

Premature stop codons hinder the production of proteins and play a role in some 1,800 rare and ultra-rare diseases.

Eloxx, which recently raised \$50 million in an IPO on NASDAQ, aims to restore production of full-length functional proteins with its lead drug candidate, ELX-02,

focusing for now on cystic fibrosis and cystinosis. The company is headquartered in Massachusetts with R&D in Rehovot.

SpliSense was established in 2016 and is currently focused on splicing mutations in the CFTR gene for treating cystic fibrosis (CF). The technology is based on the discovery platform invented by Prof. Batsheva Kerem of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, who identified and cloned the CFTR gene.

SpliSense has developed a compound with the potential to cure the lung disease in CF patients carrying a specific splicing mutation. This technology is relevant to additional targets in CF and other genetic diseases. The company also is developing a targeted modulation approach to correct the splicing pattern of CFTR transcripts according to the specific mutation carried.

NewStem is the first company to develop products based on human haploid pluripotent stem cells, a paradigm-changing technology based on the work of Prof. Nissim Benvenisty, director of the Azrieli Center for Stem Cells and



Dr. Yael Weiss, chair of the rare genetic diseases and gene therapy track at MIXiii-Biomed in Tel Aviv, May 2018.

Four Israeli startups are presenting in the rare diseases track at MIXiii-Biomed:

Eloxx Pharmaceuticals is a clinical-stage company developing novel RNA-

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"A parent really can't bring a drug to market alone. He or she can trigger the beginning of the process but needs a partnership with a company like mine to get the drug to patients."

research, small biotechs, and pharma," says Chairwoman Dr. Yael Weiss from Ultragenyx, a California biopharma originally founded to develop an Israeli experimental drug for genetic diseases prevalent among Persian Jews.

She says therapies are available for only about 350 of the 7,000 known rare genetic diseases (also called "orphan" genetic diseases) affecting tens to hundreds of thousands of people worldwide. Ultragenyx recently received FDA approval for its treatment for an ultra-rare bone disease.

difficult route of founding their own company.

"From our perspective, the problem with the research at the universities and research institutions is that their end-products are scientific publications," Ozeri explains. "While research is significantly important in order to understand the mechanism of action and the underlying biology of the diseases, there is still a long way to go before developing a treatment."

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Israel Opens Aging Innovations Lab

Site will address technology that addresses seniors' challenges

BY ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN

Israel's first Innovation Lab for Healthy Aging has been launched in Beersheva, simulating the challenges in the everyday living environment of senior citizens in order to inspire solutions.

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The new project is backed by a \$5 million investment and has a partnership with Sheba Medical Center in Ramat Gan to test its approaches and technologies.

The Innovation Lab for Healthy Aging is jointly sponsored by the Center for Digital Innovation (CDI) Negev, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), the National Insurance Institute of Israel, the Beersheva municipality, the Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), and the Amal & Beyond Group.

"In 10 years, Beersheva will be the center of senior citizen-focused research and innovation," CDI



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From left, CDI Negev CEO Ziv Ofek, Amal & Beyond CEO Dalia Korkin and BGU President Dr. Rivka Carmi at the Innovation Lab for Healthy Aging launch in December 2017 at the Advanced Technologies Park in Beersheva.

founder and CEO Ziv Ofek said. According to the World Bank's own data, the percentage of the world's population over 65 years of age grew from just 5 percent in 1960 to over 8.5 percent in 2015. CDI was founded by Ofek and fellow entrepreneurs Sharon Sasportas and Boaz Gur Lavie in collaboration with BGU and the

Beersheva municipality to focus on promoting and managing digital innovations in health, welfare, education and smart cities.

loneliness and depression. The new innovation lab is situated in a fully furnished model home that simulates senior citizens' living

"Instead of looking for merely technological solutions, we went back to analyze the problem. We developed a 360-degree approach that looks at all aspects of a senior's life."

The new lab takes all of these fields into consideration.

"When I think about this lab, I think about my parents and the real challenges they face," Ofek said. "Instead of looking for merely technological solutions, we went back to analyze the problem and developed a 360-degree approach that looks at all aspects of a senior citizen's life."

Not only will technological solutions be considered but also social project ideas such as connecting teenagers with seniors to alleviate

environment and routines. New technologies and product prototypes will be implemented in and around the home to meet challenges such as preventing falls, alleviating loneliness, slowing deterioration, treating pain, and assisting in basic activities like bathing and toileting.

Startups and innovative projects already operating in the lab include: Uniper Care Technologies, a TV platform designed to improve the communication process between the elderly and their families;

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Israeli Innovation Travels To India

Solidaridad will help millions of farmers grow more sugar cane and cotton

By ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN

Innovative Israeli agricultural technologies will help six million Indian farmers grow sugar cane and cotton with maximum water efficiency, thanks to

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agreements signed recently in Tel Aviv between several Israeli companies and the international solution-oriented civil society organization Solidaridad Network.

"Israel has demonstrated many solutions to avoid water calamities," said Shatadru Chattopadhyay, Solidaridad Network Asia managing director. "Even with 60 percent of its country made of desert, Israel has not only solved its water problem; it also has an abundance of water."



Photo by Yael Tzur

From left, Solidaridad Israel Country Manager Tzakhi Freedman, Solidaridad Executive Director Nico Roozen and Shatadru Chattopadhyay, managing director of Solidaridad Network Asia.

Chattopadhyay said Solidaridad seeks to facilitate adopting these technologies in India. If they prove successful technically and financially, "they could be scaled up across Asia and Africa where Solidaridad operates."

One memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed with Tevatronic of Sderot, whose autonomous irrigation products will be integrated in sugar cane and organic cotton projects to limit water usage and increase yield.

Another MoU involves Tal Ya Agricultural Solutions of Gan Yoshiya, whose durable tray system protects seedlings, decreases the need for irrigation, fertilizer, weeding and pesticide and significantly increases yield.

A third agreement is currently being explored with Tel Aviv-based TerraVerde Agriculture to provide consultants information about how to increase quality and yield in a large-scale organic cotton growing project.

Solidaridad is also working with Startup Nation Central of Tel Aviv, which facilitates partnerships with the Israeli high-tech industry to provide solutions to challenging problems across the globe.

Tzakhi Freedman, Israel country manager for Solidaridad, said he hopes these agreements will open a channel for integration of Israeli technologies in Solidaridad's global projects supported by impact investors.

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"Israel has demonstrated different solutions to avoid water calamities. Even with 60 percent of its country made of the desert, Israel has not only solved its water problem; it also has an abundance of water."

Israeli Lab Grows Injectable Bone

Bonus BioGroup embarks on landmark clinical trial

By ELIANA RUDEE

In an unprecedented procedure, the Israel-based biotechnology company Bonus BioGroup has successfully injected a lab-grown bone into three

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patients in the last seven months, and plans on making 27 more of the injections for a clinical study during this coming year.

"We are making history," proclaimed Professor Nimrod Rozen, head of the orthopedic ward at HaEmek Hospital in the northern Israeli town of Afula, who performed the surgeries.

"The invention started here in Israel, in the 'startup nation,'" Rozen said, noting that Israel is full of "really good people to collaborate with, with strong minds and spirits, and great optimism, which is needed in this field."

The bones grew in a bioreactor device that simulates the body's environment, with the material sourced solely from each patient's own fat cells.

"We can grow bones in any size, shape or structure from small samples of bone, fat or cartilage tissue to fit the patients' needs," said Dr. Shai Meretzki, CEO of Bonus BioGroup.

According to Rozen, the new bone is initially seven times stronger than the patient's bones until they grow marrow four to six months after the bone is implanted. At that time, the new bone will be just as strong as a normal bone. "Patients can bear full weight immediately after the surgery," Rozen noted.

During the procedure, doctors removed fat cells from each of the patients, grew them in the lab, and injected them back into the patients' bodies to regrow the missing bone. Then, after six weeks, the bone regrew up to ten centimeters (about four inches) long.

An American company performs a similar procedure, but is only capable of implants of up to one centimeter (0.4 inch) long.

This groundbreaking new procedure could help patients with critical bone or cartilage loss, often due to car accidents, military trauma, infection, cleft palate, shrinking vertebrae, can-

cer amputations, labor accidents, osteoporosis, or even dwarfism.

"For our short-stature patients

Arab neighbors, that want to make use of the technology.

"After the company finishes

cantly expand with international aid.

"Bonus will provide health to a

we can come to do mercy operations there for post-traumatic injuries from infected bones and tuberculosis on the bones. So our next step, after getting FDA approval, is to write to the United Nations asking them to support such initiatives to get them walking and functioning again. It would be really good for my soul and for them to function with an Israeli invention."

"The future is so bright," Rozen added. "In three years, we'll have a prescription for when a patient needs a surgery and is missing bone due to trauma. By filling the bone gap, I'll be able to fix the bone without losing the limb. In 15 years, we'll be able to grow an entire hip without metal, screws or artificial materials. This is in the near future."

Said Meretzki: "We are the only ones capable of growing live bone identical to any bone in the body, and that is something to be proud of. Everyone loves the technology."

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Dr. Shai Meretzki, CEO of Bonus BioGroup, with a lab-grown bone.

who are 140 centimeters (55 inches) tall, we can add 10 centimeters to their stature. If we do it twice, that's 20 centimeters (8 inches), which is a total game-changer for the way they look at themselves, their self-confidence, and how they act in society. It really changes everything," Rozen said.

As breast augmentation is the most common surgery worldwide, Bonus BioGroup also envisions a market for growing fat tissues for lower-risk breast implants.

Unlike traditional surgery methods, this method completely heals bones, whereas traditional surgery straightens or reduces pain or symptoms of bone loss. It is also less invasive than traditional surgeries, decreases recovery time, and often removes the need for multiple surgeries and any chance of rejection after the procedure. This procedure will be "better, stronger, healthier, and cheaper than any existing solution," Meretzki said.

Although surgery costs will depend on the bone size, Bonus BioGroup's jaw procedure may cost \$10-15,000, compared to the traditional surgery cost of \$80-100,000.

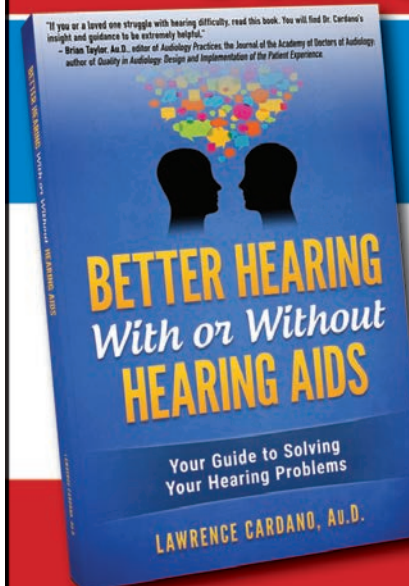
The innovation is in high demand abroad. According to Meretzki, the 10-year-old company has been approached by hospitals and countries from around the globe, even Israel's

two clinical studies of fifty patients in bone gaps and gets FDA approval, phase three will be multinational," Meretzki said.

To date, \$20 million has been invested in the technology. Rozen envisions that this could signifi-

lot of human beings suffering and not just from point of view of the Western population," he said, recalling a lecture he gave two months ago in South Africa. "People came to me from Rhodesia, Uganda, and other African countries, and asked if

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Israeli High-Tech Macher

Israeli tech guru helps start-ups without asking anything in return

By MAX SCHINDLER

The guy knows almost everyone in Israeli high-tech. Hillel Fuld is a *macher*, Yiddish for “a man who arranges, fixes, and makes connections.”

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Fuld does exactly this between entrepreneurs and deep-pocketed investors.

A quick perusal of Fuld's hyper-active social media reveals interviews with star venture capitalists such as Marc Andreessen and Apple cofounder Steve Wozniak, along with post-meeting selfies taken alongside entrepreneurs who are Israeli household names.

Fuld is an axle, among many others, in the Israeli wheel known as the “Startup Nation” — home to some 5,000 startups and with the third most number of companies listed on NASDAQ after China and the U.S.

Functioning as a gatekeeper of sorts for the local ecosystem, Fuld has screened thousands of Israeli startups, offering a stamp of approval along with unsolicited advice and mentorship.



Hillel Fuld is known in Israel as someone who connects Israeli start-up entrepreneurs with potential investors.

He has taken advisory roles at around 15 companies.

“He knows the startup scene in Israel better than probably anyone else around,” said Fitness22 cofounder Benny Shaviv, whose startup has racked up millions of dollars from downloads of smartphone fitness apps. “He is an amazing connector that opens doors for multiple startups with investor, partners and reporters, and does it all just for the sake of doing it.”

What makes Fuld unique is that the man doesn't ask for

compensation in return. He advises startups and tailors their public look without requesting a quid pro quo, an unconventional business strategy.

“I built my entire career out of being a *freier*,” Fuld said, using the Yiddish word for sucker.

“People say giving in business is good for karma. I say it's good business. If you facilitate success for others, you go down the road to success as well.”

It's up to the startup or company to oblige and repay the favor — which often does not happen.

He's playing a long-term game.

“With this company in Silicon Valley, for example. I love the company ... so I helped, for a long time. Had I asked for something up front, it would have been different. But I did my thing, didn't ask for anything, and they reached out years later and made me a very generous offer in [vested] options.”

Meeting with Fuld, 39, in the Jerusalem offices of Hometalk — an Israeli startup that has become the world's most popular home improvement space for do-it-yourselfers — Fuld speaks a mile a minute, gesturing in your face and sounding off.

Residing in Beit Shemesh, the Kippa-wearing Fuld made aliya at age 15 from the United States.

He served in an artillery unit in the IDF, then got his bachelor's degree in political science from Bar Ilan University. Today, he's married and has five children.

Fuld's smooth talk can save the day.

“He's not one of those people who just talks the good talk,” said Amir Mizroch, the communications director at Startup Nation Central, an NGO that connects multinational companies and foreign investors to Israeli startups. “He does talk the good talk; he's an excellent speaker. But in his case, he's very deeply interested in tech ... I would call him a connector, an enabler.”

Some problems that Israeli investors face stem from Israel's blunt-talking business culture, which lacks the diplomatic finesse expected in Europe and the US. Virtually all Israeli startups seek to sell their products abroad, given the relatively small size of the Israeli market. That forces bumbling geeks to have to clean up their act.

“The difference between sales and marketing, the fundamental difference, is one word — one word that does not exist in Hebrew. Subtlety. Sales is direct, marketing requires subtlety,” Fuld remarks. It's a catchphrase of his, signaling that Israeli entrepreneurs often don't tell the underlying story behind how and why the product came to be, along with who they intend as a customer.

This is where Fuld enters the picture, helping Israeli start-ups scale to the larger and more complex European and U.S. markets.

Despite the moniker of “Startup Nation,” previously fledgling startups are now seeking to scale-up and expand in Israel and abroad, leading Fuld to start a new trend of “unicorn nation.” (Unicorns are startups valued at

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The startup guru started his career writing for Converse, a pioneering Israeli tech company focused on telecom software. He segued the “dry” writing gig into a popular blog.

Today, Fuld is a strategic adviser meets marketing guru meets PR specialist, along with dabbling in journalism and video-blogging.

Such skills are a boon for tech geeks who can code and tinker algorithms, but who may not be the most personable characters.

When pitching to investors,

more than \$1 billion.)

“I'm seeing more and more companies that don't have an ‘exit strategy,’ but are looking to build large sustainable businesses in Israel... There are more and more unicorns in Israel,” he said.

“This is a very positive sign of maturity, a sign that we are perhaps graduating from ‘Startup Nation’ into something greater.”

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Filling The High-Tech Gap

Several programs aim to alleviate Israel's 10,000-worker shortage

By ABIGAIL KLEIN LEICHMAN

At age 14, “Nathan” was living on the streets of his Israeli working-class town. Academically crippled by ADHD, he eventually attended a therapeutic

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boarding school and served in the army.

His employment future looked bleak until he heard about a Google certification program in digital marketing run by JDC-Tevet, a partnership with the Israeli government for the advancement and inclusion into the Israeli workforce of vulnerable populations — Arab-Israelis, ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jews, women, people with disabilities, Ethiopian immigrants, workers over 45, and other disadvantaged citizens like Nathan.

Now 22, Nathan is employed as a digital marketing manager and has lectured at his former boarding school to inspire other students.

JDC-Tevet is one of many private and public initiatives training underemployed populations to

address a shortage of skilled workers for Israel's burgeoning high-tech arena.

The problem is so acute that several companies recently launched BETA (Be In Tel Aviv), an alliance offering attractive relocation packages for overseas tech professionals.

today, and the answer is right under our nose,” says Stuart Hershkowitz, vice president of Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT), which runs special programs preparing Haredi and Ethiopian Israelis for high-tech careers.

These populations suffer from a

their peers via an intensive one-year preparatory program.

Yet JCT currently has 553 Haredi women and 402 Haredi men studying computer science and engineering (plus hundreds more studying professions such as nursing and business), on separate campuses.

50 percent higher than in other Israeli professions.

“Of all the Israelis in high-tech earning 17,000 shekels and above [per month], 0.3 percent are Haredi men and 0.4 percent are Haredi women. That means they're not part of the startup nation and that has to



Graduates of Tech-Career's new quality assurance course in 2018.

The problem is so acute that several companies recently launched BETA (Be In Tel Aviv), an alliance offering attractive relocation packages for overseas tech professionals.

But many experts believe the gap can and should be filled domestically.

“There's a shortage of 10,000 high-tech workers in Israel

lack of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), English, and higher-education opportunities. Only the brightest and most motivated can successfully catch up to

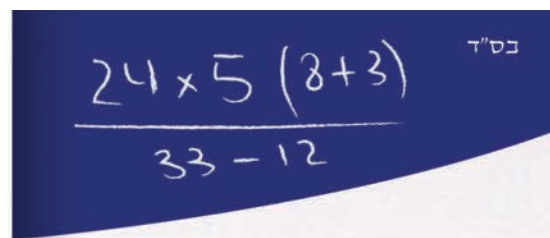
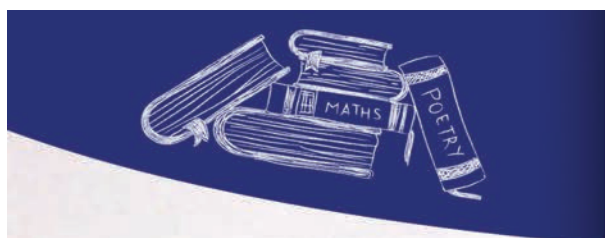
Israel's Council for Higher Education found that two-thirds of the 1,000 Haredi computer science students in 2017 were at JCT.

On average, high-tech wages are

change,” Hershkowitz says.

In a few years, he predicts, “a very large percentage of Orthodox women will be computer engineers.”

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Goodbye, Philip Roth

Was the great writer good or bad for the Jews?

By **BRETT ASHLEY KAPLAN**

Like many, I was shocked to learn of novelist Philip Roth's death.

Just a few months ago he was writing to me, making all sorts of

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snarky comments on the Dictionary of Literary Biography entry I had written about him.

For example, I had noted similarities between Henry Miller's so-sexual-it-was-banned *Tropic of Cancer* and Roth's 1995 novel, *Sabbath's Theater*.

In the margins of the proofs, Roth penned the snide remark: "I read *Tropic of Cancer* in 1959 or 58. It was hardly on my mind almost 40 years later."

These kinds of sharp comments were typical of Roth. While I was conducting research for *Jewish Anxiety and the Novels of Philip Roth* at the Roth manuscript collection in the Library of Congress, I was able to see many of his handwritten comments

back to his editor. "Keep it to yourself!" he'd write in rebuke to a critique or suggestion.

Roth's stubbornness wasn't

community members loudly critiqued his work, arguing that, if not openly anti-Semitic, his fiction at least catalyzed anti-Semitic

often hyperbolic. For example, Rabbi Theodore Lewis said that Roth "depicts the Jewish characters in his short stories and novels

and frustration. Portnoy narrates the whole novel, in monologic form, to his therapist, Dr. Spielvogel, telling him that he is the "Raskolnikov of jerking off – the sticky evidence is everywhere!" Portnoy describes himself as a "sex maniac" who will not "control the fires in his putz, the fevers in his brain."

Jewish philosopher Gershom Scholem, writing in *Haaretz* soon after the publication of *Portnoy's Complaint*, argued that Roth "revels in obscenity" and claimed that "this is just the book the anti-Semites have been waiting for."

It is easy to forget now, but many of the rabbis and other Jewish community members who denounced Roth's prose had lived through World War II. They'd seen all the Nazi propaganda portraying overly sexual Jewish men raping or taking "pure" Aryan women.

As historian Dagmar Herzog points out in her study *Sex After Fascism*, "Sexual demonization of Jews was a pervasive feature of anti-Semitism."

But by populating novels with hypersexual Jewish men who lusted after shiksas, Roth was



During the 1960 ceremonies for the National Book Awards, Philip Roth (right), with fellow winners Robert Lowell (left) and Richard Ellmann, holds up a copy of his novel, *Goodbye, Columbus*.

isolated to these small events. Early in his career, Jewish com-

thought. Yet Roth refused to capitulate, staying true to his artistic vision. Though he would eventually be mostly embraced by many Jews – including Jewish women like me – it took decades for widespread acceptance to take place.

Much of the early criticism of Roth's work was related to the way he depicted his Jewish characters.

Published in 1959, the collection *Goodbye, Columbus* was Roth's first major work. The title novella traces a summer romance between Neil Klugman and Brenda Patimkin. The problem, especially for Brenda's family, is class. Neil, a librarian and the son of Jewish immigrants, just can't quite seem to fit in with the country club clique that surrounds the Patimkins.

At the time, some Jewish leaders and parents, especially those that wanted to assimilate into American culture, balked at *Goodbye, Columbus*.

The Jews in Roth's stories were not depicted as beacons of good taste – as literary, educated, tasteful and well-disciplined representatives of the assimilated mainstream. Instead they were either crass – like Neil's Aunt Gladys – or ostentatiously wealthy, like Brenda's father.

The rebukes were swift and

as depraved and lecherous creatures."

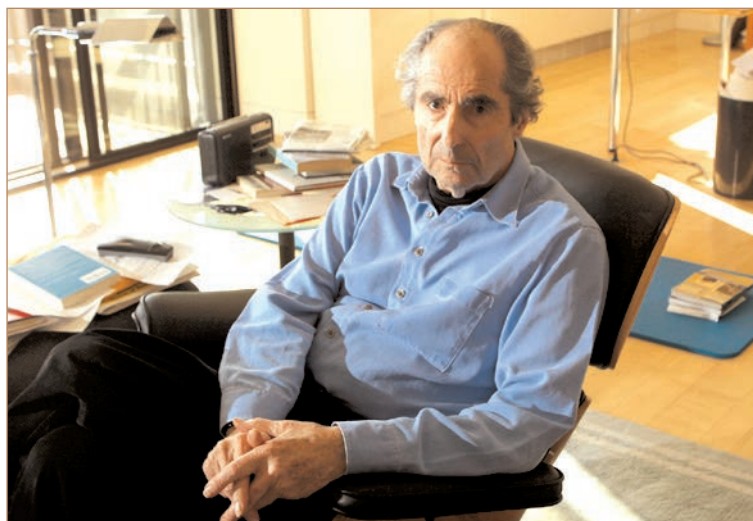
But if Lewis thought *Goodbye, Columbus* was "lecherous,"

Early in Roth's career, Jewish community members loudly critiqued his work, arguing that, if not openly anti-Semitic, his fiction at least catalyzed anti-Semitic thought.

he was in for an unpleasant surprise.

Roth's smash hit, *Portnoy's*

actually flipping infamous Nazi propaganda on its head. Rather than suppress this lust, Roth



Philip Roth in his later years.

Complaint, published 10 years later, features a young Jewish bachelor, Alexander Portnoy, who is consumed with sexual longing

sought to normalize and celebrate it: Jews, just like everyone else, could want to have massive

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A Critical Outsider's Gaze

How Philip Roth made a Jewish American writer of me

By RUBY NAMDAR

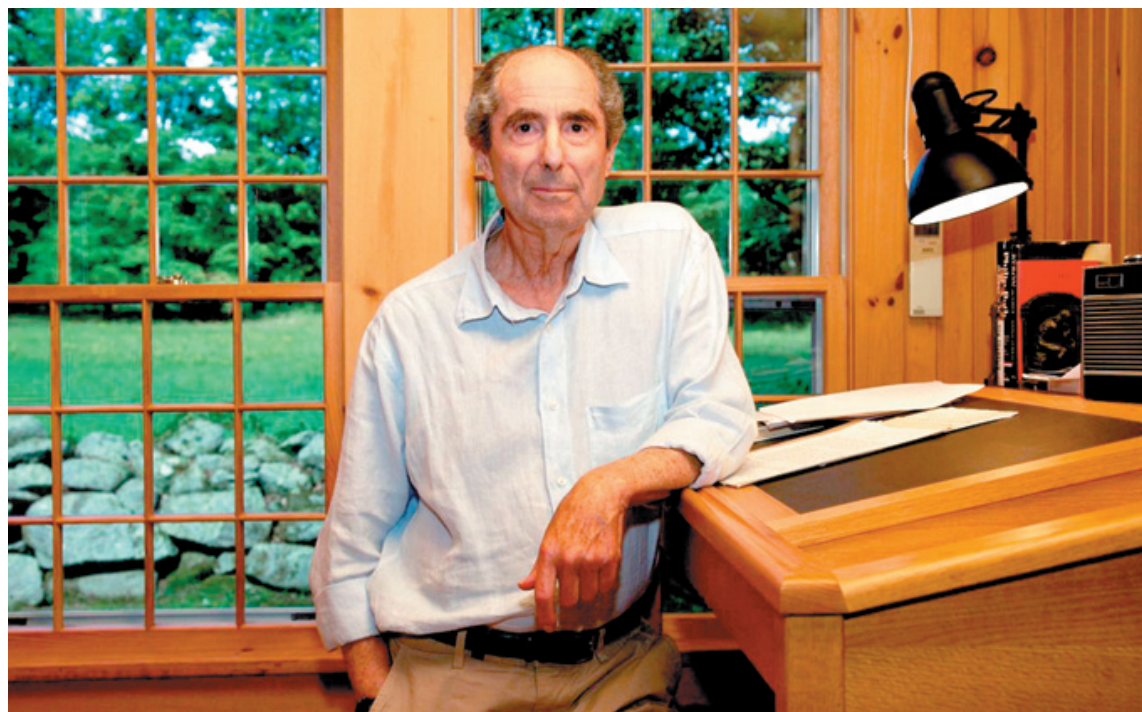
It was eighteen years ago, almost to the day, when I had my first taste of Philip Roth.

Growing up in Jerusalem in the late 1970s and early 1980s, had I

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gone to my school's library and asked for "Jewish Literature." I would have most probably been directed to the works of S. I. Agnon, the great master of modern Hebrew literature, but most certainly not to the works of Roth, Bellow, Malamud, and the other great names of the 20th century Jewish American canon.

Why? Because Zionism seemed to insist that all authentic manifestations of modern Judaism emanate from Israel. Diaspora Jews, according to its logic, were there to provide material and political support, and we, sons and daughters of the old-new homeland of the Jewish people,



Philip Roth, who died on May 22 at age 85 in Manhattan, wrote far-from-flattering but highly original novels marked by their brutal honesty.

ture he drew was far from flattering. Was it a pleasant discovery? Not necessarily. Roth's self-satire

Work by work, word by word, Roth modeled for me a trait that I always admired in writers and artists: brutal honesty.

were there to make meaning of all Jewish life.

Little did I expect, then, the pleasant surprise I felt when I first picked up the dusty, yellow-jacketed copy of *Portnoy's Complaint* and felt the rush of vitality, talent, and sheer audacity that gushed from its brittle, yellowing pages.

"It's a disgusting book!" someone warned me. And yes, it was, but at the same time brilliant, boundless, and desperately original. Nothing spoke of Jewish neurosis, of mindful vulnerability and the tragedy of the minority state of mind, like the obscene, phallogocentric rants of Roth's Portnoy, who verbalized himself into oblivion while making some of the most heartbreakingly funny and astute observations about the perverse psycho-sexual reality of the American immigrant class.

And so it was through Portnoy's — sorry, through Roth's — eyes that I also first saw my own Israeli tribe through a critical outsider's gaze. The pic-

ture he drew was far from flattering; it's sometimes poisoned. His attention to detail is at times borderline psychotic, as is his brutal honesty about every humiliating twist and turn of his mind, which is really ours.

As an Israeli, a product of the "New Jew" cultural mill, I often felt very uncomfortable with Roth's tendency towards the grotesque and the self-deprecating. I did, however, realize that this tendency to wallow in weakness, so frowned upon back home in Israel, was also a sign of strength. Work by work, word by word, Roth modeled for me a trait that I always admired in writers and artists: brutal honesty.

Reading Roth's literary gems — which included *Portnoy's Complaint*, the Zuckerman Trilogy, *Operation Shylock*, *American Pastoral*, and the chillingly prophetic *The Human Stain* — has taught me an invaluable lesson about being a modern Jewish writer, a lesson that I would have never learned had I

stayed in Israel and surrounded myself with its hermetic universe of pride and heroism.

I attribute to him the broadening of my cultural horizons and the flexing of the equation of my identity. Roth's chutzpa was contagious, as was his irreverence, the total artistic and personal freedom under which he operated. For me, his writing was not only inspiring, but also extremely liberating. He was the kind of author that we cannot aspire to emulate but may only sorely miss.

Ruby Namdar's novel, *The Ruined House*, won the Sapir Prize, Israel's top literary honor. It was published in English by HarperCollins in November of 2017.

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When Protesters Cross A Line

Pro-Israel groups pursue criminal aspects of disruptions

By EDWIN BLACK

Disruptions of pro-Israel events by some anti-Israel groups continue to intensify into physical aggression and violence across campuses and even

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into the community. As a result, Jewish and pro-Israel groups have started to explore the criminal aspects of such incidents.

The invasion, disruption, and nose-to-nose intimidation of a Students Supporting Israel [SSI] event at UCLA on May 17, was one several red lines recently crossed for pro-Israel groups and many in the human rights community. The small UCLA gathering, dubbed “Indigenous Peoples Unite,” brought Kurdish, Armenian, and Israeli individuals to discuss their common bonds.

Disruptors suddenly and loudly stormed into the room mid-session. One person grabbed a flag, demonstratively pulled away a desk placard, and threateningly cursed close to the face of a panelist. With bullhorns, whistles, staged dancing, and slogan shouting, intimidation brought the event to a halt.

The May 17 UCLA incident hit a nerve among some Jewish leaders. Previous Jewish and pro-Israel responses have long focused on formal requests for administrative

Interviews with students attending the SSI rally reveal that several felt intimidated and even feared for their physical safety during the disruption.

relief, petitions, and public statements. Few of those efforts seem to have slowed the escalation of disruptive tactics. After the UCLA event, several Jewish and pro-Israel groups began considering responses based on Title 11 of

California’s criminal code that might apply to such conduct — not

sage group. The message urged disruptors “to protest Students

Sarafian, confirmed that he felt physically threatened “throughout

Daily Bruin campus newspaper. Kang is a highly regarded legal expert. The statement was clear: “the panelists and audience felt silenced and intimidated. Thankfully, no one was physically hurt.” Drawing a distinction between protest and intimidation, the chancellors asserted, “It is one thing to persuade through evidence and argument; it is quite another to interrupt with intimidation.” The chancellors promised, “For those outsiders who disrupted the event, we will refer all evidence of wrongdoing to local prosecutors to determine whether they have broken the law. For those who are members of our own community, clear transgressions of university policy will also be addressed appropriately.”



Protestors gather before a speaking engagement by conservative commentator Ben Shapiro on the University of California Berkeley campus on September 14, 2017.

as an exceptional response, as it was for the 11 Muslim students (known as the Irvine 11) who disrupted an Israeli diplomat’s speech at UC Irvine in 2010, but as a new rule of thumb in California.

Title 11, Section 403, which concerns disruption of public meetings, reads: “Every person who, without authority of law, willfully disturbs or breaks up any assembly or meeting that is not unlawful in its character ... is guilty of a misdemeanor.” This was the very statute used to successfully prosecute and convict the Irvine 11, whose disruptions were mere shouts — much less severe than the physical intimidation seen at UCLA.

Title 11, Sec. 415, which involves disturbing the peace, calls for not more than 90 days of jail time for “any person who maliciously and willfully disturbs another person by loud and unreasonable noise” and also “any person who uses offensive words in a public place which are inherently likely to provoke an immediate violent reaction.” The May 17 video documents that is what happened in this case.

Title 11, Section 182, a conspiracy statute, can be invoked when “two or more persons conspire to commit any crime.” A digital message marked “urgent,” a screen shot of which has been obtained by this reporter, was circulated via the “Arts & Activism Alliance” mes-

Supporting Israel’s ‘Indigenous Peoples Unite’ event happening this evening. We are going to shut it down.”

Interviews with students attending the SSI rally reveal that several felt intimidated and even feared for their physical safety during the disruption. For example, one of the three panelists, SSI chapter president Hirmand

the whole thing, from the beginning to the end.” At one point when protestors were vehemently banging on the doors, Sarafian said, he felt “trapped.”

On May 24, conscious of the potential criminal conduct which had unfolded on their campus, two UCLA chancellors, Jerry Kang and Monroe Gorden, penned an official denunciation of the incident which was published in the

It was not clear why UCLA students who potentially broke the law would not receive the same referral to prosecutors as outsiders for the same conduct. Kang did not respond to a request for clarification.

At the same time the UCLA chancellors were drafting their statement, three UCLA law students at the local chapter of the Louis D. Brandeis Center, a Washington D.C.-based human rights organization, were penning their own letter to UCLA

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Unity on display during Yom Hazikaron is our most potent weapon

BY ZACH HERSCHFUS

The fourth of Iyar is the day on the Hebrew calendar on which we commemorate Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day. On this day, the entire country of Israel mourns the loss of those who have died as soldiers or as vic-

tims of terror. Yom Hazikaron starts at sundown when a siren, heard across the country, is sounded for one minute. Everyone stops what they are doing and stands for a moment of silence to show respect for those who have fallen.

The following morning, the

National Memorial Ceremony for fallen soldiers takes place at Har Herzl, Israel's military cemetery. Friends and families gather at the gravesides of their loved ones for the ceremony, and at 11 a.m. the siren sounds once again, this time for two minutes.

The Israeli army sets out to make sure proper honor is given to all the brave soldiers who have sacrificed for the country and to bring comfort to their families. The army

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prepares with diligence and seriousness for this ceremony, just as they prepare for a mission. Currently, enlisted soldiers are carefully selected to stand by each

playing sports, especially basketball.

Raphael Mordechai served as an officer in the same division of paratroopers I serve in today. He fought in the War of Attrition against Egypt and was badly injured when he was shot in the stomach. He managed to recover from this injury and returned to fight with his unit. He fell in battle during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

When I arrived at the cemetery

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After advanced training, which included a 35-mile hike in full gear, Herschfus earned his parachute-with-wings pin, and his unit commander gave him his own red paratrooper's beret, a special honor.

of the graves at Har Herzl during the ceremony. When the siren wails, not one of our brave fallen heroes is alone as there is a soldier standing at attention at each graveside.

Each soldier assigned to a grave learns about the person whose

and located Raphael Mordechai's grave, I found there were about 20 people of various ages standing around the grave, clearly having their family moment with their departed. I was hesitant to approach and introduce myself, as my initial thought was that I didn't belong there, that I should be giv-

Although my mission on Har Herzl was not one that involved patrols or checkpoints, it was definitely my most meaningful and important mission.

grave they are assigned to. I was assigned the name Raphael Mordechai. I learned that Raphael Mordechai immigrated with his family to Israel from Baghdad. He lived in the northern part of Israel and, as a teenager, served as a leader in Bnei Akiva and other youth organizations. He enjoyed

ing the family their privacy to mourn their loss.

My commanding officer encouraged me to introduce myself. I slowly made my way toward the grave and wiggled my way through the family members to the eldest man at the graveside, who I

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In 2013, two students in the Haredi men's track founded the WishTrip travelers' app. JCT houses the startup, which now employs 25 graduates.

The business partners came to JCT from full-time Talmudic studies in their late 20s because they wanted to better provide for their growing families even though it meant learning English and math from scratch.

"We are so very grateful to Stuart and JCT for giving us this opportunity," cofounder Bezalel Lenzizky says – in English.

Among other Israeli programs integrating the ultra-Orthodox into high-tech are KamaTech, which supports startup entrepreneurs; and Temech for Haredi women.

According to a 2017 Israeli Innovation Authority report, approximately 270,000 Israelis work in high-tech. Arab-Israelis compose just three percent of that sector. A variety of governmental, philanthropic, corporate, and academic programs aim to raise that number to 20 percent, reflecting their proportion in the general population.

Hebrew proficiency is one hurdle in reaching this goal, says Prof. Bertold Fridlender, president of Hadassah Academic College in Jerusalem, which offers pre-academic programs for Arab, Haredi, and other disadvantaged students.

Next year, HAC will implement a mandatory Hebrew class as part of the first-year studies for Arab students who don't need an extra year of pre-academic Hebrew, enabling them to graduate faster.

Software developer Musmar Walaa was one of many students from Nazareth to study computer science at HAC on a full scholarship. He says he struggled the first year to get his Hebrew up to par, but now he communicates easily with coworkers – first at Intel and now at NICE Actimize.

Muhammad Massalha, 24, also earned a degree in computer science at HAC. He did full-stack software development at HP for 18 months and now works at a four-person startup in Caesarea. "I am part of the team and a stakeholder, too," he says.

It wasn't easy getting that first job, he adds, not because of prejudice ("Big companies don't look at Arabs and Jews, just at grades and expertise"), but because Arab-Israelis generally don't

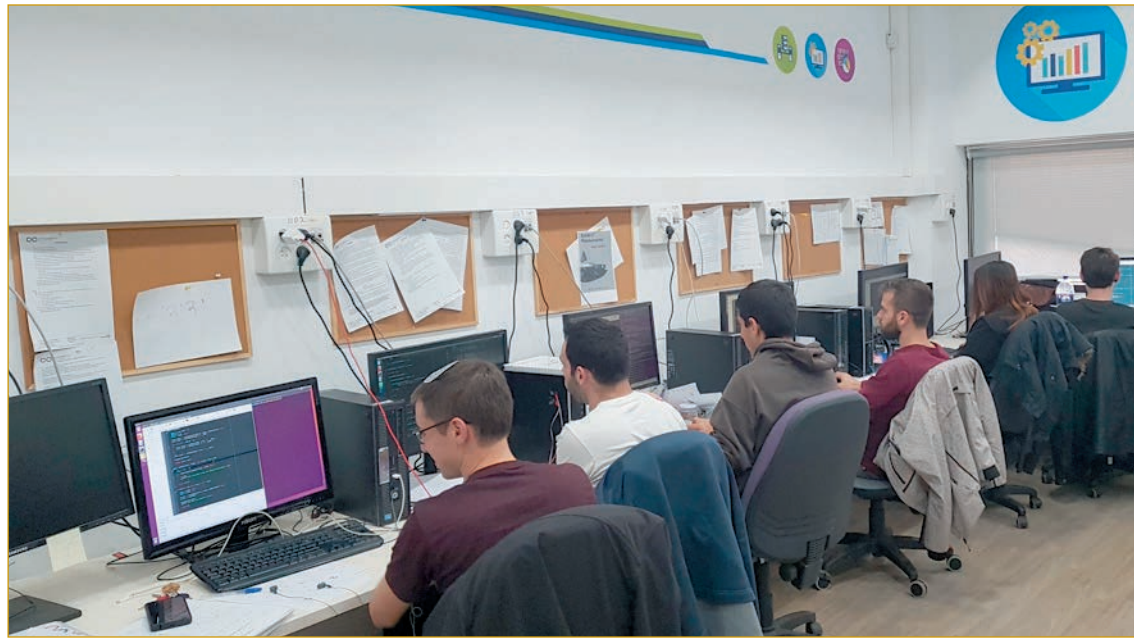
serve in the army and therefore lack the work experience and social network that many Israeli soldiers gain by serving in technological units. So Massalha did a lot of networking at high-tech hubs in Jerusalem.

"You need to go the extra mile," he says. "I had a lot of friends in

Established in 2002 — when there were only four Ethiopian-Israelis working in the high-tech field — Tech-Career now boasts hundreds of graduates and plans to build a new headquarters in Lod. Director Takele Mekonen reports that less than four months after the completion of Tech-

ment," Shelach says. "These are talented, experienced people who only need to refresh their skills."

Infinity Labs R&D, another program retraining high-tech workers, was launched by Matrix, Israel's largest software house, in 2014. Infinity has graduated about 450 people and currently has 150



Infinity Labs trains workers for advanced-level high-tech positions.

the high-tech community and they helped me send around my CV."

Fridlender says the percentage of HAC graduates working in their field of study actually is the same (85 percent) for Jews and Arabs. Arabs make up about 19

Career's latest courses in Web and Java full-stack development, graduates received job offers from Oracle, AT&T, Intel, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Briefcam, Smarti, and Checkmark.

"Two graduates have just signed contracts at Orbotech and

students at its Ramat Gan and Haifa locations.

About two-thirds of Infinity's students hold college degrees in STEM subjects but aren't qualified for more than entry-level high-tech positions. The rest come from unrelated fields — rabbi, veterinarian, lawyer, and farmer, for instance.

"We're now looking at a few great people with no higher degree whatsoever, including minority and periphery populations," Infinity co-CEO and founder Steven Harari says. "No matter what they learned previously, we train them to be excellent developers capable of adapting quickly to new technologies."

Infinity's intensive seven-month program provides 1,800 to 2,000 hours of mentor-led training equaling more than two years of work experience, Harari says.

"Customers visit us two months before students finish training, find the person they want, and tell us what they'll need to know on the job."

Participants receive a small stipend during the program and then become Infinity employees at one of 120-plus partner corporations doing jobs normally requiring a computer-science degree and several years of experience. After two years they may be employed directly.

The Labor and Social Services Ministry recently launched We Code, a free eight-month training and job placement program in

programming and computer science for Arab-Israelis, Ethiopians, people with disabilities, Haredim, and other marginalized populations between ages 25 and 30, in collaboration with JDC-Tevet and the private college IDC Herzliya (IDC). Graduates who integrate into high-tech for a year will be entitled to continue on for an undergraduate degree at IDC.

Israel also has programs that prepare citizens with disabilities to fill high-tech positions.

The SHEKEL organization for the inclusion of people with disabilities runs employment programs for high-functioning people on the autism spectrum.

One of these programs teaches individuals with keen visual perception how to analyze video clips from roads across the world for Mobileye, the Jerusalem-based computer-vision giant that makes driver-assistance systems.

This groundbreaking partnership, begun two years ago, marks the first employment program for people on the autism spectrum in Israel's corporate high-tech sector. Graduates of the eight-month course become full-fledged Mobileye employees.

Jonathan Trauner, 26, is in the current training cohort.

"I can't tell you how terrific it is to be part of this project. It has taught me to be proficient and dedicated through effort," he says. "I enjoy the work immensely; it is so rewarding. You can grow up with adversity, such as Aspergers, and use it to be the best you can be."

Avi Hershkovitz, Mobileye QA team leader, says the project was developed at first in order to help the community and eventually became an inseparable part of Mobileye.

"We have reached a situation in which the SHEKEL team helps us a lot in the daily work and manages to improve the performance of the system," he says.

"We have already decided to keep growing and hiring more people to the SHEKEL team not only because we are satisfied with the team's work and the cooperation with SHEKEL, but also because it is important for us to build a large enough team in order to meet the broader demands and needs of Mobileye in its race for the autonomous vehicle."

Abigail Klein-Leichman is a writer and associate editor at Israel21C.

On average, high-tech wages are 50 percent higher than in other Israeli professions.

percent of the 4,000-student population.

"Our career center helps all our students find jobs, and we have an Arab-speaking adviser, an alumna of our college, working there to help close the cultural gap for job-seekers," Fridlender says.

Nonprofit organizations, such as Tsofen, also work with the Israeli government to integrate more Arabs into the high-tech sector, mainly in the north. Sadel Technology is providing high-tech jobs to Bedouin Arabs in the south.

Several Israeli institutions of higher learning, including HAC, JCT, and Ono Academic College, offer subsidized pre-academic and academic programs for Ethiopian-Israelis, many of whom come from low-income families. Specifically focusing on preparing them for high-tech jobs is the non-governmental organization Tech-Career.

Bynet. IBM, a company that has long provided guidance and mentorship, has hired its first Tech-Career graduate," Mekonen said.

Tech-Career continually adds courses on skills demanded in the market, including Android applications, data security, and quality assurance. A new software development course is planned in partnership with the Israel Innovation Authority.

Sigal Shelach, CEO of JDC-Tevet and deputy director of JDC Israel, says the partnership is piloting a new program in cooperation with the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, retraining and upskilling 45- to 75-year-old engineers from the high-tech industry to fill freelance positions in domestic and overseas companies.

"People of this age find it difficult to get into new fields or continue working past forced retire-

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the State Department had been suppressing news about the mass murder and blocking rescue opportunities. They persuaded Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr. to confront the president with a plea to create a rescue agency before Congress embarrassed him by passing the resolution.

Erbelding acknowledges this sequence of events but cannot imagine the president's positive response to Morgenthau reflected anything but the purest of motives. FDR "needed no convincing" from his Treasury secretary, she claims. In fact, he needed quite a bit of convincing, in the form of a looming full Senate vote that would show him up on the rescue issue, a potential election-year scandal over the State Department's actions, and

a rising clamor among Jewish and refugee advocacy groups. That's why Roosevelt, who was against rescue before he was for it, suddenly reversed himself and created the War Refugee Board through an executive order. According to Erbelding, the president's action was "altruistic"—not a motive commonly found among seasoned politicians.

What the board achieved in its 15-month existence was remarkable. By financing the hiding of Jews and the bribing of Nazis, moving Jewish refugees out of the way of the retreating German armies, and sponsoring Raoul Wallenberg's rescue mission in occupied Budapest, the board played a major role in saving some 200,000 Jews, mainstream historians estimate. Erbelding's description of this work as "Franklin D. Roosevelt's little-known effort late

in the war to save the Jews" is contradicted by the fact that the president and the rest of his administration obstructed or ignored much of the board's work.

The State and War Departments often refused to cooperate with the board's efforts. The president gave the board only token funding; 90 percent of its budget was provided by private Jewish organizations. (Erbelding does not mention that

States and the Nazi Holocaust is cut from the same cloth as Erbelding's Rescue Board. They thank and praise one another, he cites her unpublished research, and he shares her determination to justify President Roosevelt's meager response to the Holocaust.

Trachtenberg favors the "yes, but" technique. Yes, FDR turned away boatloads of refugees,

role" in helping refugees. He hails its efforts on behalf of "political prisoners, protesting the deportation of suspected communists, and countering the spread of U.S. imperialism" (hardly relevant to his book), yet does not mention the mass defections of its Jewish members in 1938 after the League refused to denounce Hitler's persecution of Jews, for fear it would be suspected of encouraging war against Germany.

Trachtenberg, like Erbelding, views the history of the Holocaust as a basis for taking specific positions on contemporary political and social issues. The Trump administration has "instituted mass deportations of people from Mexico," and "Latinos, Muslims and Middle Easterners, African Americans and undocumented persons" in the United States are all "facing rising violence," Trachtenberg writes. His solution? Jews should cease "perpetuating a narrative of Jewish exceptionalism" and instead "link their fate to that of other oppressed peoples," so that "nativism and racial hatred can be consigned to the margins of society."

The notion that Jews should submerge their particular concerns among those of the "oppressed" masses is hardly novel. The Roosevelt administration likewise sought to obscure the mass murder of the Jews by lumping it together with the suffering of other groups. In an episode that neither Erbelding nor Trachtenberg mention, Allied foreign ministers meeting in Moscow in October 1943 threatened post-war punishment for Nazi war crimes against "French, Dutch, Belgian or Norwegian hostages...Cretan peasants...the people of Poland" — but not Jews. Similarly, President Roosevelt did not mention Jews in his 1944 message commemorating the first anniversary of the Jewish revolt against the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Acknowledging the Jews were being singled out for persecution and death might have increased the pressure to rescue them. That was precisely what was wrong with FDR's policy, and why rescue advocates pressed for the creation of the War Refugee Board in the first place. Now, ironically, these two authors have chosen to excuse, or even align themselves with, some of the very arguments and policies of those who abandoned the Jews.

Dr. Rafael Medoff is founding director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies.

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unflattering statistic.) The board's proposals for U.S. government rescue actions — from bombing Auschwitz to creating temporary refugee havens in the United States — were frequently rejected, watered down, or stalled. Unfortunately, *Rescue Board* fails to adequately explain the shabby treatment that the board suffered.

Erbelding does her best to pour cold water on the notion that Auschwitz or the railways leading to it should have been bombed. She accomplishes this by reporting the War Department's disingenuous rejections of the bombing proposal as if they were factual and reasonable. The department claimed it had conducted a feasibility study, which found that such an operation would require "diverting" planes from battles elsewhere in Europe. Erbelding neglects to mention that no such study was actually undertaken (a fact that historians established long ago). She fails to explain that the "diversion" argument, too, was a lie: U.S. planes were already in the vicinity, bombing German oil factories less than five miles from the Auschwitz gas chambers. At least Erbelding is consistent—she recently declared her opposition to any U.S. bombing of Syrian chemical weapons sites.

She even rationalizes the nearly five-week delay in publishing a White House statement threatening to punish those who collaborated in Nazi atrocities. The delay "ended up being fortuitous," Erbelding claims, because in the meantime, "Nazi Germany invaded Hungary." Sure, the delays left more Jews in lethal danger, but at least the optics were better for the White House. It does not seem to have occurred to Erbelding that the president could have issued an initial statement when the board requested it, and then issued another one when the crisis in Hungary began.

Barry Trachtenberg's *The United*

but he "acted entirely in accordance with the prevailing sentiment in the United States," Trachtenberg asserts. Yes, the administration rejected requests to bomb Auschwitz, but it was "only in the beginning of 1944" that U.S. planes were able to reach the death camp. (Meaning "only" 800,000 Hungarian Jewish lives were at stake.)

And yes, Roosevelt suppressed Jewish immigration below the levels allowed by law—but it was "unlikely" that "there were sufficient numbers of Jews seeking to leave Germany for the United States to fill the quota" in 1933-1935, anyway. In fact, more than 100,000 Jews fled Germany in those years — more than enough to fill the quota, had FDR permitted it — and surely many more would have left if they had a place to go.

Trachtenberg paints a portrait of an America neatly divided between the good guys — FDR, Democrats, intellectuals, minorities—and everyone else, who were hopelessly racist and reactionary. Facts that reflect poorly on the good guys are minimized or omitted. For example, Trachtenberg writes a good deal about the 1943 Zoot Suit riots against Mexican-Americans but does not mention President Roosevelt's refusal to say anything against the rioters. He cites the Nazis' euthanizing of the disabled, yet he does not mention that the Roosevelt administration knew of the euthanasia policy and remained silent.

FDR is not the only character in the story who gets a pass by virtue of belonging to Trachtenberg's pantheon of political favorites. Consider the pacifist Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, which Trachtenberg plucks from obscurity as an example of overlooked progressives who "played a significant



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bigger-here Houston, its origin is in humble Ardmore, the birthplace of founder Lloyd Noble.

In the mid-1990s, Israel's Delek Group began seeking an international partner to support its offshore explorations.

“They sent a guy to Texas who cold-called a bunch of energy companies,” recounted Bini Zomer, Noble Energy’s vice president for regional affairs. “Noble was called Samedan at the time, so it wasn’t a matter of getting to ‘N’ in the phonebook, you had to get to ‘S.’ Irrespective, [the Delek representative] initially received an unequivocal ‘no.’”

Much smaller then, Noble had little if any international operations, according to Zomer. Nevertheless, after learning more about the opportunity in Israel, “an executive at the head office came in one day and said, ‘you know what, this looks like something someone needs to drill.’”

With that, a partnership was forged and, in 1999, Noble Energy (the company name, assumed in 2002, derives from Noble Affiliates, a holding company for Samedan in the 1970s) made its first small, non-commercially-viable natural gas discovery in Israeli territorial waters, a field that was, quite appropriately, named Noa (itself a derivative of the name Noah, the first of whom is relatively well-known for exploring uncharted waters).

One year later, Mari B — or Yam Tethys, as it is known locally — was discovered, its approximately 25 billion cubic meters (882 billion cubic feet) of natural gas having essentially created the marketplace in Israel.

Then, in January 2009, things changed dramatically with the discovery of the Tamar field, which, in retrospect, marks the beginning of a modern-day energy revolution in the Middle East that is gaining steam. Located roughly 50 miles west off the coast of the northern Israeli city of Haifa, Tamar’s reserves, totaling some 320 billion cubic meters (11 trillion cubic feet), at the time represented the largest-ever natural gas find in the Levant basin of the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

Less than two years later, however, it was relegated to second place, with Noble revealing an even larger discovery 30 miles further west: Leviathan, which contains 620 billion cubic meters (22

trillion cubic feet) of natural gas, is scheduled to go online before the end of next year. (Noble holds a 25 percent share in the Tamar field, developed at a cost of about \$3 billion, which began supplying Israel with natural gas in 2013, compared to a 39.66% stake in Leviathan, a project that required an investment of about \$4 billion to advance.)

But the Leviathan reservoir, not unlike the biblical sea monster for

parliament. In short, the so-called Sheshinski Law — named for the committee’s head — raised taxes on gas companies’ profits from a rate of 33% to a total government take, depending on various factors, approaching 62%.

“The first one through the door is going to face the most challenges,” Zomer said in reference to the political and eco-



An Israeli flag is prominently displayed on a platform located at the Tamar natural gas field in the eastern Mediterranean Sea.

which it is named, could just as easily have remained undiscovered beneath the waters.

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inherently risky,” Zomer stressed. “There are exploration risks and market risks, but in Israel we also faced regulatory risks, which actually went too far. We were not going to move forward until the government created an investment climate [that was stable].”

While the discoveries will have broad regional implications, there is no denying, nor overlooking, the benefits to Israel itself.

In this respect, Jerusalem for many years was unable to agree on a legal framework for the natural gas industry. Torn between the political right and left, pro-market and statist, lobbyists and protesters, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at the turn of the decade oversaw the creation of a committee tasked with devising a new taxation regime.

Finally, in 2011, the commission presented its recommendations, which later that year formed the basis of a bill passed by the Israeli

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Noble’s latest achievement is the \$15 billion agreement signed in February to supply an Egyptian consortium with 64 billion cubic meters (2.6 trillion cubic feet) of natural gas over a decade.

“In Egypt, there is an understanding for some time now of the tremendous growth in demand [for energy],” Elliott said. “It is a country of some 100 million people that is expanding at 2.5 percent per

year, and it has one of the lowest per capita densities of electricity usage of any nation in the region. So there has been a recognition on the part of both the government and commercial entities that power in the form of clean and affordable energy is essential to fuel the population and economy.”

Zomer described the pact as a “milestone” and commended all parties involved, primarily Egypt’s Dolphinus, with which the agreement was formally contracted. “The Egyptians have been consistent throughout this process even following their own big [natural gas] discovery at Zohr [estimated at 850 billion cubic meters/30 trillion cubic feet in place],” he maintained. “Whereas [in Israel] you would hear certain politicians who are against exports or trying to stop these projects say that Egypt doesn’t need Israeli gas anymore because it has its own, the Egyptians, [by contrast], always said at the highest levels ‘we need Israeli gas and we want Israeli gas.’”

The transaction with Egypt will not come without challenges, especially when considering that the pipeline once carrying gas to Israel through the Sinai Peninsula — where an Islamic State affiliate has

since taken root — was bombed numerous times in the wake of the 2011 Arab Spring uprising. The offshore reservoirs, in general, are prime targets for the Jewish state’s enemies, including Hamas in the Gaza Strip and Hizbullah in Lebanon, the latter of which has publicly threatened to attack the installations in a future war.

“We’ve been in the region [for two decades] and in every place in the world that you work in there are different obstacles that you learn to address and cope with,” Elliott responded when asked about Israel’s precarious security. “Since we first started producing gas in 2004 we have not had a single interruption in the flow because of any sort of safety issue. It is a reflection of our adaptiveness and ability to continue to do business in the face of uncertainties, whatever form they take. And I don’t expect this to change moving forward.”

While the discoveries will have broad regional implications, there is no denying, nor overlooking, the benefits to Israel itself, where Noble employs some 200 people. For example, the central bank forecasts the state will generate almost \$20 billion in taxes and royalties from the Tamar and Leviathan fields over their lifespans, a figure that does not include savings associated with shifting from the consumption of more expensive fuels to natural gas. To this end, the Israeli Energy Ministry estimates that between 2013, when the Tamar field began supplying product to the Israel Electric Corporation, and the end of 2016, Jerusalem saved nearly \$9 billion in energy costs.

Nor does this incorporate the ancillary benefits, many of which can also be quantified. According to Israel’s Ministry of Environmental Protection, carbon dioxide emissions have decreased by 48% since the Tamar field went online five years ago. Overall, the government has saved an estimated \$2.5 billion in air pollution-related costs.

The current projections also do not factor in future discoveries, which, in Elliott’s estimation, are a near-certainty.

“If you look at the broader area, the best independent studies show that there are [3.5 trillion cubic meters] of gas in total and, to date, there has been a little less than half of that discovered. This is an emerging hydrocarbon basin and it is much like the experience we have had in other parts of the

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Friday, June 15

BEACH SHABBAT: The North Fork Reform Synagogue holds its first Beach Shabbat, June 15, 5 p.m., at Kenny's Beach, Southold. Joined by Temple Israel of Riverhead. For more information, visit www.northshorereformsynagogue.org

TEMPLE SINAI ROSLYN: Temple Sinai of Roslyn holds its Annual Barbecue, June 8, 8 p.m., at 425 Roslyn Road, Roslyn Heights. For more information, call (516) 621.6800, or visit www.mysinai.org.

ARTHRITIS: The Mid-Island Y's Community Health Chats presents "Hip and Knee Arthritis," June 15, 11:15 a.m., with Scott Belding, Senior Physical Therapist, Northwell Health, at 45 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview. For more information, call (516) 822-3535, or visit www.miyjcc.org.

HISTORY OF WINE: As part of its Lunch and Learn Series, the Westhampton Free Library will present "A History of Wine," June 15, noon, with writer Eileen Duffy, at 7 Library Avenue. For more information, call (631) 288-3335, or visit www.westhamptonlibrary.net

Saturday, June 16

MYSTICISM AND CHASSIDIM: The Chabad and Young Israel of Patchogue offers a class on "Mysticism and Chassidim," Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., at 28 Mowbray Street. For more information, call (631) 903-0174, or email Rabbi @ChabadYIP.com.

GNS YOUTH BASH: The Great Neck Synagogue holds an End Year Youth Bash, June 16, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., with various activities, including a Youth Luncheon at 1 p.m. The synagogue is located at 26 Old Mill Road. For more information, call (631) 487-6100, or visit www.gns.org.

TORAH STUDY AND SERVICES: Temple Isaiah of Great Neck holds Torah Study Saturdays, 9:30 a.m., and services 10:30 a.m. The temple is located at 1 Chelsea Place. For more information, call (516) 487-5373 or visit www.templeisaiagn.org.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: The Town of Oyster Bay Chabad holds a weekly program for children, Saturdays, 11 a.m., at 678 Woodbury Road, Woodbury. For more information, call (516) 682-0404

BUCKMINSTER FULLER: Guild Hall presents a documentary, The Love Song of R. Buckminster Fuller, June 16, 8 p.m., at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. For more information, visit www.GuildHall.org.

HE WAILERS: Members of the legendary Wailers band will perform at the Suffolk Theater, June 16, 8 p.m., at 118 East Main Street, Riverhead. For more information, visit www.suffolktheater.com.

Sunday, June 17

WOMEN'S TEHILLIM CIRCLE: The Hampton Synagogue offers a Women's



(Top Left): The 92nd Street Y hosts former Congressman—and novelist—Steve Israel June 18.

(Top Right): At The Hampton Synagogue's Shabbat services June 22-23, Cantor Netanel Hershtik commemorates the 85th anniversary Yahrzeit of Cantor Yossele Rosenblatt.

(Bottom Left): Joy Ladin of Yeshiva University, the first openly transgender employee of an Orthodox Jewish Institution and author of *Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders*, is Shabbat speaker at the Jewish Center of the Hamptons June 22-23.

(Bottom Right): The North Fork Reform Synagogue presents Journalist Marisa Fox discussing her documentary, *By a Thread*, June 24, at the Mattituck-Laurel Library

TeHillim Circle, every Sunday, 10 a.m., at the Aronowitz Library, 154 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach. For more information, call Robyn Forman at (631) 288-0534 or visit www.thehamptonsynagogue.org.

FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH: The Hampton Synagogue's Father's Day Brunch hosts Dr. Ron Robin, president of Haifa University, June 17, at 154 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach. For more information and time, call (631) 288-0534, or visit www.thehamptonsynagogue.org.

A DOSE OF TORAH: The Southampton Chabad Jewish Center holds a class, "A Dose of Torah," Sundays, 11 a.m., year-round. The Chabad is located at 214 Hill Street. For information, call (631) 287-2249 or visit southamptonjewishcenter.com.

NA'ALEH WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE: The Na'aleh Women's Ensemble presents "Spring into Summer with Jewish Music" June 10, 4 p.m., at Temple Israel of Great Neck, 108 Old Mill Road. Na'aleh sings in Hebrew, English, Ladino and Yiddish. For more information, visit www.tign.org.

LIFE DRAWING CLASS: The Parrish Art Museum offers a five-session Life Drawing Class, Mondays, June 4-July 2, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., with Linda Capello, at 279 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. For more information,

visit www.parrishart.org.

RADIO ROUNDTABLE: John Catsimadis hosts a Radio Roundtable on AM 970 radio, Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.

SOUTHAMPTON FARMERS MARKET: The Southampton Farmers Market takes place Sundays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., on the grounds of the Southampton Arts Center, 25 Jobs Lane. Runs into the fall. For more information, visit www.southamptonchanber.com. Plan Ahead

EGG ROLLS, EGG CREAM AND EMPANADAS: The Museum at Eldridge Street sponsors its Egg Rolls, Egg Creams and Empanadas Festival, June 17, noon-4 p.m. a celebration of the Lower East Side cultures of Puerto Rican, Chinese and Jewish, at 12 Eldridge Street. For more information, visit www.eldridgestreet.org.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON CHESS: East Hampton Library offers Sunday Afternoon Chess, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., for ages 10 and up. The library is located at 159 Main Street. For information, call (631) 324-0222 or visit www.easthamptonlibrary.org.

SUNDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL: The Port Washington Chabad offers Men's Sunday Night Basketball, 8:30 p.m., at 80 Shore Road. For more information, visit

www.chabadpw.org.

BROOKHAVEN AQUATIC CENTER: The Brookhaven Aquatic Center is open seven days a week with a special family swim day on Sunday, at 300 Mastic Beach Road, Mastic Beach. For more information, call (631) 231-2866.

Monday, June 18

MEDITATION MONDAYS: The Parrish Art Museum offers Meditation Mondays with Julie Sacks, Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Participants will browse the museum before it opens, then be led in meditation, focusing on the works each found meaningful. Visit parrishart.org for more information.

COME ALIVE: The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC offers "Come Alive," a social program for people with dementia, Mondays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Congregation Sons of Israel, 111 Irving Place, Woodmere. For more information and to register, call (516) 569-6733.

PRENATAL YOGA: Temple Beth-El of Great Neck offers Prenatal Yoga, Mondays, 10 a.m.-11 a.m., at 5 Old Mill Road. For more information, call (516) 487-0900 or visit www.tbegreatneck.org.

HEBREW CLASS: Congregation Tifereth Israel of Greenport offers a Hebrew Class on Mondays, 4 p.m., at 519 Fourth Street. For more information, visit www.tiferethisraelgreenport.org.

SCRABBLE CLUB: The Suffolk Y JCC offers an ongoing Scrabble Club for seniors, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.-2 p.m. Pre-registration required. For more information, call (631) 462-9800 or visit www.suffolkjcc.org.

PHILOSOPHY CLASSES: The Hampton Library offers Susan Pashman's continuing Philosophy classes Mondays, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., at 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. For more information, call (631) 537-0015 or visit www.hamptonlibrary.org.

RELIEF FOR CAREGIVERS: The Westhampton Free Library offers the Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care and Rehabilitation's program to provide relief for caregivers who need a break, while providing meaningful activities for their older adult loved one. The program takes place Monday, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., at 7 Library Avenue. For further information, call (718) 289-2102 or email R&R@parkerinstitute.org.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONDAYS: The Jewish Museum offers Archaeological Mondays, 3 p.m.-5 p.m., for ages 3-10, for simulated archaeological digs that highlight replicas from ancient to modern times in a hands on experience. The museum is located at 1109 Fifth Avenue. For more information, visit www.thejewishmuseum.org.

NUCLEAR CRISIS IN NORTH KOREA: The Rogers Memorial Library presents "Nuclear Crisis in North Korea: A History," with Michael A. Barnhart, Ph.D., June 18, 5:30 p.m., at 91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. For more info, call

(631) 283-0774, or visit www.myrml.org.

ISRAEL AND BUCKLEY @92Y: The 92nd Street Y hosts former Congressman—and novelist—Steve Israel and social critic—and novelist—Christopher Buckley, June 18, 7:30 p.m., with Thane Rosenbaum, at 1395 Lexington Avenue. For more information, visit www.92y.org.

SOPHISTICATED SINGLES: The Friedberg JCC offers "Sophisticated Singles," a discussion group for singles 55 and over, Mondays 7:45 p.m.-9:30 p.m. The JCC is located at 15 Neil Court, Oceanside. For more information, call (516) 634-4151 or email ckatz@friedbergjcc.org.

Tuesday, June 19

EXERCISE FOR SENIORS: The Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center holds an Exercise Class for Active Seniors, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Admission \$5. The center is located at 193-10 Peck Avenue, Fresh Meadows. For further information, call (718) 357-5100.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING: The Friedberg JCC offers an ongoing Knitting and Crocheting group, Tuesdays 1:15 p.m.-2:25 p.m., at the JCC, 15 Neil Court, Oceanside. For more information, call (516) 766-4343.

THE PERSONHOOD OF GOD: Temple Israel of Riverhead offers a class, "The Personhood of God," June 19, 6 p.m., at 490 Northville Turnpike. For more information, call (631) 727-3191, or visit www.templeisraelriverhead.org.

I AND THOU: Temple Israel of Riverhead holds a discussion of Martin Buber's famous work, I and Thou, June 19, 24, at 7 p.m., at 490 Northville Turnpike. For more information, call (631) 727-3191, or visit www.templeisraelriverhead.org.

TECH HELP: The Sachem Public Library offers Tech Help, Tuesdays, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., 6 p.m.-8 p.m., and Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon. Bring along your computer, tablet or phone. The library is located at 150 Hollbrook Road in Sachem. For more information and to make an appointment for help, call (631) 588-5024, ext. 232.

LIBRARY GEEKS: Library Geeks are available to assist Westhampton Free Library cardholders at the library's Inspiration Bar during the following hours: Monday and Tuesday, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-2 p.m. The library is located at 7 Library Avenue. For more info, call (631) 288-3335, ext. 4 or visit www.westhamptonlibrary.net.

FRENCH CONVERSATION GROUP: The Hampton Library offers a French Conversation Group with Cecile Graffin Smith., Tuesdays, 4 p.m.-5 p.m. The library is located at 2478 Main Street, Bridgehampton. For more information, call (631) 537-0015 or visit www.hamptonlibrary.org.

CITIZEN PREPARATION CLASS: The East Hampton Public Library offers a Citizen Preparation class, Tuesdays, 5:30

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GREAT WHITE SHARKS: The Suffolk Y JCC offers "Great White Sharks-Adult Swim Team," swim training by a USCA certified coach, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., and Thursdays, 8 p.m.-9 p.m. The Y is located at 74 Hauppauge Road, Commack. For more information, call (631) 462-9800 or visit www.suffolkjcc.org.

WEALTHY WOMAN WITHIN: Brookhaven Town offers a free workshop, Wealthy Woman Within, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., a financial goals workshop, at Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville. For more information, visit www.brookhaventown.org.

Wednesday, June 20

LAWS OF BRACHOT: Rabbi Lichter leads a class in the Laws of Brachot Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m., at the Great Neck Synagogue's Braun Youth Center. The synagogue is located at 26 Old Mill Road. For more information, visit www.gns.org.

ISRAELI DANCE: Marion & Aaron Gural JCC offers Israeli Dance, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, with Danny Uziel. The event takes place at 207 Grove Avenue, Cedarhurst. For more information, call (516) 569-6733, ext. 22.

JEWISH SENIORS CLUB: The Southampton Chabad Jewish Center's Seniors Club is held every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., with a kosher-catered lunch at the Chabad, located at 214 Hill Street. For more information, call (631) 287-2249 or visit www.southamptonjewishcenter.com.

PATHWAYS TO THE SOUL: The Chabad of the West Side presents a weekly Tanya Class for women, "Pathways to the Soul," Wednesdays, 10:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m., with Rabbi Shlomo Kugel, at a private residence. Email rk@chabadwestside.org to attend.

LOSS OF SPOUSE BEREAVEMENT GROUP: The Friedberg JCC's Loss and Healing Center offers a five-week session Bereavement Group for those who have lost a spouse, Wednesdays, June 20-July 25, 10

a.m.-11 a.m., at Congregation Ohav Shalom 145 South Merrick Avenue. It also will be held on five Thursdays, June 21-July 19, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Friedberg JCC, 15 Neil Court Oceanside. For more information, visit www.friedbergjcc.org.

SPEAK HEBREW: Sag Harbor's Temple Adas Israel offers ongoing Hebrew Conversation Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., and Advanced Hebrew every other Sunday, 3:30 p.m. The temple is located at the corner of Elizabeth Street and Atlantic Avenue. For more information, call (631) 725-0904 or visit www.templeadasisrael.org.

SPORTS CIRCLE: As part of its Friendship Circle for teens, the Chabad of Great Neck holds a Sports Circle, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at Young Israel of Great Neck, 236 Middle Neck Road. For more information, visit www.chabadgn.com.

SCHOOL BULLYING AND SAFETY: The Manetto Hill Jewish Center hosts a School Bullying and Safety Program, June 20, 7 p.m. The event is co-sponsored by the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Plainview. The center is located at 244 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview. For more information, call (516) 935-5454, or visit www.manettohilljcc.org.

BRIDGE AT SHELTER ROCK: The Shelter Rock Jewish Center offers ACBL-sanctioned bridge every Wednesday, 7 p.m., and Sunday, 12:30 p.m. The center is located at 272 Shelter Rock Road, Roslyn. For more information, call (516) 741-0802 or visit www.srjc.org.

CHESS AT MAIN: The Main Branch of the Great Neck Public Library offers "Chess on Main," Wednesday, 12:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome. The library is located at 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck. For more information, visit www.greatneck-publiclibrary.org.

Thursday, June 21

TORAH TALKS: Park East Synagogue offers Torah Talks with Rabbi Einsidler on Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. The synagogue is located at 163 East 67th Street. For more information, call (212) 737-

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WOMEN'S CHUMASH CLASS: The Great Neck Synagogue offers a Women's Chumash Class given by Rabbi Polakoff, Thursdays, 9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m. The synagogue is located at 26 Old Mill Road. For more information, call (516) 487-6100 or visit www.gns.org.

YOGA FOR WOMEN: The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC offers Yoga for Women with Miriam Abrahams, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Sessions are \$20 each. The JCC is located at 207 Grove Avenue, Cedarhurst. For more information and to register, call (516) 569-6733, ext. 222 or email rachayle@fivetownsccc.org.

AQUATIC WELLNESS AND CANCER CARE: The JCC of Manhattan offers the continuing free program, Ai Chi: Flowing Aquatic Energy Program For Women Living With Cancer, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. co-sponsored by BreastLink NY. The JCC is located at 334 Amsterdam Avenue. For more information, visit www.jccmanhattan.org.

FIVE TOWNS CHAVERIM GROUP: The Marion and Aaron Gural JCC offers a Chaverim Group Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at 207 Grove Avenue, Cedarhurst. This

program is for Holocaust survivors and includes health monitoring, group therapy, counseling and crisis intervention. For more information, call (516) 569-6733, ext. 210.

ROOF TOP BBQ: The Sutton Place Synagogue holds its "Welcome Summer Rooftop Barbecue," June 21, 6 p.m., at 225 East 51st Street. For more information, visit www.spsnyc.org.

THE LIBERATORS: The Museum of Jewish Heritage screens The Liberators: Why We Fought, June 21, 6:30 p.m., the story of the American soldiers who fought across Germany and liberated Dachau. There will be testimony from Holocaust survivor Ben Lesser, who is featured in the film. For more information, visit www.mjhnyc.org.

BOKWA FITNESS: The Shelter Rock Jewish Center holds a Bokwa Fitness class, Thursdays, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. The Center's address is 72 Shelter Rock Road, Roslyn. Bokwa is a new type of dance/exercise workout. For more information, visit www.srjc.org.

MUSEUM COMEDY NIGHT: The Jewish Museum "It Belongs In a Museum: Comedy Night," June 21, 8 p.m., with Josh Gondelman, at 1109 Fifth Avenue. For

more information, visit www.thejewish-museum.org

BROOKHAVEN TOWN FARMERS MARKET: The Brookhaven Town Farmers Market is open every Thursday, 2 p.m.- 6 p.m., at Town Hall, One Independence Hill, Farmingville. For more information, call (631) 451-TOWN, or visit www.brookhavenny.gov.

Friday, June 22

A JEWISH JOURNEY BETWEEN GENDERS: The Jewish Center of the Hamptons hosts Joy Ladin as Shabbat Speaker, June 22-23. Ladin is Gottesman Chair of English at Yeshiva University, the first openly transgender employee of an Orthodox Jewish Institution. Her memoir, Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey Between Genders, was a finalist for the Jewish Book Award. The center is located at 44 Woods Lane, East Hampton.

HERSHTIK SINGS ROSENBLATT: At The Hampton Synagogue's Shabbat services June 22-23, Cantor Netanel Hershnik commemorates the 85th anniversary Yahrzeit of Cantor Yossele Rosenblatt, accompanied by the synagogue's choir and conducted by Izchak Haimov. The synagogue is located at 154 Sunset Avenue, Westhampton Beach. For more information, call (631) 288-0534, or visit www.thehamptonsynagogue.com.

SHABBAT UNDER THE STARS: Temple Beth David offers "Celebrate Shabbat Under the Stars," with music, June 22, at 100 Hauppauge Road, Commack. For more information, call (631) 499-0915, ext. 310.

TICK BORNE DISEASES: The Westhampton Free Library presents a program on "Tick Borne Diseases," June 22, noon, with Rebecca Young, RN, BSN, a member of the Medical Advisory Panel of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Regional Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center. The library is located at 7 Library Westhampton. For more information, call (631) 288-3335, or visit www.westhamptonlibrary.net.

Saturday, June 23

SAVE THE BAY OYSTER FLING: The Moriches Bay Project's 4th Annual Save the Bay Oyster Fling takes place June 23, 7 p.m.-10 p.m., at the Westhampton Village Marine, 1 Library Avenue. For more information, visit www.moriches-bayproject.org.

CONCERT UNDER THE STARS: The Custer Institute and Observatory offers a Concert Under the Stars, June 23, 7:30 p.m., with Robert Bruey and Izzy Doroski, followed by public stargazing until midnight with the institute's many telescopes, at 1115 Main Bayview Road, Southold. For more information, visit www.custer-observatory.org.

THE PITCHFORKS: The Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center hosts the Pitchforks, Duke University's a cappella group, June 23, 8 p.m., at 76 Main Street. For more information, visit www.whb-pac.org.e

COLIN QUINN @BAY STREET: Comedian Colin Quinn, of Broadway and Netflix, comes to the Bay Street Theater June 23, 8 p.m. to present his new show, One In Every Crowd. The theater is on the Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. For more information, visit www.baystreet.org.

MINHAJ @GUILD HALL: Guild Hall hosts comedian and actor Hasan Minhaj, June 23, 8 p.m., at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. For more information, visit www.GuildHall.org.

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Limited Edition Kippot

Brazilian artist creates wearable art to aid Chabad

By CHABAD STAFF

For Romero Britto, creating art is about creating community. And when the famed Brazilian artist, whose colorful creations can be found around the

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world, partnered with Chabad-Lubavitch at Midtown Miami to create a limited edition kippah, it was an opportunity to add another brick to the growing community in his own backyard.

"My inspiration is love, people, humanity, family, togetherness, compassion, and empathy," Britto says. "It's all of these beautiful feelings that bring people together."

As a child growing up in a large family in modest circumstances in Recife, Brazil, Britto discovered his innate creativity, which allowed him to imagine a world beyond his own. The young artist began painting on anything he could get his hands on: newspapers, cardboard, or any other scraps. In the early 1980s, he headed for Paris, where he was introduced to and inspired by the works of Henri Matisse and



Photo: Daniel Arauz

It was artist Romero Britto's own idea to create limited edition kippot, every one of which he personally signed.

Pablo Picasso, before coming to the United States and joining the country's flourishing pop-art movement.

and the Museum of Modern Art in New York. Britto has become famous for creating art on unlikely

Chabad of Midtown finds itself among the organizations Britto believes share a message with his art.

Today, Britto, 54, is a world-renowned Miami fixture whose art has been exhibited in galleries and museums in more than 100 countries, including the Louvre in Paris

canvases (for example, watch dials for LVMH's Hublot watch division or a \$335,000 luxury Rolls Royce Dawn), while also using his art to bring attention to worthy causes.



Chabad supporter Dror Zadok, left, with artist Romero Britto and Rabbi Shmuel Gopin.

Now, Chabad of Midtown finds itself among the organizations Britto believes share a message with his art.

Chabad of Midtown was founded by Rabbi Shmuel and Chana Gopin in 2003, and its rising 14,000-square-foot center, expected to be finished by the end of the year, sits in the heart of Miami's spiritual and artistic renaissance. The facility is situated in the center of urban Miami at the nexus of vibrant artistic communities like Wynwood and Design District, which draw visitors from around the world. Nearby

Edgewater and Midtown Miami are among Florida's fastest growing areas with a new high rise seemingly joining the skyline monthly.

It was the artist's own idea to create the limited edition kippah, every one of which Britto personally signed. All of the proceeds from the sale of the kippahs will go straight to the construction of Chabad's new center.

"When you stop to think and care about other people, you have a feeling only humans can have, which is love," says Britto. "Whenever I try to see how our community is doing, I look especially for organizations like what the rabbi [is doing], and it's a beautiful thing, and we need more beautiful things here."

Each year in December, thousands of visitors descend on the neighborhood where the new Chabad center is being built for Miami's annual art week that includes Art Basel Miami Beach, as well as dozens of satellite fairs exhibiting the work of world-renowned artists like Banksy, Jeff Koons and Andy Warhol.

In recent years, the area has garnered worldwide acclaim for, among other things, the eye-popping artwork that fills almost every square inch of the neighborhood's wall space. The Gopins and their seven children have been an integral part of this vibrant, growing community.

"We're honored to have an artist of the importance of Mr. Britto understand our mission and vision and partner with us," says Gopin. "Together, we hope to be a source of light and inspiration for not only Miami, but the entire world."

IN MEMORIAM



Harvey Kaylie

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York mourns the passing of Harvey Kaylie, z'l, a prodigious philanthropist, humanitarian and supporter of Jewish causes and the State of Israel. We treasure his and his wife Gloria's association with JCRC-NY and particularly their involvement with the Celebrate Israel Parade, where Harvey served as Grand Marshal in 2012. May Gloria, daughters Roberta and Alicia, and eight grandchildren be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

Jean Gluck

The Jewish Community Relations Council of New York mourns the passing of Jean Gluck, z'l, wife of our dear friend Eugen Gluck. Survivors of the Holocaust, through their generosity the Glucks dedicated their lives to the rebuilding of Jewish life both in the US and especially in Israel. JCRC-NY values its relationship with the Gluck family who have done so much for so many. May Eugen, children Rosie, Barbara and Sidney, and 12 grandchildren be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.



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Colorful Mystery Solved

Exhibit explores biblical color tekhelet

By ELIANA RUDEE

A new exhibit exploring the mysterious color *tekhelet*, a vibrant blue dye mentioned 49 times in the Torah and later chosen as the central color of

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Israel's national flag, has opened at the Bible Lands Museum in Jerusalem.

For nearly 1,500 years, the source of the color *tekhelet* was a mystery, until archaeological evi-

As the dye industry declined, the origin of the color baffled many for centuries, only to be recently identified by marine biologists and Talmudic researchers who discovered the source — murex snails indigenous to the Mediterranean shores, near Haifa.

The fade-resistant pigment from a glandular secretion of murex snails was likely used in ancient times by early peoples of the Near East, applied to textiles for the biblical blue. The color mirrors the stone lapis lazuli

textiles dyed in blue and purple into luxury items identified with royalty and divinity," said Kaplan.

It is described as the pure color that made up the High Priest's robe and the thread used in his headdress, as well as the color used on *tzitzit* (tassels of the Jewish tallit, or prayer shawl) to remind the Jewish people of God and his commandments.

"The decline of the *tekhelet* dye industry [and along with it, the skill required to produce these dyes] after the Muslim con-

Zionist flag in the 19th century that *tekhelet* was a strong contender. The leaders of the Zionist movement found that *tekhelet* blue

national flag of the newly established state of Israel.

"Now not only an expression of Jewish personal devotion that sur-

The exhibit narrates the quest for the biblical blue color, "yearned for by mankind throughout generations."

stripes with a Star of David in its center perfectly expressed the identity and national aspirations of the Jewish people, and this is what was used.

Mirroring old practices, "This is how the Jews decided to identify themselves and be identified," Sterman said.

David Wolffsohn, who designed the flag for the First Zionist Congress held in Basel in 1897, wrote: "Indeed we have a flag, white and blue. This *tallit* in which we wrap ourselves in prayer — this *tallit* is our emblem."

Then, in 1948, the flag of the Zionist movement became the

vived millennia of historical transformations, but also imprinted as a modern symbol of national pride and determination on a global stage, *tekhelet* blue lives on," Kaplan stated.

Since its discovery, *tekhelet* is now seeing a revival.

According to Rabbi Tuly Weisz, Director of Israel365, "Today, for the first time in centuries, people are once again wearing *tekhelet* on their *tzitzit*. From even the smallest sea creature, we continue to see the wonders of the Bible come to life in the land of Israel."

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The color *tekhelet* is made from the glandular secretion of the murex snails found near Haifa.

dence from around the eastern Mediterranean coast was found.

The *tekhelet* exhibit at the Bible Lands Museum was launched in honor of Israel's 70th year of independence, as the power and significance of *tekhelet* emerged from Jewish memory in modern times as the inspiration for Israel's vibrant national flag.

The exhibit narrates the quest for the biblical blue color, "yearned for by mankind throughout generations."

"Its sacred meaning took root in Jewish history when the Israelites were commanded to cover the Ark of the Covenant and Tabernacle utensils with *tekhelet* dyed cloths, and to tie *tekhelet* threads to the corners of their garments as a reminder of God and his commandments," curator Yehuda Kaplan said.

(called sapphire in the Bible), imported from Afghanistan to the ancient Near East, and prized for its heavenly color of God's throne and footstool.

Archaeological evidence for the *tekhelet* industry, dating back to 15th century BCE, includes remains of crushed murex shells and potsherds bearing remains of the dye, in addition to small pieces of dyed textiles discovered in Syria and documents from the same time period mentioning the color.

Tekhelet textiles became prized commodities in the ancient world, as unique expressions of royalty and divinity.

"The large number of snails required for their production and the complex manufacturing process, together with their beauty and resistance to fading, made

quest in the 7th century CE led to the disappearance of the blue thread from the *tzitzit*," said Kaplan.

Dr. Baruch Sterman, author of *The Rarest Blue: The Remarkable Story of an Ancient Color Lost to History and Rediscovered*, also noted at a Jerusalem press conference ahead of the exhibition opening, "During Roman imperial control of the region, using *tekhelet* was made a crime of treason punishable by execution, and the knowledge of how to make it was lost for 1,200 years."

As *tallit* reverted to a prayer shawl rather than a daily garment, the shawls were decorated with blue stripes as a memento to the *tekhelet* that was once part of the *tzitzit*.

It is thus no surprise that when it came to choosing the colors of the

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carbon dioxide emissions would be more than 6,000 kilograms per hour," Wanetick writes.

Fire safety

Fighting Treetop Fire of Jerusalem is developing infrared laser technology for pruning the tops of trees to prevent the spread of active forest fires.

"Fires occurring on the tops of trees can be fifty times hotter, and move much faster, than fires on the ground," Wanetick explains.

Firefighters will be able to use FTF lasers to trim leaves from

high branches by scanning the lasers across treetops from as far away as one kilometer, including from helicopters over difficult terrains and in windy conditions.

Another Jerusalem firm, Salamandra Zone, developed a technology enabling people to use elevators to escape high-rise fires. Ordinarily, elevators are avoided in case of fire because they're not protected from flames, extreme heat, and toxic gases. Salamandra Zone's B-Air E unit, placed on top of elevator cabs, converts toxic gases into breathable air in nanoseconds.

Sensors in B-Air E determine the types, concentrations, and mix of chemicals that should be

released to convert the smoke to air, depending on which materials are burning.

The pressure of the purified, cooled air being pushed into the elevator cab prevents smoke from entering when the elevator is moving, or when its doors open. For added safety, the units contain an extra battery, pump, and sensor. Backup electricity can operate it for at least three hours.

Automotive safety

GuardKnox of Ramla has a Communication Lockdown product that prevents any app, patch or upgrade from making contact with a connected vehicle unless it is specifically sanctioned by the

automaker. The device protects vehicles from cyberattacks even when traveling in areas lacking communications signals.

"Suppose an automaker sets the upper range of a particular car's speed signal at 120 miles per hour. Separately, suppose that the activation of automatic braking requires agreement from two independent sensors. No matter which access points hackers use to try to manipulate the car's speed or braking protocols, GuardKnox blocks any instructions that are not sanctioned by the car manufacturer," Wanetick writes.

The Eyes-On system from Foresight Automotive in Ness Ziona uses stereovision cameras to

capture a range of data about objects in the path of the car that pose a potential hazard, and warns drivers visually or audibly about these objects.

Foresight has demonstrated in hundreds of tests that at medium distances of 20 to 30 meters, Eyes-On can determine the distance to the object with an accuracy of 20 to 30 centimeters. The cameras capture between 30 and 45 images per second and achieve near 100 percent accuracy beginning with the first frame.

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Genetic Research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Benvenisty's team has generated more than a dozen models for rare genetic disorders using human pluripotent stem cells, and

is now developing such models in haploid stem cells focusing on Fragile X Syndrome and Prader Willi Syndrome. NewStem is pursuing collaborations with pharmaceutical companies regarding these and other genetic diseases.

Minovia Therapeutics is developing personalized cell, off-the-

shelf therapeutic products for orphan mitochondrial diseases, using a proprietary method of isolating mitochondria. This produces most of the chemical energy needed to maintain normal cellular function from placentas or white-blood cells, and then freezing it.

Mitochondrial diseases, a group

of rare diseases caused by mutations or deletions in the mitochondrial DNA, currently can't be treated. Minovia is conducting proof-of-concept trials in a disease called Pearson Syndrome, affecting only about 100 patients worldwide. Human clinical trials are expected to begin in late 2018.

Minovia's next targets include

Kearns-Sayre Syndrome, mitochondrial encephalomyopathy, lactic acidosis, stroke-like episodes, and Leber hereditary optic neuropathy.

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BetterCare, an application that provides caregivers at nursing homes and centers precise informa-

tion and a means of monitoring their quality of care;

Vitalerter, a wireless platform that monitors heart rates and respiratory systems, providing alerts when identifying potential falls, infection, depression, anxiety, and general deterioration;

Healthy.io, a home urine-testing kit providing test results within minutes, which are then sent to the patient's physician using a smartphone camera;

and Story, a digital timeline platform designed to let senior citizens tell their life story and share it with

loved ones.

BGU President Rivka Carmi, a physician, serves as chairwoman of the board of the not-for-profit CDI Negev. Additional advisers include Dr. Gidon Sahar, director of cardiology at Soroka University Medical Center in Beersheva; and Ofir Ben-

Avi, formerly head of the e-government unit of the Israeli Prime Minister's Office.

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every possible view, even if it means sacrificing important principles, such as support for Zionism.

Irrespective of any debate about the desirability of a more even-handed approach to the conflict, the group organizing the effort by these counselors is not a trustworthy resource.

IfNotNow professes to be neutral about Zionism, the right to a Jewish state, or the BDS movement. But not having an opinion about efforts to deny Jews the same rights that left-wingers would never think of denying to others isn't being neutral; it's part of a campaign to undermine support for Israel irrespective of its policies or where its borders are drawn. While the group and its supporters keep talking about the "occupation," the problem is that we don't know exactly what they're talking about.

The people they've been so interested in saying Kaddish for —

Hamas members killed in the fighting in Gaza while assaulting Israel's border *en masse* during the so-called "March of Return" aren't confused about the meaning of the term. When they say "occupation," they're not referring to Israel's presence in the territories it occupied in a defensive war of survival in 1967. They're talking about all of Israel, including the territory inside the 1967 lines.

IfNotNow can't claim to be just a garden-variety advocate for a two-state solution. Trusting its support-

live in peace in their own homeland — or to defend themselves against the people who aim to do them harm.

To try and resist the group's efforts to impact programming at Jewish camps is not the same thing as insisting on spoon-feeding kids only one side of the very complex history of the conflict. IfNotNow's consciousness-raising about "occupation" isn't about hearing both sides; instead it's about shoving down children's throats a narrative about Jews colonizing the indige-

rebuilt the original Jewish homeland.

Yet the real problem at the heart of this controversy is the notion that Jewish kids have only been given one side of the story until now.

To the contrary, most children at Jewish schools (both day schools and those at synagogues) and camps are hardly being taught anything about Israel, or the facts about the century-old war that has been waged against Zionism and Jews. That's why most of them are hopelessly ignorant about things that their Israeli peers grow up understanding — no matter what their politics may be.

The overwhelming majority of American Jews are unprepared when faced with the sort of anti-Israel propaganda that they'll face on many college campuses. IfNotNow seeks to give them a head start on being indoctrinated in the catechism of Israel's creation as original sin and Israeli self-defense as an atrocity under just about any circumstances.

What Jewish kids need is not

propaganda, but solid and nuanced education about the conflict that enables them to know the facts and understand the arguments before making up their own minds. So rather than just push back at this effort, this should serve as a wake-up call to schools and camps that they've got to do more and do better when it comes to teaching young people about Israel.

As much as it is easy to fall for the argument that this is just a bunch of idealistic Jewish kids who want to do the right thing, letting IfNotNow get a foothold in mainstream Jewish camps is the antithesis of supporting Jewish values. Kids shouldn't be sheltered from the truth about a difficult issue. But neither should they be entrusted to people who seek to undermine support for a Jewish state — period. Parents and camp administrations need to ensure that this insidious effort to undermine rather than supplement Jewish education is stopped in its tracks.

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ers to teach kids wouldn't so much facilitate a more open discussion as it would promote a debate about whether Jews had any rights at all to

nous people of the country, rather than teaching them about Zionism being the national liberation movement of the Jewish people that

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Chancellor Gene D. Block, specifying potential criminal conduct. Page 3 of their letter specifies: "The students and outside disruptors potentially violated various provisions of the California Penal Code, including but not limited to: Section 403 — disturbance of an assembly or meeting, Section 415 — disturbing the peace, and Section 182 — criminal conspiracy to do the aforementioned." The law students cited case law and details of the disruption. They concluded, "It appears that all the required elements of a Section 403 violation are met."

The law students' letter was reviewed and then co-signed by constitutional lawyer Alyza Lewin, now COO of the Brandeis Center. The letter was delivered to Chancellor Block on official Brandeis Center letterhead.

UCLA is not eager to discuss the matter. When contacted, University spokesman Tad Tamberg repeatedly ruled out any questions. But he did state, "the off-campus people who have been identified ... have been arrested previously and are known to the police here and have been referred to the prosecutor's office." He added that a proper police investigation was, in fact, done. "You don't send something to the prosecutor's office without first investigating it," he stated.

But some three weeks after the

public promises in the *Daily Bruin*, the confirmation by the University spokesman, and the Brandeis Center letter, no investigative or referral action has yet been taken.

To initiate a criminal referral, a complaint or police report must be filed with local police — a.k.a. the UCLA campus police. Only then do they investigate. And only after any investigation will they send their case to the city attorney for a decision on prosecution. None of the students contacted said they had filed a report, with two saying they did not even know they had the right to file such a complaint. The UCLA administration has not filed a complaint.

UCLA police confirm that no investigation has taken place, and no referral to the prosecutor has been made because no one has reported a complaint. Even though UCLA police were present during the fracas and escorted the protestors out, campus police insist they cannot investigate without a formal complaint. The L.A. city prosecutor confirms that the May 17 disruption "is not one of the incidents that our office is currently evaluating for filing purposes."

The contradiction between the promise by the chancellors in the *Daily Bruin* and Tamberg's assurance that "the off-campus people have been referred to the prosecutor's office" with police and prosecutor denials could not be explained.

But then, the case took a strange

and unexplained twist. Tamberg issued a clarification. While no action has been taken on the May 17 disruption, UCLA police did forward the videotape of that event to the city prosecutor in connection with two previous unrelated cases, campus sources say.

When asked again whether the "referral" to the police and prosecutors had actually occurred, Tamberg clarified he was not referring to the May 17 SSI case, but to a separate incident on February 26 involving Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who appeared at UCLA and was briefly heckled by protestors whom police forcibly removed and arrested. After the Mnuchin incident, the protestors were served with a "stay away" order, under Title 11, Section 626.67 of the penal code which

It was not clear why UCLA students who potentially broke the law would not receive the same referral to prosecutors as outsiders.

empowers university personnel to administratively demand non-students stay off campus. Jail time is prescribed for violators.

Essentially, these are "campus bans" backed by the force of law. In this case, a banned student from the Mnuchin event returned for the March 5 appearance by former intelligence officer Chelsea Manning, convicted of espionage. One banned protestor was arrested

on sight. While taking no action on the May 17 disruption against SSI, the university is using the May 17 video to bolster prosecution efforts on the Mnuchin case.

Tamberg, in an email, confirmed that "there were no arrests, nor did anyone file a police report or complaint regarding the May 17 disruption, hence there was no police investigation. However, UCLA PD shared video of the disruption with the L.A. city attorney, who is considering filing five misdemeanor charges against individuals from off campus who disrupted Mnuchin's February 26 talk. That incident resulted in a seven-day stay away order against one of the off-campus arrestees, who was subsequently rearrested

after showing up at Manning's March 5 talk. UCLA PD sent video of the May 17 disruption to the L.A. city attorney with a request to consider the actions of May 17 in deciding whether to file charges concerning the previous incidents of Feb. 26 and March 5."

Tamberg repeatedly declined to respond to questions about why the May 17 incident was not being investigated. UCLA police refused

to answer further questions, referring all inquiries to Tamberg. From all appearances, police decisions are not being controlled solely by the police, but also by UCLA public relations. A senior UCLA police source explained, "we coordinate with them closely."

Lewin at Brandeis Center insisted, "If there is a criminal violation, it should be investigated."

While the attack against SSI has stalled, Jewish and pro-Israel organizations are increasingly turning to the criminal code in matters of extreme disruption.

When the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York staged its Celebrate Israel parade, "We had six people, each paired with a representative of the NYPD legal team," says director Noam Gilboord. "This was primarily for disruption." He also reports, "There were no major disruptions, no incidents, no arrests." But Gilboord continued, "All assaults, disruption, and violence should be reported to the proper authorities or law enforcement." Other Jewish and pro-Israel organizations echoed that sentiment.

However, in the case of the May 17 UCLA incident, no prosecution is pending because no one has reported it to the police, neither the students nor the university.

Edwin Black is the New York Times bestselling author of *IBM and the Holocaust* and *Financing the Flames*.

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world. You get the easy stuff first and then the next most difficult and finally another round. The real question is whether those [higher-order] findings are economically viable and if the conditions exist to cause companies to invest.”

For his part, Zomer related an anecdote, conveyed to him by Elliott, to paint a geological picture.

“When you take a map of Israel’s [territorial waters] and instead of viewing it from a north-south perspective, you look at it from an east-west vantage point, it looks a lot like the Gulf of Mexico. In the 1980s,” he continued, “people thought that [body of water] was running out of oil, but

because of innovation, companies were able to look for different plays.

“You can see that Israel’s offshore finds follow a similar natural progression, the shallow discoveries first and then the deep-water ones. Even the U.S. Geological Survey has talked about much more potential. There is no reason to believe that things in Israel would behave differently than elsewhere.”

In this respect, the sea’s depths have, in turn, made the sky the limit. With Israel’s state coffers being filled and regional bridges being built, the hope is for the Jewish state to increasingly become integrated into the Middle East — that one day soon Arab leaders will stand before their people and proudly hail bilateral economic cooperation with Israel.

“It is a function of being able to

build trust throughout the region, and I think governments have taken some very bold stands to overcome old animosities and anxieties in order to act in a way that is focused

seen the potential that energy can bring throughout the Middle East.”

Zomer has seen this potential actualized on the micro level first-hand, having on multiple occasions

our partners spoke in Arabic, whereas a Palestinian spoke in Hebrew.

“It’s hard not to feel hopeful when you’re in these settings,” he concluded, “but it is important to remember that the gas is not the Messiah and it will not bring peace on earth. It provides a tool for the governments and the peoples to have interactions and relationships. It does create opportunity. What we do with that opportunity is up to us.”

Felice Friedson developed *The Media Line*, an American news agency specializing in the Middle East with a strong emphasis on economic coverage from Israel and Palestine. Charles Bybezezer is a correspondent for *i24news*, an international network broadcasting for Israel

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on bringing prosperity,” Elliott stressed. “It isn’t very often that you can come into a place and bring positive change to a nation, and then to a group of nations. We’ve

visited both Amman and Cairo.

“I sit in a restaurant in these cities and you see people and they come and they talk. And when we signed a deal with the Palestinians one of

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Notice of Qualification of TWO SIGMA CHINA CORE EQUITY FUND, LP. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/29/18. Office location: NY County. LP formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/24/18. Princ. office of LP: 100 Ave. of the Americas, 16th Fl., NY, NY 10013. Duration of LP is Perpetual. SSNY designated as agent of LP upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Two Sigma Institutional Partners, LLC, Attn: Matthew B. Siano, Esq. at the princ. office of the LP. Name and addr. of each general partner are available from SSNY. DE addr. of LP: c/o Corporation Service Co., 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of LP filed with Secy. of State of the State of DE, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., Federal and Duke of York Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 6/8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 13, 2018

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Notice of Qualification of HENSEL PHELPS AMERICAN MAINTENANCE SERVICES, LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/21/18. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 12/14/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Facilities management business.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

Notice of Qualification of EV NEW LENDER HOLDINGS LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/18/18. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/17/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Venable LLP, Attn: Brian N. Gurtman, Esq., 1270 Ave. of the Americas, 24 Fl., NY, NY 10020. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

CITATION: File No.: 2015-206/A. SURROGATES COURT-QUEENS COUNTY CITATION. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. By the Grace of God, Free and Independent. To: Alexander Jonas, Christina Cline, Esq., Attorney General of the State of New York. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Sylvia Jonas, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Sylvia Jonas, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 67-38 108th Street, D44, Forest Hills, NY 11375, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Sylvia Jonas, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 5th day of July, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$9,781.98 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 9th day of May, 2018. HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate, Queens County. James Lim Becker, Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. Atty: GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. Tel. No.: (718) 459-9000, Addr.: 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200, Lake Success, New York 11042. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation

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Notice of Formation of LUO REALTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/16/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: LUO REALTY LLC, 249 72 St., Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: any lawful activity.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

Notice of Formation of FSRNY-952 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/14/18. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

Notice of Formation of CHANTICLARE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. Of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/29/2018. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: CHANTICLARE LLC, 2 Fifth Avenue, STE 7J., New York, NY 10011. Purpose: any lawful activity.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

ALETHEIA FILMS II LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/18. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 05/17/18. Office: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o RadicalMedia LLC/ATTN: Director, Legal and Business Affairs, 435 Hudson Street, Floor 6, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: THE FIX BKLYN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/8/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is Corporate Filings of New York, 90 State Street, Ste 700, Office 40, Albany, NY, 12207. Purpose/character of LLC: Any Lawful Purpose.

JW: 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 7/6, 2018

Notice of Formation of WEST REDFIELD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/10/18. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Zukerman Gore Brandeis & Crossman, LLP, Attn: Jeffrey D. Zukerman, Esq., Eleven Times Sq., NY, NY 10036. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 5/25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

Notice of Formation of YM4 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/11/18. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Mark Armenante, 3450 Washington St., San Francisco, CA 94118. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 5/25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

Notice of Formation of BSSO DEBT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/27/18. Office location: King County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 225 Broadway, 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10007. Purpose: any lawful activity.

JW: 5/25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

Notice of Qualification of Vintage 2018 Private Investments, LLC. Authority filed with NY Dept. of State on 5/2/18. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in DE on 1/17/18. NY Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to the principal business address: c/o J.P. Morgan Private Investments Inc., 270 Park Ave., 5th Fl., NY, NY 10017. DE address of LLC: 200 Bellevue Park Corporate Ctr., 200 Bellevue Pkwy., Ste. 210, Wilmington, DE 19809. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Sec. of State, Loockerman & Federal Sts., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: all lawful purposes.

JW: 5/25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2018

Notice of Formation of RUMORDOM, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/18/18. Office location: KINGS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Daniel A Ball, 1615 10th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Qualification of THE ASSEMBLAGE JOHN STREET LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/26/17. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/23/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 40 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005. DE address of LLC: 160 Greentree Dr., Ste 101, Dover, DE 19901. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 5/18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

Notice of Formation of WESTBURY INVESTORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/27/18. Office location: NY County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o Vectra Management Group-NY, Inc., 505 Park Ave., Ste. 403, NY, NY 10022. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 5/11, 18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 2018

Notice of Qualification of The Jacky Winter Group, LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on April 24, 2018. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on March 24, 2016. Princ. office of LLC: Bianca Bramham, 118 East 25th Street, Suite 10B, New York, NY 10010. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Bianca Bramham, 118 East 25th Street, Suite 10B, New York, NY 10010. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, P.O. Box 898 Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 5/18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 22, 2018

Westville HK LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 4/20/18. Office: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 111 John St, NY, NY 10038. General Purposes.

JW: 5/11, 18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 2018

Notice of Qualification of SUNNY CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC. Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/30/18. Office location: NY County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 04/27/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

JW: 5/11, 18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 2018

Notice of Formation of The Fleet NYC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/08/18. Office location: King's County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The Fleet NYC LLC, 1449 Broadway, #4F, Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of RACONTEUSE VENTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/22/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 327 Warren St. Apt. 2F, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Alexandra Phillips Consulting LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/01/2018. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Alexandra Phillips Consulting LLC, 69 President St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. Purpose: any lawful activity.

JW: 5/11, 18, 25; 6/1, 8, 15, 2018

Notice of Formation of Christina Traugott Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/12/18. Office location: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Christina Traugott, 31 Downing St., Apt. 7, New York, NY 10014. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Truth

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through while intentionally forcing women and children to become human shields so they can attack Israeli forces with explosives and firebombs.

Rioters have set fire to tires and kites, poisoning the air and using smoke as a screen behind which they can infiltrate the border, injure and kidnap a soldier, or, potentially, enter a border community.

Largely unsuccessful in their attempts to breach the border, Hamas has developed a new way to wreak havoc on Israeli communities — firebomb kites are being flown over the border that ignite and burn the fields of Israeli farmers, threatening their livelihoods and lives.

Since January, there have been more than 1,200 terror incidents, resulting from Hamas incitement including stabbings/attempted stabbings, shootings, car-ramming attacks, roadside bombs, stone-throwing, and Molotov cocktail attacks.

For all terror incidents, Hamas and the Palestinian Authority reward both the terrorists and their families with funds provided by U.S. and E.U. monies — provided, of course, by your tax dollars.

We abhor all unnecessary loss of life. At the same time, we will not accept that the death of fewer Israelis is somehow a symbol of wrongdoing when we, our soldiers, and our government continue to do everything necessary to protect citizens of Israel who live under continuous threats.

Israel went to extreme lengths to protect Gazan lives because it believes in the sanctity of all life. Fliers were dropped warning Gazans not to rush the border, not to obey Hamas.

The measures chosen by the IDF to defend the borders are highly selective, so much so that we see that almost all Gazan deaths were of actual Hamas or Islamic Jihad operatives — by the admission of the terrorist organizations themselves.

The reality is in stunning contrast to the blood libel of indiscriminate or disproportional force. The fact that the IDF is so successful in finding and eliminating the terrorists in an enormous crowd of rioters while not killing the human shields behind which they are hiding is something to be very proud of.

If children and adolescents were among those killed, they shouldn't have been there in the first place. When terrorists decide

terror as justifiable "resistance." The media and some community organizations are complicit by showing selected imagery and incidents that convey a specific message to challenge the legitimacy of Israel's actions.

Those who recite Kaddish for

made? What more do you need to ensure that you feel confident in doing so?

Have you seen the footage of Gazans who did succeed in breaching the border and what they declared they were on their way to do? Do chants for the mur-

ongoing threat to Israeli lives?

How does Israel's defensive reaction relate to our unwillingness to accept these dangers and death chants in the aftermath of the Holocaust?

The imagery used by Hamas is a clear demonstration of its ideology, flying Nazi flags to show that its goal is the destruction of Israel.

Being informed is our most important tool to fight the dangerous propaganda and bias that has persuaded so many of our own people to take a stand against Israel in defense of these terrorist efforts.

The wars we fight are forced upon us. We would prefer to live in peace with our neighbors and are perfectly willing to do so. We will not allow our borders to be breached or stand by while there are attacks on our population by missiles, fire, demonization, and incitement to murder.

As Virtual Citizens of Israel, you can feel proud to stand up and proclaim your commitment and solidarity. Facts and context are the best weapons against propaganda and lies.

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for life in peace for all the people of Israel and around the world. May Hashem bless and protect all the defenders of Israel, whether on the front lines or around the world.

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Yet, as masked terrorists swarmed Israel's border, unmasked hate and lies continue to be spread through the mainstream media. The Hamas propaganda machines have expertly shaped a worldview that accepts

terrorists but refuse to acknowledge the death of our soldiers or the trauma caused on our citizens,

or those that denounce Israel for their "mistreatment" of Gazans while ignoring the plight of other Arab groups being massacred in Syria, Yarmouk, and elsewhere, do not offer a realistic way to end the misery in Gaza or stop attacks on Israel.

ASK YOURSELF

How capable do you feel to respond to the claims being

der of Jews matter in this ongoing conflict?

Have you seen reports discussing the length of the Gaza border or the proximity of Israeli communities to the fence? What would be the consequence of 40,000 people trained to hate and instructed to murder Jews if they managed to storm the border?

Are you aware that fires are being ignited every day, that fields and orchards that provide foods for both communities have been destroyed?

Have international environmental agencies recognized the fires as a disaster? Have they considered the long-term health effects of the fires on Gazans and Israelis?

How do the pro-Palestinian and the anti-Israel campaigners, especially those that are in our own Jewish community, rationalize the

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men who were offering the incense" including Korah himself! (Numbers 16:25)

Even if Korah's quest for

"desert- Kollal sanctity" had been sincere, it did not reflect God's mission for Israel. God wants us to establish a nation-state and to take responsibility to perfect an imperfect world, with all of the challenges that entails.

This is the message of the ritual

fringes: The white strings represent the white wool of the sheep, the animalistic aspect of our lives and our world. These must be sanctified by the sky-blue color of *t'chelet*, the symbol of the divine seen by the elders at the time of the Revelation at Sinai (Exodus 24:10).

When we gaze upon the ritual fringes, we must remember our true mission: to enter history, to risk impurity by taking up the challenges of the real world, and to assume our responsibility to become a "sacred nation and kingdom of Priest-Teachers" to the world (Exodus 19:6).

Datan and Aviram had a different political agenda. They refused to attend a meeting with the greatest prophet and the most successful liberator in history, claim-

ing: "Isn't it enough that you brought us out of Egypt, a land flowing with milk and honey only to kill us off in the desert? With what right do you rule, yes rule, over us?!" (Numbers 16:13)

The Midrash identifies them with the old enemies of Moses from the beginning of the Book of Exodus, the "fighting Israelites" who questioned Moses's right to kill the Egyptian taskmaster. They never wanted to leave Egypt in the first place, but unlike Korah, the last thing they want is to remain behind in the desert. They hanker after the "flesh pots" of Egypt. They would love to assimilate into the "Big Apple." They remember the "... fish, cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic" of Egypt and they believe that this desert fiasco justifies their earlier opposition.

They are certain that if they

could only return to Egypt and forget their Biblical traditions and values; they would be accepted as Egyptians and benefit from the material advantages of the most powerful country in the world.

They too are punished by God, who causes the earth for which their materialistic spirits yearned so mightily, to swallow them up alive (Numbers 16:35). Because of their passion for physical pleasures, they never learn to look properly upon the *t'chelet* of the ritual fringes. They saw neither the royal blue of their majestic ancestry: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, passionate followers of God and lovers of the Land of Israel, nor the sapphire blue of the divine presence in the world summoning us to His service.

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amounts of sex without shame.

Yet because some of his Jewish readers were so close to the anti-Semitism that ultimately culminated in the Holocaust, they were unable to comprehend this reversal; they could only perceive the similarity between Roth's depictions and those of Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels.

While Roth could have easily ignored this censure, he engaged his detractors head-on by including their attacks in his work. Nathan Zuckerman, who appears as the narrator of many of Roth's novels, has often been described as one of Roth's alter egos.

In Roth's 1979 novel *The Ghost Writer*, Judge Wapter asks Nathan, "Can you honestly say that there is

anything in your short story that would not warm the heart of a Julius Streicher or a Joseph Goebbels?"

In *Zuckerman Unbound* (1981), Nathan, who had recently published "Carnovsky" – a fictional version of *Portnoy's Complaint* – is considered the "enemy of the

air his rage at being unjustly labeled anti-Semitic, while responding to – and, in some cases, lampooning – his detractors.

For years, Roth remained a polarizing figure in the literary world: Reviewers either loved him or hated him.

But a turning point came with

Newark, New Jersey's Jews are sent to assimilation camps in the Midwest.

With Roth explicitly exploring – and condemning – anti-Semitism in *The Plot Against America*, critics could no longer claim that Roth was lending anti-Semites a hand. The question of negative stereotyping of his Jewish characters had largely been forgotten by 2004, but this novel was Roth's most sustained focus on the deep terrors of anti-Semitism in America.

Roth was likely thrilled that, in the results of a *New York Times* poll asking "What is the best work of American fiction in the last 25 years?", six of his novels were included. In 2013, when *Vulture* asked 30 literary figures "Is Roth the greatest living American novelist?", 77 percent voted yes.

Roth lived to see his canoniza-

tion as a great American writer – a great Jewish-American writer at that – something unforeseeable in the old days when he was supposedly bad for the Jews.

Many Roth scholars, myself included, were in Newark five years ago to celebrate the author's 80th birthday. He seemed utterly hale and hearty as he read out passages from *Sabbath's Theater*, and a parade of literary stars – many of them Jewish – sang his praises and toasted his stunning prose.

As the character Sabbath reflects, "The dead were anything other than dead."

Rest in peace, Philip Roth.

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Jews." He is told that it would be "hardly possible to write of Jews with more bile and contempt and hatred."

By including the controversy in his novels, Roth was able to both

the publication of his prescient novel *The Plot Against America* in 2004. In it, he imagines a counter-history in which aviator Charles Lindbergh has become a fascist, anti-Semitic president, and

As the sky grew darker and the country transitioned from Yom Hazikaron to Yom HaAtzmaut (Israel Independence Day), I looked out over the Old City, and the feeling of sadness from what we have lost started to give way to joy for what we have gained.

As we walked through the streets of the city that night, we danced and sang with everyone around us, friends and strangers, there were no differences — we were as one. As I experienced this transition, I thought about how the succession of these two holidays represents who we are as a people and why I chose to be standing there in uniform.

In the history of the Jewish people, we have suffered many atrocities and defeats, but we have always picked ourselves up and come back stronger. As a people, when we fall down, we always get back up again, and the way we do

that successfully is when we do it together.

Unity is the strongest weapon the Jewish people have; that is our super power. On Yom Hazikaron and Yom HaAtzmaut, I was able to see this super power activated so clearly, as everyone across the country set aside their differences and came together in sorrow and transitioned together into pure joy.

Although my mission on Har Herzl was not one that involved patrols or checkpoints, it was definitely my most meaningful and important mission yet because I took part in activating the super power of our nation as we stood together in unity.

Zach Herschfus, of Southfield, Michigan, is a Lone Soldier serving in the Paratroopers unit of the Israel Defense Forces

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assumed was Raphael Mordechai's father. I put my hand on his shoulder, and when he turned around, he looked at me and immediately gave me a hug. I introduced myself as the representative from the Paratroopers Unit, and he began to cry and grabbed me once again and gave me a hug and a kiss.

He proceeded to introduce me to the rest of the family including his grandson, Rafi, who is named in memory of his brave uncle. I talked with the family for the next hour as they warmly welcomed me as part of their group. I listened to their stories about life "back in the day," and the struggles and sacrifices they have endured and what they have given

up for Israel to be where it is today.

As the ceremony was getting ready to start, I assumed my stance in *amod dom* (at attention). At 11 a.m., as the siren started to wail, although there were thousands of people standing crowded together in that cemetery, there was just pure silence. It was deafening!

I felt Raphael Mordechai's father grab my hand and squeeze it, and I heard him start to cry again. I realized tears were streaming down my face as well; and in that powerful moment, I understood the meaning of that day's mission. This mission was not about guns and grenades; rather, it was about our people's most powerful weapon — unity.

I stood there thinking about how this man, who was a total stranger to me just an hour ago, had chosen to hold my hand at

this moment. How together, as one, we were sharing the pain of loss and at the same time the pride in what Raphael Mordechai had given for the country — knowing that we have what we have today because of soldiers like him and all the other soldiers who lay in their graves surrounding him.

I realized that I, in fact, did belong there with him, because I am able to stand beside him proudly wearing my IDF uniform, donning the red paratroopers' beret on my head, representing to him that the dream of Israel lives on, and his son did not die in vain.

Later that evening, I sat with friends on the rooftop of Yeshivat Orayta, where I had studied before I drafted. The yeshivah is located in the Old City of Jerusalem and from the rooftop there is a magnificent view of the Old City and the Western Wall.

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Sunday, June 24

MULAD CONCERT: The Flushing-Fresh Meadows Jewish Center hosts a concert by violinist Albert Mulad, June 24, 2 p.m., at 193-10 Peck Avenue, Fresh Meadows. For further information, call 718) 357-5100

BY A THREAD: The North Fork Reform Synagogue presents Journalist Marisa Fox discussing her documentary, *By a Thread*, June 24, 2 p.m. discovered her mother had a hidden identity nearly 20 years after she died. This led her to unravel a cover-up involving tens of thousands of Jewish girls from Upper Silesia trafficked as Nazi slaves and subjected to sexual abuse. At the Mattituck-Laurel Library, 13900 Main Road, Mattituck. For more information, visit www.northforkreformsynagogue.org.

CANVAS PAINT NIGHT: The Town of Oyster Bay Chabad Women's Circle sponsors a Canvas Paint Night, June 24, 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at 678 Woodbury Road, Woodbury. For RSVP rochelleah@jewish-tob.org.

Plan Ahead

FROST/NIXON: Opening night for the Bay Street Theater's *Frost/Nixon*, is June 26, 7 p.m., a new play by Peter Morgan, about the famous David Frost interviews with Richard Nixon. Runs through July 22. The theater is on the Long Wharf, Sag Harbor. For more information, visit www.BayStreet.org.

MEET AN ASTRONAUT: The Montauk Observatory sponsors an appearance at Guild Hall by astronaut Randy Bresnik, June 27, 7 p.m., whose talk, "Space

Exploration," will discuss what it's like to live and work in space on the International Space Station. Guild Hall is located at 158 Main Street, East Hampton. For more information visit www.Montauk-Observatory.org.

TEMPLE ADAS MOVIE NIGHTS: Temple Adas Israel of Sag Harbor screens *Noodle*, June 27, 7 p.m., the award-winning Israeli comic drama, as part of its Movie Nights Series, at Atlantic Avenue and Elizabeth Street. For more information, call (631) 725-0904, or visit www.templeadasisreal.org.

BERNHARD @GUILD HALL: Comedian Sandra Bernhard brings her "Sandramonium" show to Guild Hall, June 30, 8 p.m., at 156 Main Street, East Hampton. For more information, visit

www.GuildHall.org.

CHABAD BBQ: The Chabad of the Hamptons holds a Backyard Barbecue, July 5, 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., at 13 Woods Lane, East Hampton. For more information, call (631) 329-5800, or visit www.chabadofthehamptons.com.

BNAI GAME DAY: Bnai Zion Foundation hosts a Game Day, at Citifield, as the Mets play the Tampa Bay Rays, July 8, 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.bnaizion.org.

All listings for the Community Calendar and Singles Connection must be received at least three weeks before the event. Send e-mail listings for Community Calendar to liju.calendar@gmail.com. Send Single listings liju.singles@gmail.com.



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