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By Cnaan Liphshiz

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The Chanukah story that Jews need to learn

By Steven Burg

(1911—Many of us know the themes of the Chanukah story, the miracle of the oil, the cleansing of the Temple, the victory over the Greeks. What is less well known, and a very important theme, is that there is much more to the Chanukah story that is at the heart of why we celebrate the holiday and spread its message.

Looking at the story of Chanukah, which happened in the second century BCE, we know that many of the Jews of that era were assimilated. They wanted it all; they identified as Jews but didn’t want to identify as a political entity. They were studying Torah. Some were culturally Jewish — until that, too, was banned. They, like so many others, had sacrificed themselves “Jews of a different religion.”

These Jews, known as Hellenists, emulated everything Greek culture. It was impossible to be accepted in the halls of commerce and power, they thought that they had to dissociate themselves from their Jewish brethren. Core Jewish values of justice and morality got in the way of the self-preserving and decadent mores of the conquering Greek culture.

But the non-Jewish ruling governing states of that time converted the Jews into a people who became reluctantly uncomfortable for observant Jews. Forced to do away with Jewish rituals, investors in trade, rulers and other prominent web sites. He can be reached at firstpersonisrael@gmail.com.

While I am sure that many of the young, misguided activists involved believe that they are innovative and trailblazing, they could sit down with the thousands of Jews that the Hellenists had to fight for hundreds of years ago and hear the power of their hindsight. They might write their heart upon learning that the issues of today are not so different from the past. And if it was for the sake of what translates into destructive anti-semitism on this systemic level is more than frightening, it is because we have to face the fact for this lack of understanding and the need
doing an unprecedented move. Russia, which occupies part of the Gaza Strip, is about or why it should be a source of pride. And, the self-loathing as a Jew to ignore the lack of Jewish literacy and the growing anti-Semitism coming at us, even to our own communities. But it is not too late for those who will come next. And when they turn to us and ask who are you? As we struggle to create space for each other, who will answer?

As we come to the end of Chanukah, we have to wake up and deal with the situation as the emergency that it is. We must connect the attacks on Jews to those on Israel. We have to be on guard against the anti-Semitism of annoying the U.S. Department of State. As a Jew, I have the power to bring change. But we are also failing ourselves as Jews. When we are fighting for justice, we have to be accepted.

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By Melanie Phillips

(JNS) — The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Pope, Francis, got themselves into an unfortu-
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"It will be libelous for Jesuits who failed to take the necessary action to halt clima-
testature would have been viewed in an even more light than those who had ignored the rise of Nazi Germany in the 1930s. He was asked whether that means the U.S. coasting toward climate change would be worse than allowing genocide to happen.

"It will be a genocide on an infinitely greater scale. I'm not sure there's a genocide in the world, but there will be genocide in the world. It will be by negligence, recklessness, that will in the end come back to us or our children and grandchildren."

Hit by an outcry that his comparison was outrageous, and diminished the genocide of the Jews, the archbishop backtracked and made a full-fledged apology.

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“Thanksgiving” by Yoni Glat

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8 tipsy nights: A beer drinker’s guide to Chanukah

By Chad Brodsky

In most Jewish holidays, wine gets the spotlight. Chanukah is not one of those holidays! When it comes to Chanukah, it’s all about the fried foods like latkes and jelly donuts. Sure, wine enthusiasts might say “I can pair latkes with Champagne," but can they really? As a certified cicerone, the beer version of a wine sommelier, all I need and with my oily golden potato pancakes is a crisp Vienna Lager, Hazy Pale Ale, or to crack open any of the beers in my Hoppy Chanukah Craft Beer—a day Box from Brewvana. What I really love about this box is that every beer includes a nightly invitation to a virtual tasting to meet the Jews behind the brew!

And this brings up the question, is beer kosher? Why yes, beer is kosher!... hypothetically speaking, but it’s a bit more nuanced.

Drinking to meet the Jews behind the brew is a costly process. Unfortunately not. While most beer is brewed with traditional, domesticated brewer’s yeasts, some brewers will go the funky route and incorporate partially domesticated or wild yeasts and naturally occurring bacteria to create tart flavors. As such, you’ll find them in wild ales, IPAs. In the brewing process. If you are trying to play it safe, you should be called the festive of (F)lights. Next time you’ll find them in wild ales, IPAs. In the brewing process. If you are trying to play it safe, you should be called the festive of (F)lights. Next time you’ll find them in wild ales, IPAs.

If you want to guarantee that your beer is kosher, you’ll want to look for a kosher certification. Not many American breweries can claim this distinction, but those that do include at least one kosher beer, Samuel Adams Beer Co (MA) Schmaltz Brewing (He’Brew Line) (NY) Leikam Brewing (OR) Seven Sons Brewing (NJ) Brooklyn Brewery (NY) Lakefront Brewery (WI) Anchor Brewing (CA) Oskar Blues (CO) Omaggio Brewing (NY) Shmaltz Beer (CAN)

Another way to ensure your beer has no additives is to brew it yourself. Yes, there are kits out there that use certified kosher ingredients (Beer Making kits make a great Chanukah gift). Brewvana.com offers an IPA and Brown ale recipe whose ingredients are either pareve or certified kosher. Their kits are great because they include a live online class where an experienced homebrewer brews alongside you, taking first-time brewers step by step through the brewing process over Zoom.

To conclude, Chanukah should be called the festi of (F)lights. Next time. Bubbe serves you some of her famous latkes, offer her a Czech lager to complement that fried goodness. If she likes it, maybe get her the Hoppy Chanukah Beer Box I mentioned earlier. Brewvana did the work for us and while the box itself is not certified kosher, you’ll find 8 amazing beers + other surprises from breweries across the country, some certified kosher and the rest brewed adhering to Reinhethsbot. This is a Paid Post from Brewvana, the premier online retailer and community for home-brew classes, equipment and beer boxes. This is a paid post. JFS's editorial team had no role in its production.

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Hidden Veggie Latkes

Ingredients
1 large russet potato, peeled
1 large zucchini, peeled
1/2 head of cauliflower
1/2 yellow onion
1 clove of garlic, finely minced
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
2 large eggs
1 teaspoon kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
Vegetable oil for frying

Preparation:
Grate together potato, zucchini, cauliflower, and onion. Use a food processor to make this step faster.
Wrap the vegetable mixture in a cheesecloth or a lightweight kitchen towel and squeeze out as much liquid as possible.
In a large bowl, combine vegetables with garlic, flour, baking powder, eggs, salt, and pepper.

In a frying pan heat 1/2 inch of oil on medium-high. Carefully drop a heaping tablespoon of latke mixture into oil.
Fry for roughly 2 minutes, then flip and fry the other side.
Transfer each latke to a paper towel-lined platter.
Serve while warm.

Credit: PJ Library- Visit https://pjlibrary.org/hanukkah for more free, creative recipes, activities, podcasts and more.

By Shannon Sarna

Latkes are far more popular during Hanukkah than donuts here in the U.S. While you can find latkes in the freezer section of almost every major supermarket, good quality sufganiyot are much harder to come by, and lots of people I know have a fear of using yeast to make dough like donut dough.

But there is an easier way to make sufganiyot, and it comes in a can: biscuit dough. What can these doughy babies not do?
Using canned biscuits, you can either make full-sized sufganiyot, or smaller, donut hole-sized bites. Make sure to let them cool before filling, or your jam or pudding will run right out of the hot donuts. I prefer to dust with powdered sugar, but you could also top them with cinnamon sugar if you prefer.

Note: You will need a wooden skewer and a piping bag for this recipe.

Ingredients
1 package refrigerated biscuit dough
vegetable oil, for frying
tart filling: jam, prepared pudding, Nutella, or other filling
powdered sugar

Directions
1. Heat around 3 inches of oil in a large, deep pan over medium-high heat (oil should be 350 degrees F). To see if the oil is hot enough, use a thermometer or place a wooden skewer into the oil. If small bubbles appear, it’s ready for frying.
2. Remove biscuits from the can. To make small donuts, cut into rounds using a soda cap or other small circular device. Or, you can fry the biscuits as is.
3. Drop the small donuts in 5-6 at a time; for full biscuits, 2-3 at a time. Fry for 1-2 minutes on each side, until just golden brown.
4. Using a spider or slotted spoon, remove from oil and place on a wire rack. Allow to cool completely.
5. Stick a wooden skewer into one side of each donut and create space inside by wiggling it around gently.
6. Fill a piping bag with your filling of choice and gently insert into the hole. Gently squeeze filling into each donut.
7. Dust with powdered sugar.
**Scene Around**

By Gloria Yousha — Call 407-657-9405 or gloriayousha@gmail.com

**Daniel Reyes**

Who knew? Of course I did ...

First of all, author Daniel Reyes (born Daniel Korzen- stadt) was the father of four sons. He was a boxing star for many years. And he did, Pop, you'd never believe it."

"Nope, but if I told it to you the way I knew (but see the family did) that was my favorite story. My dear beloved dad, William (Bill), sang "Dearly Beloved." It would be both a fun gathering and an educational way) other people living here who have been here a few years longer, just as long or at least over 60 years. Well, with the help of the Jewish Community News (the readership of the 'HERITAGE-Florida Jewish News.') I recently received this letter from our LAU- RANCE MORRELL.

"One for the road …"

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WHEN UNESCO Partnership with Facebook ...

The World Jewish Congress (IUNESCO) Partnership with Facebook expands Holocaust Education in 12 Languages.

I read this in the WJC di- gital newsletter. This has come to me from around the world (I love the suggestion! Oh but wait … I can’t attend!)

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Directing users to this reliable source is the social media company’s latest effort to combat antisemitism and Holocaust denial on its platform. It follows Facebook’s announcement of its Holocaust memorial, which contains a link to remove content related to Holocaust denial and anti-Semitism.

"Holocaust denial, Holocaust distortion, and the spread- ing of conspiracy myths about the Holocaust have become more prevalent in the last two years in anti-Semitic and anti-Semitic hatred on the part of white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and other extreme forces," said WJC President Ambassador BONNIE S. LAUDER. "Learning the facts of the Holocaust is crucial to combating all those who deliberately desecrate the memory of the millions who were murdered by Nazi Germany and its multinational accomplices in order to promote their reprehensible agenda. The Holocaust is the ultimate example of what can happen when hatred and malicious lies rooted in deliberate misinformation are allowed to thrive.

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"I recently celebrated my 79th birthday! So nu, what’s the big deal you ask. Well, that means I have lived in Orlando for 58 years!” (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony.) Barbra went to a rival Brooklyn school (formerly Eramus Hall) and I attended rival (Tilden High School.) Barbara is the winner of the EGOT (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, Tony.) Very few people have achieved this! I am so very proud of my fellow Bruin!

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Chabad can be a great time for simple and fun family art projects. There is a custom of each member of the family to make their own decorating. This year, why not make your own? You can buy lots of small votive candles (shahrit candles are an expensive way to do this) and decorate the glass with a collage of colorful pieces of tissue paper. When the votives are lit, light shines through the tissue paper like stained glass. This is a great hanukkiyah for the Friday night of the holiday, when the candles are supposed to burn for at least two hours— as long as Shabbat candles burn. No matter what kind of hanukkiyah you use, try to place it in as visible a spot as possible to fulfill the mitzvah of “pursures nisim” (publicizing the miracle).

And don’t forget the decorations. Judaica stores sell lots of colorful Chanukah decorations that make the home feel more festive and inviting. You may want to choose your own theme. I know one family that decorates their whole home with pictures of historical Jewish holiday objects, which symbolizes the continuity of Judaism— definitely a theme of the holiday.

Make each night special! One of the wonderful things about Chanukah is the eight days of giving each night a special theme can increase the excitement and take some of the attention away from presents. Themes might include “Festival of Lights,” “Chanukah Night,” “Snowflake Night,” “Partying Like it’s the 1980s,” “Presents Night.” I know a family that eats a different kind of latke (potato pancakes) for dinner each night. Apples, cauliflower or even meat is a delicious latke topping.

Snowflakes could be a wonderful seasonal Chanukah symbol, as no two are alike. You can even make Chanukah snowflakes from colorful paper and use them to decorate the house. And if Chanukah happens to fall on a snow day, take a walk outside and record the white Chanukah snowflakes that fall on your hand and try to see the differences between them.

Have a joyful and meaningful Chanukah!
This forgotten Chanukah heroine deserves all the love

By Steph Black

(Alma via JTA) – Chanukah season means_latkes, monograms and retelling of the classic story about Judah and the Maccabees. But there’s a woman from a few hundred years before Judah was around who is just as important to this story. This Chanukah, let’s bring this forgotten biblical badass back into the spotlight.

She’s not mentioned in the Tovab. Her earliest known stories aren’t even in Hebrew; they’re in Greek. And she’s on the fringes of medieval texts, at best. And though her story is interwoven with quite a few fictional elements, the story of Judith is too important to be left out of the telling.

Judith is a story that starts in Jerusalem centuries before Judah’s story is recounted and celebrated today. This story was once told alongside the more well-known story of Judah and the Maccabees each Chanukah. Both Judah and Judith’s names come from the same root and both stories are about military victories that seemed impossible. But mostly, only Judith’s story is recounted and celebrated today.

Her story is gruesome. She surprises her beauty, Holofernes asks, “Where do you come from and where do you wish to go?” Judith responds, “I have heard of your wisdom and skill, and since Israel has sinned, I know that you will conquer the city and take possession of it, so I came to save myself and my father’s household when you take the city.” She promises to help Holofernes conquer the city from the inside, and he invites her into his tent intending to seduce her. She follows him. Inside, Holofernes indulges in a feast and drinks more than he ever has in celebration of his near victory, with his guards to put his head

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Recently Zoe Chepenik, a high school student, decided to make over 100 decorated and filled candy jars to share with seniors. She also wrote beautiful cards which said, “Hi! My name is Zoe. I hope you enjoy these. I am an upcoming senior at Winter Park High School. I was thinking about you and bow I could make your day better. I hope this card finds you well. Have a great day, Zoe.”

With passionate caring, young leaders like Zoe in our community, we can rest assured that our future is bright at the Jewish Pavilion,” said Nancy Ludin, CEO.
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Fun ways to incorporate Jewish values into your family’s Chanukah

By Sheryl Haft

For Jewish children, the ex-
citement of Chanukah is often connected to the promise of receiving gifts — usually one for each of the eight nights. For parents, however, the gift-buying and gift-giving can start to feel like a long-running episode of the Home Shopping Network, leaving some of us to wonder, “What messages are we imparting to our children during this time of year?”

While our daughters were getting Chanukah presents and I wasn’t passed to consider the values we wished to encourage during this most popular of “quality family time” as a main goal, we tried a new approach named and categorized each of the eight nights — one night was game night, in which the game board or card game would be gifted and then played together. Another was book night, then puzzle night and on. This provided added meaning and welcomed space for us, gift-givers and helped set our kids on the path for the season.

My kids are grown now, but I’ve recently had Chanukah on the brain, and not just because it’s merely a few weeks away. As I was writ-
ing this essay, “Goodnight Bubbala,” I visited Pamela Schwartz, the author and editor who has written and categorized each of the eight nights of Chanukah, could be taught through games and activities. (Also, you can read my story, “The Book of Earth Tales,” released in 2021.)

One night of Chanukah, make a plan to visit a person who is not well. Bringing groceries and conversation will lift that person’s spirits. Goodwill, if illness may have been ill and how the care of others helped them feel better. So how do you know who might be sick, or old, or lonely? What might make a child feel grounded, grateful, and happy.

A frm that the game of the Jewish tradition of finding lit candles in each day is very special. When you think of Chanukah, what comes to mind? A dreidel, made of pewter and lead, and intricately designed dreidels, made of pewter and lead, and intricately designed...
Polish soccer referee sends antisemitic rant to group fighting anti-Semitism

By Cnaan Liphshiz

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“Deaths are not a choice
Good Chanukah shows and movies for kids are hard to find — but these few were worth the search

By Jay Deitcher

(OTAI) — “Arthur’s Perfect Christmas,” the 2000 TV movie, begins with Arthur sitting at the piano in his jammies singing about how this Christmas is going to be magical — the best one yet.

But it’s the B plot about Francine that speaks to a legitimate Jewish experience — truer than any current kids’ Chanukah specials on TV. Francine’s best friend, Muffy, refuses to accept that Francine can’t attend her Christmas party. Francine tells Muffy 28 times, literally 28 times, that it’s on the same night as her family’s Chanukah party, but Muffy ignores her, buying her a Christmas gift.

Muffy storms from her party to scream at Francine through the phone. “But you can see your family any old day,” she says. “Besides, it’s not like Chanukah is as important as Christmas.”

Before my kids were born, I shrugged when people commented about how suffocating Christmas was. I thought they should just get over it. We live in a Christian world.

This year, I realized the influence that television would wield over holidays when my 2 1/2-year-old son Avishai became obsessed with costumes because Mickey Mouse loves Halloween. Suddenly I realized Christmas was racing toward us with a b.o. arrival.

The problem isn’t the lack of Chanukah programming — it’s the programming itself. Chanukah specials feature guest characters educating the stars and non-Jewish audience about menorahs and dreidels. Christmas specials feature stars getting presents and chilling with Santa and reindeer.

Avishai’s favorite channel is Disney Junior. Three of the past four years, the main show to tackle Chanukah has been “Puppy Dog Pals,” which juxtaposed segments of Christmas jolliness and Chanukah. Last year, on Christmas segments, Bingo and Rolly set out on adventures with elves. The stories never explain why gold shoots out the back of sleighs. Everything just is, so it’s straight into the fun: making and searching for bulbs. Meanwhile, on their first Chanukah segment, “The Latke Ruffle,” the pups hunt for eggs and potatoes for latkes, which they find out are “those potato pancakes a special Chanukah food.”

Their Jewish neighbors appear only to explain everything to them. They are barely characters, so you have no reason to invest in them.

On the second “Puppy Dog Pals” Chanukah half-hour, “Elena of Avalor” did slightly better. In “Elena’s Dilemma,” the pups search for a dreidel, which they learn to spin. They play with during the holiday of Chanukah. The episode’s segment, “Nine Lights Tonight,” is about the pups being called upon by Mrs. Claus — yes, that Mrs. Claus — to save Chanukah. You see, Mrs. Claus has a best friend named Miriam, who we barely meet, and she needs bulbs for her hanukkahah. The pups team with Randy, the reindeer in training, searching for bulbs in a flying sled.

Elsewhere in the Disney Junior universe, last year, “Elena of Avalor” did slightly better with its episode “FestIVAL of Lights.” Unlike “Puppy Dog Pals,” the Elena episode portrays Chanukah as cool, featuring delicious food and tons of gold stuff. Plus, Princess Rebecca of Galonia has an amazing hairdo that second only to a crown.

The episode introduces the royal family of Galonia, who hal the plot to teach Elena and her family about menorahs and gelt. These are all Latin American characters, but the episode shows only a couple cultural similarities. Instead, the Galonians act as tour guides through the foreign Jewish world. There’s an emphasis on the Galonians’ culture, with Elena and her family confused by their weird Yiddish words. While it’s true that many Latin American Jews are Ashkenazi, the constant definitions emphasized the culture gap between the Galonians and Avalorans.

To find decent Chanukah programming you need to search. So my family is making our own playlist, watching Jewish characters worth investing in. They may feel alien within the greater culture, but they aren’t portrayed as aliens. They don’t lecture because they are also figurative things out. Each episode is an adventure my kids love. It’s not available on current channels, so your kids’ non-Jewish friends won’t be in tune with it. Good programming features Jewish protagonists. It isn’t aimed at non-Jewish audiences. It portrays Jewish life, unencoded.

The best blueprint is “Rugrats Chanukah,” which debuted in 1996. It features the Rugrats crew finding the “meares” of Chanukah at the Pickles’ family temple. The temple’s Chanukah party resembles every temple Chanukah party I’ve attended, with multiple activity tables and a play starring people named Boris and Shlomo.
Andrew Zimmern’s perfect potato latkes

By Andrew Zimmern

These potato latkes are so good that posting the recipe alone is a mitzvah of the highest order. The Festival of Lights refers to a lamp in the temple that was supposed to have enough oil to last one night, but instead lasted for eight. The holiday celebrates the miracle of the oil, so fried foods are often featured at Hanukkah feasts. Problem is, most foods are awful. Luckily for you, these are amazing.

Ingredients
1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch chunks
Sea salt
2 pounds baking potatoes
1 large onion, finely diced
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 cup matzah meal
1/2 tsp freshly ground white pepper
2 cups grated potatoes
Directions
1. In a medium saucepan, cover the Yukon Gold potatoes with cool water, season generously with salt, and bring to a boil. Cook the potatoes until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain well and immediately pass the potatoes through a ricer into a large bowl.
2. Working quickly, peel and grate the baking potatoes on the large holes of a box grater into a medium bowl. Press with a clean kitchen towel to remove excess moisture. Add half of the grated potatoes to the riced potatoes.
3. Transfer the remaining grated potatoes to the bowl of a food processor. Add the onion and pulse until the potatoes and onions are very finely chopped. Transfer to a fine-mesh sieve and press with the back of a spoon to extract as much liquid as possible. Add the potato-onion mixture to the large bowl. Stir in the eggs, matzah meal, white pepper, and 2 tsp of salt. Add the grated potatoes to the riced potatoes.
4. In a large, heavy skillet, heat 1/4 inch of oil until shimmering. Working in 3 batches, spoon 1/4 cup of the potato mixture into the oil for each latke; press slightly to flatten. Fry on one side, about 7 minutes. Drain the latkes on a paper towel-lined baking sheet and sprinkle lightly with salt. Serve with applesauce, crème fraîche, smoked salmon, salmon roe, and dill.

Perfect Christmas

The self-proclaimed “Princess of Christmas” Muffy received 37 gifts, but has no one to brag to because she and Francine are no longer friends. Muffy realizes it’s all her fault. On Christmas Day, her family appears at Francine’s door bearing ham, which Francine’s dad dubiously accepts, saying “uh, thanks.” “I’m sorry I didn’t listen to you,” Muffy says, followed by the buts. “Come with me,” Francine says, grabbing her friend by her wrist and pulling her to a menorah that her great-grandmother brought from Poland. She explains that once a year her family gathers for a Redneck, lighting the candles and placing the menorah in the window for the world to see. “Do you understand why that’s really important to me?” Francine asks her friend. Muffy pauses and blinks. “I’m sorry. I should have listened to you,” she says and puts her hand on Francine’s shoulder. The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the views of JTA or its parent company, 70 Faces Media.
**Why the global supply chain is broken and how to fix it**

By Abigail Klein Leichman

-Israel21c—Eytan Buchman calls it a “shipstorm.”

Speaking from the Israeli headquarters of Freightos, the COO of the maritime company Windward.

This is a problem of gargantuan proportions, with some $14 trillion worth of goods shipped annually across the globe. About 90 percent, by volume, travels aboard container ships.

We asked freight industry experts to explain the crisis and how Israeli technology can help.

Crazy logistical challenges

The ship began hitting the fan, so to speak, when the novel SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus spread in countries involved in considerable merchandise originations. Eytan Buchman, COO of Freightos, photo courtesy of Freightos.

In January and February 2020, the freight industry started to be impacted as we saw a drop in manufacturing and export from southeast Asia, said Buchman.

“The biggest initial impact was on air cargo because there was less space and more demand. Half of air cargo travels on passenger planes and nobody was flying, but the need for medical gear and increased ecommerce spiked demand,” he explained.

“Costs for air cargo increased 400 percent within weeks, and airlines had crazy logistical challenges because of quarantine requirements for crews,”

By summer, ocean cargo was in crisis mode due to “a massive shift from consumption of services to consumption of goods during lockdowns. Everyone was spending more on actual products, and more imports were needed,” said Buchman.

“Home Depot shelved out for the first time in over a decade. People were going into their basements and building shelves. Smaller companies have shifted sourcing. But everyone’s getting hit.”

Accidents, Illness

Accidents, like the container ship stuck in the Suez Canal, and Covid-caused personnel shortages and port closings, led to unprecedented bottleneck issues.

As a result, “If you used to take 35 days for items from a warehouse in China to reach the US, now it takes 71 days. It used to cost $1,800 to ship a 40-foot container from China to the US, now it costs $22,000,” Buchman told ISRAEL21C.

Importers and consumers are willing to pay double or triple to make sure their merchandise arrives on time, said Nir Gartzman, co-founder and managing partner of Israeli maritime-focused venture capital firm theDOCK.

“The one industry that benefits most is shippers, with a huge peak of demand and willingness to pay,” said Gartzman.

The 10 biggest shipping companies got tens of billions in net revenues this past year, more than their entire revenue for the past two decades. This is insane.”

The long-term solution, Gartzman added, “is more capacity and more containers, which is already happening. But it will take two or three years to build these vessels.”

Meanwhile, innovations from Israeli startups are helping to connect the global shipping industry, when there are delays dependent on the supply chain, when there are delays dependent on the supply chain, when there are delays dependent on the supply chain, when there are delays dependent on the supply chain, when there are delays dependent on the supply chain.

Travel agents for freight

Seven-year-old Freightos, one of the largest freight marketplace in the world, has pioneered the digitization for freight forwarders — the “travel agents” of freight.

Then, Freightos began connecting freight forwarders directly to importers and exporters for price comparisons, bookings and shipping management.

The pandemic “woke up customers to the urgency for digitization and digitization that was already happening,” said Buchman.

Now, he said: “We’ve built a global freight booking marketplace connecting all players in the international freight industry,” including up to 200 suppliers, such as giants like IKEA to individuals selling on Amazon from their basements, airlines, ocean liners and trucking companies.

“While airline passenger seats have been digitized for decades, there’s no digitization on the same plane for cargo space. Airlines sell 85 percent of passenger seats while cargo holds are half empty,” said Buchman.

Through Windward, which Freightos acquired five years ago, the company also helps airlines manage and sell their space in real time. “You can cover the price for importers and improve revenue for airlines if you can improve space utilization in the hold.”

Data helps avoid bottlenecks, accidents

Gartzman says streamlining the shipping process “reduced administrative burden and data sharing between stakeholders that didn’t collaborate in the past — such as shipping companies, freight forwarders and ports — about which container should go where, when.”

Some solutions target specific challenges.

One of theDOCK’s portfolio companies, DockTech, uses a blockchain-backed digital shipping platform to provide an electronic alternative to printed documents such as bills of lading.

The platform has been adopted by Israel’s ZIM Lines, Germany’s Hapag Lloyd and Ocean Network Express (ONE) of Japan to shorten documentation issuance times, streamline cargo release and reduce administrative costs.

Another portfolio company, DockFech, enables real-time dynamic mapping of depth of water and shallow water to avoid grounding accidents such as happened to the Ever Given in the Suez Canal.

“Today, with applications like DockFech, you can use ships’ sensors to steer your vessels in shallow water to avoid groundings,” said Daniel. "Today, with applications like DockFech, you can use ships’ sensors to steer your vessels in shallow water to avoid groundings,” said Daniel.

Happy Chanukah!

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"We leverage and harness the innovative, vibrant ecosystem of Israel to address all challenges in the global supply chain, help the global market, and do good for all the founders and employees.”

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The real Jewish story behind the Will Ferrell-Paul Rudd series "The Shrink Next Door"

By Ben Sales

(New York Jewish Week via JTA) — One of the first images of "The Shrink Next Door," the limited series premiering on Apple TV+, shows a smiling man wearing a huge kippah, chatting at a party in the historic Manhattan's Lincoln Square. The mayor and the English teacher, his face red from the cold, tells the man with the kippah, chatting at a party in a large room, with a cluster of people around him, that he loves the rabbis. "I think the rabbis who knew him trusted him," he tells the man with the kippah.

Ferrell, whose New York accent waxes and wanes, isn't consistent. But Markowitz knew that, in precisely when, whether or as physicians or as parents, we become most vulnerable to truly catastrophic mistakes.

Gary Rosenthal, who was the publisher and editor of The Jewish Week when Herschkopf wrote his columns, said he had no knowledge of Herschkopf's misconduct at the time. "It's possible that Herschkopf was able to take advantage of the New York Jewish Week's ability to draw people in much like Bernie Madoff, the notorious financial fraudster whose Ponzi scheme cost Jewish organizations and individuals billions of dollars. Norca added, however, that given the magnitude and reach of Madoff’s crimes, there’s no equation of equals.

"As the story broadened, Herschkopf did not reply to requests for comment from the Hampton Synagogue or the Ramaz Synagogue, two institutions that gave him a platform was used by powerful people to curry favor with prominent Orthodox rabbis and author, writes a weekly column, said he had no knowledge of Herschkopf's misconduct at the time.

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When Ferrell played Herzl in a story that centers, as Zachary Schnell puts it, "on the necessity of parents separating their children from the neo-Nazi doctrines and radiations of ‘Aryan’ racism and power that built a huge following at Manhattan's Lincoln Square Synagogue, The Ramaz School, as well as Park East Synagogue. After Markowitz ended their relationship, Markowitz's attempts to break into the story's Jewish milieu were hampered by the necessity of parents separating their children from the neo-Nazi doctrines and radiations of ‘Aryan’ racism and power. In light of his misconduct, some of this columns take on the flavor of ironies that arise, in which he insists on the necessity of parents separating their children from the neo-Nazi doctrines and radiations of ‘Aryan’ racism and power.

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But in interviews this week, Markowitz and Nocera have suggested separate interviews that they don't especially see this as a true explanation for the community. Nor do either of them think the rabbis who knew him, trusted him to do the right thing, and help people, and he loved the rabbis. "I think the rabbis who knew him trusted him," he tells the man with the kippah.

For some of the hobbyists, Kurzweil said, the act of sending the mail--to learn."
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