Chanukah 2017
Jewish Academy of Orlando announced it will be honoring Nathalie and Dr. Jordan Steinberg and giving a lifetime achievement award to Dr. Edward Zissman at the school’s annual gala, Sunday, Dec. 17 at the Jewish Academy of Orlando Center.

Nathalie and Jordan moved from Montreal, Canada 10 years ago, with their three children. They wanted to build a meaningful Jewish life and provide their children with the best Jewish education possible. Jordan has been on the Board of Directors of the school for nearly eight years, serving as its president from 2014-2016. During this time, he led many fundraising, operational and strategic initiatives. Jordan, a urologic oncologist at Florida Hospital, is currently serving his second term as chief of surgery at Winter Park Memorial Hospital. He completed his medical school and residency in Urology at McGill University, followed by fellowship in Canada at MD Anderson in Houston. Nathalie has been an active Jewish Academy of Orlando volunteer for nearly 10 years, and has served as the Gala co-chair numerous times. She is a graduate of the Bornstein Leadership program. Nathalie is a lawyer by training; she attended McGill University for her undergraduate degree in psychology, University of Montreal Law School for law and followed by articling at Quebec Bar. She currently works in real estate for Coldwell Banker. Their three children, Gabriel, Alexia, and David, all attended Hebrew Day School/Jewish Academy of Orlando. Gabriel and Alexia currently attend at Trinity Prep, while David is a fifth grader at Jewish Academy of Orlando.

About the school, Jordan and Nathalie state: “We truly consider Jewish Academy of Orlando our second family, and second home here in Orlando. We are honored and blessed to be a part of this unique school and this special community. We have made lifetime friends. Thanks to Jewish Academy of Orlando, our children have thrived and excelled beyond our greatest expectations. We look forward to continue supporting this magical place, and its important mission.”

The menorah at the mall
Chanukah is almost here and it shows at the Altamonte Mall. The Chanukah menorah is located on the first floor near the food court. Shown here are Rabbi Mendy Bronstein of Chabad of Altamonte Springs and two little friends.

Tyler Gaeser earns Scouting’s highest rank—Eagle Scout

A Boy Scout doesn’t just become an Eagle Scout. He has to earn the rank through a series of requirements, including earning 21 merit badges—13 of which are required; perform a service project that he plans, develops and oversees; and successfully complete an Eagle Scout board of review. Fewer than 5 percent of Boy Scouts earn the Eagle rank.

Tyler Gaeser, the son of Marci and Jeff Gaeser, has been in scouting since first grade when he became a Cub Scout. He advanced to Boy Scout Troop 617, Oviedo in fifth grade. Now a senior in high school, he has accomplished these requirements and more. On Nov. 19, 2017, after an Eagle Scout board of review, Gaeser received the rank of Eagle Scout.

Gaeser didn’t just earn 21 badges, he earned 32. The service project he planned and executed was to remove the Mah-Kah-Wee Girl Scout Camp trail in Chuluota. After approval from the camp leaders, Gaeser enlisted 21 people to help clean up the trail by widening the path 2 feet, replacing landscape timbers, reinforcing the sides of the trail using rebar hammered into the timber, relocating reflectors on the path, and mulching the trail.

Gaeser explained that he could have done this project by himself, but the purpose of the service project was to demonstrate the ability to lead. He had the vision for the project, explained that vision to his crew of 14 troop members and six adults, and oversee the execution of the project.

Now 18, Gaeser has completed the Boy Scouts. However, the red, white and blue Eagle Scout badge he was awarded is a challenge to live up to for the rest of his life: while represents honor, blue inspires loyalty; red is courage; the “Be Prepared” insignia is a reminder of service; and the eagle stands as protector of the weak and helpless.
**VP Pence: Trump considering ‘when and how’ to move embassy to Jerusalem**

By World Israel News Staff

With Eyes from the Israel Mission to the UN

Israel’s Mission to the United Nations, in partnership with the World Jewish Congress, celebrated 70 years since the historic November 29, 1947 United Nations vote on Resolution 181 that called for the establishment of a Jewish State in the Land of Israel. The event, initiated by Israel’s Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon, took place in the Queens Museum, which served as UN headquarters in 1947 when the vote took place.

**Un votes 151-6 against Israel, an ‘occupying power’**

The United Nations General Assembly in New York passed six resolutions on Thursday, Nov. 30, affirming Palestinian rights and condemning Israeli violations of international law, Middle East Monitor reported.

According to one resolution (‘Jerusalem’), “the Assembly reiterated that any actions by Israel, the occupying Power, to impose its laws, jurisdiction and administration on the Holy City of Jerusalem were illegal and therefore null and void.”

This resolution was adopted by 151 votes in favor to 6 against (Canada, Federated States of Micronesia, Israel, Marshall Islands, Nauru, United States), with 9 abstentions (Australia, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Honduras, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, South Sudan, Tobigo, the Monitor said.

German TV cancels Waters concert over anti-Semitism

JNS.org—A German public broadcaster on Saturday cancelled a scheduled concert by former Pink Floyd frontman Roger Waters following a campaign highlighting the rocker’s anti-Semitism.

The show, “Us and Them,” was scheduled to take place June 13, 2018, at Cologne’s Lanxess Arena.

The concert was mixed after Cologne resident Malca Goldstein-Wolf launched a petition to prevent the Westdeutscher Rundfunk television network from using public funds to sponsor the event. The petition referenced the rocker’s use of anti-Semitic rhetoric and imagery, and gained nearly 1,400 signatures.

Waters—who has compared the Israeli government to Nazi Germany and has argued the state of Israel was a Jewish democracy—was arguably the most vocal figure in establishing the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. He also regularly pressures other artists to boycott performances in the Jewish state.
An unlikely bedfellow delivers a wake-up call

By Jonathan S. Tobin JNS.org

It's difficult for Americans to sympathize with the plight of the people of oil-rich Saudi Arabia. Though long-standing allies of the U.S., the oil-richocracy has helped foment extremist groups. In addition, Saudi Arabia is funding fundamentalist mosques and madrasas. That of the 15 hijackers who carried out the 9/11 attacks, 13 were Saudi nationals who are of Iranian origin that can't be forgotten.

But the moment may have arrived when Republicans have to make a decision about whether to keep the U.S. as a vigilante for regional autonomy, the Saudis are trying to alert a Trump administration that is hostile to Iran. And it's on the political stage. And since PLO-PA officials have been invited by Washington, D.C. to open an office in Washington, D.C.

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By Stephen M. Flatow JNS.org

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Filoche was no hawk. In the years to follow, he wrote, "Our country must have a wake-up call."

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Follow him on Twitter at: @jonathans_tobin.
I'm glad they are enjoying college... but

By Andrew Silow-Carroll

NEW YORKUTA—Did The New York Times just normal- ize neo-Nazism? That’s the charge being flung at The New York Times by David Horovitz, the editor of Middle East Eye, and Madeleine B. Smith, a journalist for The Jerusalem Post. The charge is that the newspaper has been less than honest in its coverage of neo-Nazism and its activities.


FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It was a good story, however...

By Ron Krude

"It’s great to hear that your children are loving college, and not experienc- ing much anti-Semitism or anti-Zionism. They deserve to enjoy their time at school, just as you expected them to do.

That was my answer to a parent who recently comm- anded, ‘What should I be doing if I ever see anything,’ and asked, ‘is the situation on campus really that bad?’

The truth is that most Jewish students will never experience the kind of hate we often read about in the news. I did go to college, I was one of those kids who didn’t see anything.

I grew up in a very Israeli home, participating in Jew- ish youth programs in Or- lando and spending most of my summers visiting family in the Middle East. But when I got to Florida State University, I decided to not read the papers, and not focus on Israel or Judaism.

My first two years con- sisted of classes, water sports, fraternities, and fraternities. Aside from the occasional anti-Semitic slur, I wasn’t involved in Jewish life on campus. I didn’t know the name of the president of the Jewish Student Union, didn’t want to know and would have confidently stated, “that doesn’t exist here.”

But I was in for a rude awakening. I spent the summer before junior year in Israel, and I was everything I thought I wasn’t. I fell in love with Israel. I married Tobi and we are still there to have fun and get an education. But I did gain motivation to learn about Israel, and what needs to be done about the situation. It’s less than shocking.

This is not to say that Jews are the only ones affected by this. Therant of a non-Jew, who is a committed foot soldier for Alt-right, who, in his satirical manner, is a perfect example of how this kind of hate can be spread.

The first time I read that a Jewish man saved a non-Jewish person, it was a great moment. It was a moment of recognition that Jews can be heroes, and not just victims. It was a moment of hope that things can change.

But my experience of this kind of hate is not unique. It is happening all the time, and it is being denied by many who should know better.

The New York Times article shows how not to write about neo-Nazis. Again, Fausset repeatedly wrote, ‘It was an attempt to understand…’

Geller also referenced the Israeli magazine Mupy, which published an article that the article by Horovitz was taken straight out of. The article by Horovitz was titled, “A Shape of Things to Come” and appeared in the magazine’s August 2017 issue. The article was written by Steve Silow-Carroll, a former New York Times correspondent who covered the Middle East for many years.

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A TEL AVIV JUDGE HAS RULED THAT UBER WILL HAVE TO STOP PROVIDING ITS CAR-SHARING SERVICE IN ISRAEL

By Jonathan Sarna, the Joseph H. and Belle R. Braun Professor of American Jewish History and Life at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.;...
A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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LIGHT SHABBAT CANDLES AT
DEC. 9 5:10 p.m. DEC. 15 5:12 p.m.

MORNING AND EVENING MINYANS (Call synagogue to confirm time.)
Chabad of South Orlando—Monday—Friday, 8 a.m. and 10 minutes before sunset; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m., 407-254-3660.
Congregation Ahavas Yisrael—Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m., 407-644-2500.
Congregation Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Daytona—Monday—Sunday, 8 a.m., 904-672-9300.
Congregation Ohev Shalom—Saturday, 9 a.m., 407-298-4650.
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
Ahavas Yisrael—Kabbalat, 30 minutes before sundown.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
Kehillah: A History of Jewish Life in Greater Orlando—Ongoing exhibit at the Orange County Regional History Center, 65 E. Central Blvd., Orlando, and will continue through Feb. 28, 2018. The Roth Family JCC—Dance festival for Chanukah with the Ramat Gan Israeli dance group, 4 p.m.-6 p.m. The event is free and special Israeli food will be available for purchase.

cJCC9ers—Cinema Sunday, 2 p.m. The movie Mad Money will be shown, 1 p.m. Refreshments.
JCC at Oviedo High School—Holocaust survivors Genia Kutner and Gerald Biegel share their stories with students of Oviedo High School, 691 King St., Oviedo. Doors open at 6 p.m. This is a rescheduled program that was postponed because of Hurricane Irma. The program, dedicated to unity, is titled “One Day Starts Today,” and is presented by the Jewish Student Union, JOIN Orlando and StandWithUs. Info: Daniel Nakahata, 314-424-8484.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
First Night of Chanukah

LIGHT FIRST CANDLE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
Second night of Chanukah

LIGHT SECOND CANDLE

TEMPLE ISRAEL—Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Neely, noon—1 p.m. A parishah discussion class. Open to the public, no RSVP needed. Info: 407-644-3055.
Grief Support through the Jewish Lens—Grief support group led by Rabbi Moe Kaprow, VITAS Healthcare Chaplain, 10:30 a.m. noon at Oakmonte Village, Valencia Building, 1021 Royal Gardens Cir., Lake Mary. RSVP to Emily Newman at emilynewman@vitas.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
Third night of Chanukah

LIGHT THIRD CANDLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15
Fourth night of Chanukah

JOIN THE ORLANDO TORAH ACADEMY FOR A SPECIAL CHANUKAH EVENING AT THE ROSEN JCC, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, AT 5 PM. BE AMAZED BY A SPECTACULAR LED PERFORMANCE WHILE ENJOYING A COMPLEMENTARY DINNER! THERE WILL BE FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES, AND PRIZE GIVEAWAYS RALLIED OFF! ATTENDANCE IS FREE. CALL 407-644-0725 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT.

Invitation to a Community Chanukah Extravaganza

Quote of the Week

“We light candles in testament that faith makes miracles possible.”
—Nachum Braverman

Managing puzzle

“Bugging Out” by Yoni Glatt

kosherscrosswords@gmail.com

Crossword

1. Forceful one?
2. “Holy cow!” in text talk
3. ___ Boca Vista (“Seinfeld”
4. “As I was saying...”
5. “Bridge of Spies” supporting actor
6. Fire stacks
7. Writing on the wall, for one
8. “To do” list
9. Dar on “Homeland”
10. “I love” follower
11. Fire stacks
12. Emergency removal, for one
13. “___ ye the Lord...”: Isaiah
14. Writing on the wall, for one
15. Virgin of Guadalupe
16. Depart
17. Not like Sarah or Esther
18. Top
19. Arm bones
20. Moses carried one?
21. “Aladdin” prince
22. One lighting Shabbat candles?
23. George of “The Goldbergs”
24. Writer Jong
25. Some Israeli arms
26. “Silly me!” syllables
27. One that could join a minyan?
28. ___ ainst gonna work on the job
29. Records that may be ___ed
30. Reagan attorney general
31. ___ ye the Lord...”: Isaiah
32. Is unwell
33. Primary number
34. A Nightmare... Street
35. ___ and ___
36. Inlet
37. Finisher
38. Stumbled
39. Like the walk from the Kotel to Yad Vashem
40. Home for the ill
41. Job for Doc Holliday or TimWhaley
42. ___ Mall (Jerusalem locale)
43. Home for the ill
44. 38. One lighting Shabbat candles?
45. 100-meter, e.g.
46. 46. One joining the IDF?
47. 47. Soon, to a bard
48. 48. Stone of Jacob who had only one son
49. 49. Many, many years
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See answers on page 18.
At Chanukah, finding a time in illness and darkness

By Erica Brown

NEW YORK (JTA)—It is the ‘‘catching lights’’ around 4:30 p.m., when darkness descends swiftly on the streets where she lost her son. She and her husband are not Jewish, but my friend is a history teacher who loves learning about and sharing multicultural traditions.

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Dreidel I Shall Play

Album cover for “Dreidel I Shall Play” by composer Samuel E. Goldfarb.

By Albert Stern

(JTA)—Within the Jewish musical canon are several songs that have so long been familiar that we all know and pass down from one generation to the next. One example is the Hanukkah song (I Have a Little Dreidel)—chances are most everyone reading this can sing the chorus, at least. Another example, from a more elevated sphere of Jewish practice, is “Shalom Aleichem”—it isn’t hard to imagine Jewish families around the world simultaneously welcoming Shabbat with the familiar turgical melody.

What isn’t widely known, however, is that “I Have a Little Dreidel” and the melody most Ashkenazi Jews worldwide use for “Shalom Aleichem” were written in the early 20th century by two brothers from New York City. Samuel E. Goldfarb penned “I Have a Little Dreidel” (with Samuel S. Grossman), while his older brother, Israel Goldfarb, composed “Shalom Aleichem.” To use a Christian equivalent, it would be like having one brother who wrote “Jingle Bells” and another who composed “Silent Night.”

A CD released last year, “Dreidel I Shall Play,” called renewed attention to the Goldfarbs and their achievements. The album features new recordings of Samuel and Israel Goldfarb’s holiday and liturgical songs from the 1910s and 1920s. The new song arrangements are by musician Craig Taushman, and the album attracted the participation of Neshama Carlebach and the late Theodore Bikel.

Driving the project was My Jewish Learning via Northeast Public Radio. Julie Wiener is managing editor of My Jewish Learning. (MyJewishLearning via Northeast Public Radio)

By Julian Wiener

For something traditional but also up-to-date, consider a silver Star of David ($14) or pewter ones (Amazon has a wide variety of Judaica items priced with the Goldfarbs in mind that the Jerusalem Post finds) that come with a plate for chanukiyahs, or menorahs (unlit, of course). You may also want to give one as a gift to your child’s teacher, rabbi, or other leader. For the traditional tastes, you don’t need to worry about whether it is kyiv, kiev, or chayefsky. Whether it’s oil, soy, or corn, the Chanukah oil is a must for anyone who celebrates Hanukkah. It’s pop ceramics (Amazon has a wide range) that come with a plate for chanukiyahs, or menorahs (unlit, of course). You may also want to give one as a gift to your child’s teacher, rabbi, or other leader. For the traditional tastes, you don’t need to worry about whether it is kyiv, kiev, or chayefsky. Whether it’s oil, soy, or corn, the Chanukah oil is a must for anyone who celebrates Hanukkah.

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Whatever the particulars, My Jewish Learning has you covered, with Chanukah gift ideas designed to please the Jewish newbie in your life.

Books:

Amelia Saltsman’s “The Seasonal Jewish Kitchen” ($26.95) is a treasure trove of kosher-Mediterranean Jewish recipes, with a focus on creating a home for family history, family traditions, and memories. It’s one of the many cookbooks that come to mind that the Jerusalem Post finds (mostly the Jerusalem Post finds) that come with a plate for chanukiyahs, or menorahs (unlit, of course). You may also want to give one as a gift to your child’s teacher, rabbi, or other leader. For the traditional tastes, you don’t need to worry about whether it is kyiv, kiev, or chayefsky. Whether it’s oil, soy, or corn, the Chanukah oil is a must for anyone who celebrates Hanukkah.

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Scene Around

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

I’m still upset about the Nazi march in Charlottesville some time ago. To think that our country’s Commander in Chief said some of them were good people, makes me beyond angry!

And speaking of Nazis...

I read this in the current issue of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) digest and pass it along to you. I know it is upsetting but we MUST be aware or another Holocaust could happen!

“A small neo-Nazi group that bills itself as ‘the Hitlers you’ve been waiting for’ surreptitiously put up anti-Semitic posters at three different Melbourne, (Australia) schools, including one showing a boot with a swastika crushing a Jewish insect, and another ofa graping, hook-nosed Jew, a classic image in Nazi propaganda, alongside the words ‘Multiculturalism, Degeneracy and Reject Jewish Poison.’

“The so-called Antipodean Resistance Group’s posters sent shockwaves through the city’s 60,000 Jews stirring up feelings of anger and fear.

“I am appalled. This form of hatred on our doorsteps, on the doorsteps of our schools is terrifying and is a direct attack on Victoria’s prized multiculturalism,” said JENIFER HUPPERT, the president of the Jewish Community Council of Victoria. “To direct this at children is even more reprehensible. Unfortunately, domestic neo-Nazis and white supremacists appear to be emboldened by events overseas (does she mean us?) and we must stop this hate speech in its tracks,” she said.

According to the Herald Sun newspaper, the posters contain messages such as ‘Keep Australia White,’ ‘Stop the Hordes,’ and ‘Join your local Nazi group’ as well as calling for legalizing the killing of Jews.

A night out at last!...

I heard from our own ROBBY ETZKIN, executive director of the Roth Family Jewish Community Center, and want to make sure that parents needing a “break” know about this:

On Saturday evening, Dec. 9th, between 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., will be “Saturday Night Out.” Here are the details:

• Ages 18 months-Grade 5. 

Send your kids to the JCC every second Saturday night of the month, while you enjoy a night on the town. The JCC will have activities, games, crafts, dinner, and a movie! New this year—Saturday Night Out is FREE for J University students.

The cost is as follows: $40 one child ($30 JCC members); $68 two children ($42 JCC members); $84 three children ($54 JCC members). There is a “CRAZY, AWE-SOME SIBLING DISCOUNT” Second Child: 30% off Third Child: 60% off. Email register@orlandojcc.org, call 407-621-4036, or visit the JCC’s Registration Desk from Monday Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. But please don’t wait until the last minute. They only accept registrations made at least 48 hours before a Saturday Night Out. Late registration is subject to availability & a $10 late fee. The JCC won’t accept walk-ups.

(Wow! Where were you when my three sons were little?)

JCC 39ers Cinema Sundays...

On Dec. 10th, starting at 2 p.m. the movie “Mad Money” featuring Queen Latifah and Diane Keaton will play in the JCC Senior Lounge. Refreshments will be available.

(I’m mad about money. Maybe the film is about me?)

More 39ers...

On Meet and Mingle Monday, Dec. 11th (my eldest son’s birthday) the video presentation “Broadway Volume 2” will be shown and, of course, there are always refreshments! (No calories. Billie and Lillian took them out!)

I want management to know that CHAD AYCRIGG, who was our host, and RACHEL RITTER, our waitress, made sure that my friends and I were treated royally on our visit to The Outback Restaurant, Aloma Avenue, Winter Park. Everything was perfect! Chad and Rachel were perfect! We had a great time!

One for the road...

My friend heard this on her recent flight to Israel:

“Ladies, gentlemen and children. Sholem Aleichem to you all. This is your pilot, Captain Daniel Himmelfarb, speaking. On behalf of El Al airlines, my crew and I welcome you on board this flight to Tel Aviv. We will do all we can, God willing, to make sure you have a great flight with us this afternoon. But if, God forbid, by some remote eventuality, we run into some trouble, please keep calm and don’t panic. You’ll find your life jacket under your seat and if you need to put it on, please wear it in the best of health. Thank you.”

(I’m glad he wasn’t my pilot when I flew to Israel!)

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from Andrew L. Reiff, P.A. Attorney and Counselor at Law

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"The MeshugaNutcracker!" will showcase eight stories that pay tribute to the first celebration of Chanukah in the new state of Israel, as well as Judah Maccabee’s triumphant saga and accounts of perseverance. Written and directed by Scott Evan Guggenheim, Shannon Guggenheim and Stephen Guggenheim, the full-length musical comedy features the wonderfulilly silly sensibilities of the folklore of Chelm (a fictional town of fools), underscored by an invigorating Klezmer-ized orchestration of Tchaikovsky’s "Nutcracker Suite." Alongside original lyrics in honor of Chanukah, "The MeshugaNutcracker!" includes dancing dreidels, singing sufganiot and special guest stars bringing audiences delight as they celebrate this holiday season. "We are always thrilled to embrace the holiday spirit with audiences and celebrate such a special time of year, and this year there’s no better way than watching a fun twist on a beloved classic," Fathom Events VP of Programming.

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From Israel to America: Sephardi Inspirations for Chanukah

By Tamar Zaken

(Jewish via JTA)—For many years, I worked in the most special place I could imagine. It’s a radical beit midrash (house of study) in Jerusalem, Memizrach Shemesh, the Social Action Beit Midrash, inspired by the traditions of Jews from Araloim.

At Memizrach Shemesh, we train rabbis with a special emphasis on Sephardic and Mizrahi rabbinate texts, as well as in the management of social change. We trained Leilah, a Moroccan woman who still works as a rabbi in Israeli society with the perspective that good community work requires making it to light their part, and this is something that can be done no matter where you are.

To the end of the day at the beit midrash, I came upon a beautiful text thatsqueezeed between the pages of a Hebrew book titled, Be’er Sheva. The work, Rabbi Hayim Yosef David Arulov (born in Hebron, abanim and learned in Hebron before being banished to North Africa and Italy upon a beautiful text that squeezed between the pages of a Hebrew book titled, Be’er Sheva. The work, Rabbi Hayim Yosef David Arulov (born in Hebron, abanim and learned in Hebron before being banished to North Africa and Italy

I was at the center of an inspiration for Chanukah at Memizrach Shemesh, we examine the difference between the great ancient rabbis, Hillel and Shammai. They are the two main figures who light the hanukkiyah (Chanukah menorah) during Chanukah. Hillel, the student of Shammai suggested we should light eight candles on the first night, then decrease the number of candles by one each night of Chanukah, beginning with the eighth candle on the first night, adding one candle every night until we light the eight candles on the last night. As the name Hillel is often has, with Hillel instead of Shammai.

I confess that I was the debate of my favorite rabbinic pair a meta- phor for how we make change in these difficult times. And so, what is not clear is what Hillel’s approach has helped me reengage with a new Sephardic Heilinss for Chanukah. Starting off with a bright, short exchange—the fully lit hanukkah proposed by Shammai reminds us that Chanukah is a time for rebirth, for bold or drastic measures when we come across injustice or suffering.

This may mean putting a protest on a website,90 connecting with a new social activist or maybe even just sharing a blog post about people suffering. Like Shammai’s “fire,” these actions are strong, radical and shake up people’s awareness about the social issue at hand. Hillel’s approach is more subtle. I am gentle and a little by little the beauty and strength of the light is sustained. This kind of social change might look like volunteering at a home for the elderly, talking to a fellow student about a social issue or educating people about their rights.

Over time, though, this builds into the same bright light that Hillel suggested, but not right away. Instead, it’s the result of time, focus and effort, in a way that Shammai is combining to make a light for us.

This Chanukah season, Rabbi Hillel helped me find my voice, and I lit the first candle of many.

I created a resource guide, Sephardic Inspirations for Chanukah.

Inspiration on page 19A

OBITUARIES

FRANCES BERCOV Frances Bercov, 90, of Longwood, passed away on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, on May 17, 1927, to late Louis and Sadie Worth Pel, 640 Lee Road, Orlando; Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel, 640 Lee Road, Orlando; Shabbas 9:00 a.m.; Mon.—Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Sun. and Legal Holidays 8 a.m.; Mincha/Maariv Shabbos 9 a.m.; Mon.—Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Sun. and Legal Holidays 8 a.m.; Mincha/Maariv Shabbos 9 a.m.; Mon.—Thurs. 6:45 a.m.; Sun. and Legal Holidays 8 a.m.; Mincha/Maariv

GOLD MANZLER Golda Danzer, 90, of Orlando, died Nov. 26, 2017, at LifeCare at Altamonte Springs. Mrs. Danzer was born in Europe. She lived in Ukraine, and moved to Miami, July 20, 1976, she was a daughter of Ludwig and Jenny Sugelsky Gross. She was a great-grandfather.

United States in 1979 from Ukraine.

A homemaker, Mrs. Dan- zer was a member of Congregation Beth Shalom (O), 352-277-2770; Bethadamflorida.org; Shabbat services; Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.; Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.; in memory of Susan Tofel, 640 Lee Road, Orlando, 352-277-5900; 1180 Highway 41A, Satellite Beach, 321-777-2770.

Congregation Ahavas Yisrael/Chabad (O), 7347 Lake Sand Road, Orlando, 407-354-3660; www.chabadofomoland.org; Shabbat services; Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at Beth Shalom Memorial Chapel, 640 Lee Road, Orlando, 352-277-5900.

Congregation Beth El (O), 2185 Meadowlawn Ave., West Melbourne, 321-779-0700; Bethadamflorida.org; Shabbat services, 1st & 3rd Friday, 8:00 p.m.; afternoon services, 2nd & 4th Saturday, 9:30 a.m.; Congregation Beth Emeth (O), 2205 Blue Sapphia Circle, Orlando, 407-222-6332; Shabbat service: monthly, 8:00 p.m.; Congregation Beth Jacob (O), 1350 N. Nova Rd., Orange City, 386-767-6112; www.bethjacobflorida.org; Shabbat services, Friday, 10:00 a.m.; Congregation Beth Shemesh’s Youth (C) on page 19A

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By Rachel Kor

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This year, I wanted a new Hanukkah cookie to share with family and friends. Although I love the classic sugar cookie with sprinkles, sometimes it’s nice to have a really easy and delicious cookie with limited frill and fuss. These blue crinkle cookies fit the bill perfectly! They are the delicious, soft and chewy cookies we adore, with blue coloring and salt. Set aside.

**Blue Crinkle Cookies recipe for Chanukah**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Place 1/2 cup powdered sugar into a small bowl. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the sugar and oil together for 2-3 minutes, or until light and fluffy. With the mixer on low speed, add the eggs one at a time, and the vanilla. Mix until combined. Add the blue food coloring until the desired color is achieved.
4. Stir in the flour and baking powder, then stir in the chocolate chips. Drop by heaping tablespoons onto a baking sheet, leaving at least 2 inches between each cookie. Bake for 8-10 minutes. Cool on a wire rack.
5. Place the powdered sugar into a small bowl. Set aside.
6. In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.
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**Ingredients:**

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- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup oil
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla bean paste, or pure vanilla extract
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- 1 cup powdered sugar, for coating

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This year, I wanted a new Hanukkah cookie to share with family and friends. Although I love the classic sugar cookie with sprinkles, sometimes it’s nice to have a really easy and delicious cookie with limited frill and fuss. These blue crinkle cookies fit the bill perfectly! They are the delicious, soft and chewy cookies we adore, with blue coloring for Hanukkah.

**Blue Crinkle Cookies recipe for Chanukah**

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F.
2. Place 1/2 cup powdered sugar into a small bowl. Set aside.
3. In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the sugar and oil together for 2-3 minutes, or until light and fluffy. With the mixer on low speed, add the eggs one at a time, and the vanilla. Mix until combined. Add the blue food coloring until the desired color is achieved.
4. Stir in the flour and baking power...
It's always Chanukah in this picture-perfect Italian town

By Ruth Ellen Gruber

CASALE MONFERRATO, Italy—It’s always Chanukah in this picturesque town in northern Italy’s Piedmont region. Jews have lived in Casale Monferrato for more than 500 years, with the community reaching its peak of 850 members at about the time Jews here were granted civil rights in 1848. The town still has one of Italy’s most ornate synagogues, a rococo gem that dates to the 16th century.

These days, only two Jewish families live in Casale. The synagogue, which is part of larger museum complex, is now a major tourist attraction—and not only because of its opulent sanctuary with huge chandeliers, colorfully painted walls and lots of gilt.

The former women’s section has been transformed into a folk art and Jewish history museum. And the synagogue’s basement, formerly a matzah bakery, is now home to the Museum of Lights.

Chanukah here is commemorated nonstop with a year-round exhibit featuring dozens of menorahs, or hanukkiah, created by international contemporary artists. The collection has some 186 menorahs, according to Adriana Ottolenghi, whose husband, Giorgio, has been president of Casale’s Jewish community since the 1950s. There is no other museum in the world quite like it.

“We receive more every year, and each year at Chanukah there is a public ceremony, where we light menorahs and welcome the new pieces,” she said.

But other menorahs on display are more fanciful sculptural works created from the likes of metal, ceramic and fiberglass and wood.

“Artists were given a completely free rein to create a functional object or a purely evocative one,” said curator Luiza Caffarello who wrote in the collection’s catalog.

Chanukah is what designer Elia Carmi, who co-founded the collection in 2015, describes as an “homage to the story of Chanukah” and the “symbolism of light over darkness.”

They conceived the project as a way to highlight Jewish culture as a source of artistic inspiration, promote creativity based in Jewish tradition and underscore the vital role that Jews play in contemporary society.

The idea was born to show that Jews, through a numerical number, are determined, said Carmi, who is the vice president of the Casale Jewish community, “and to use interpretations of the Chanukah menorah to demonstrate symbolically, the continuity of the community.”

At Chanukah, Jews light eight candles on the menorah to recall the defeat by the Maccabees of Syrian tyrants in the second century BCE. According to legend, when the Maccabees reclaimed the Temple, the eternal light miraculously burned for eight days after the expected one, symbolizing the survival of the Jewish people.

The Museum of Lights is a personal interpretation of the Festival of Lights and its symbolism. The Italian artist Stefano Della Porta, for example, uses wood and steel to create a menorah that appears to be made from giant burnt matches. American-born artist Robert Carroll created his menorah from olive wood, red Verona granite and brass. It has a spiral base with support legs that open out like a flower, each support leg ending in a single seed.

Carmi and his friends provided the first Chanukiah for the project—Carmi’s was a silver-plated metal bar with a small cup for the eight candles and the shamash—and then reached out to others for contributions.

Other artists—Jews and non-Jews—also came from other countries—soon began making their own menorahs and presenting them to the growing international audience they had donated, most of them by the artists themselves.

“Like a chain of artists,” Carmi said. “And well-known artists began to participate.”

Among those is Arnoldo Pomodoro, one of Italy’s leading sculptors. His menorah, presented in 2013, is a multi-faceted metal girder that supports the nine candles and is decorated with abstract symbols.

“I tried to bring out a series of abstract, imaginary signs to create a story that would connect, on a general level, to the seminal experience and memory; without, however, wanting to enter into the multi-faceted complexities of the symbolism of the Jewish world,” Pomodoro said.

Ultimately, Carmi said, the Museum of Lights is about “Judaism, art and identity.”

By My Jewish Learning Staff

(From left) Regularly pronounced Chanukkah? Is there a correct way of spelling the holiday? Why do Jews play dreidel? What is Chanukah food, cheese, unfor-tunately isn’t much better for those concerned about fat. The cheese tradition is in honor of Judith, a woman who helped the Maccabees by feeding salty cheese and wine to one of Antiochus’ gener-als—and then beheading him.

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Eight Days of Candlelighting, Gift Giving, Celebrating Freedom! Which is the real Chanukah?

The Maccabees fought for religious freedom for the Jewish people. Their success led to the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem in which the "Miracle of Light" took place. However, the word Chanukah means "dedication" and relates to the Jews being able to once again freely practice their faith. As we light each candle, we are celebrating our religious freedom, embodied in the miracle of the one container of undesecrated oil that burned for eight days. Without the winning of freedom and the rededication of the Temple, there would be no Chanukah!

This message is presented by the congregations on this page. We invite your inquiries regarding prospective membership activities and services. We wish you a Happy Chanukah.

(December 12th - December 20th / 24th of Kislev through 2nd of Tevet)
Pepe sardonically described the lion's den of the Trump administration as a "swamp" that he was determined not to "drain." The Senate, on the other hand, had yet to act on the former president's proposal to cut federal aid to those states that had a higher poverty rate than they did in 1960. "That's been so helpful to developing the idea," Kushner said.

Kushner was cagey about details, resisting Saab's question about whether he would be able to withdraw on Monday. "I would want to see a plan before you do anything," he told the newspaper. "I think it's going to be a plan that will be for the second time sign..."

"We've been very deliberate about not setting time limits on the things that need to happen," he added. "I don't think we're going to make a big deal about it."

"I think we're going to see a new kind of leadership in the region," he concluded. "We're working with the Palestinians to support the Palestinian Authority and its efforts to strengthen its institutions and to enhance its capacity to deliver services to its people."

"We believe that the two-state solution is the only viable path to peace in the Middle East," he added. "We will continue to support the Palestinian Authority's efforts to deliver services and improve living conditions for West Bank and Gaza residents."

"We are committed to working with partners such as the World Bank and UNRWA to support Palestinian recovery and economic development," he continued. "We will continue to engage with the international community to mobilize resources and support for the Palestinian people."
Israel’s emerging underground wall is latest round in competition with Gaza terrorists

By Yaakov Lappin

Within two years, a deep underground wall, equipped with advanced sensors, will cut through the length of Israel, from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea. It will serve as the final barrier between Israel and Gaza.

The wall, which is known as the Underground Wall, is a project that has been in the works for several years. It is designed to prevent the infiltration of Hamas fighters and terrorists into Israel, and to protect the country from any potential attacks.

The wall will be made up of a series of tunnels that will extend from the Mediterranean Sea to the Dead Sea. These tunnels will be filled with advanced sensors and other technology, allowing the Israeli military to keep a close eye on the area.

This is not the first time that Israel has attempted to build a barrier to protect itself from threats. The country has a long history of building walls and other barriers to protect its borders.

The wall will be built in several stages, with the first phase expected to be completed in two years. The second phase will be completed in 2024, while the third phase will be completed in 2026.

The wall is expected to cost several billion dollars, with the Israeli government footing the bill. The government has already allocated funds for the project, and has urged other countries to contribute to the cost as well.

The wall is seen as a crucial part of Israel’s efforts to protect itself from threats. It is expected to be a game-changer in the region, and will likely have a significant impact on the way that Israel and other countries approach border security.

By JNS.org

Bal Harbour, Fla., is best known as a popular destination for snowbirds. With a population ranging from 2,500-8,000, depending on the time of the year, it’s hard to recall a time when this oceanside village, 30 minutes north of Miami, was now a national leader in combating anti-Semitism.

On Nov. 21 in front of a packed room, the Village Council unanimously passed Ordinance 18-11, a measure that adopted the State Department’s definition of anti-Semitism, creating a village code that will permit law enforcement to consider anti-Semitism as “a motivation for criminal offenses in order to protect the health and wellbeing of its Jewish community.”

This is not the first resolution Bal Harbour has issued against anti-Semitism. In 2013, the Florida city council passed a first-of-its-kind measure “prohibiting the Village from entering into agreements with businesses or nonprofit organizations or entities based in or doing business with an Open Trade country in which the government and businesses there are trying to find new tech and will help them overcome the new barriers. By 2023, the challenge could include attempts to infiltrate Israel via the underground barrier and the digging of tunnels running underneath the new barrier, he said.

In fact, according to the Southern Command’s assessments, Hamas has been working to build new short-range rockets that are not very accurate, but do carry a massive warhead, inspired by what they are seeing with the effect of warring sides in Syria. Such a rocket could be effective against buildings in a direct impact.

In addition, the terror organizations are trying to find new techniques and means to conduct attacks, and Israel is trying to develop new technological solutions to prevent infiltration into its territory. The more Israel is successful in preventing the digging of tunnels into its territory, it is reasonable to assume that the terror organizations will search for techniques and means that will help them overcome the new barriers.

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NY Times
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best intentions can come crashing down with this: [Hovater] declared the widely accepted estimate that six million Jews died in the Holocaust “overblown.” He said he believed the Nazi leader Heinrich Himmler wanted to exterminate “groups like Slavs and homosexuals, Hitler” was a lot more kind of chic on the issue. [Hovater] said, “Widely accepted estimate? How about the “historians” consensus” or “the overwhelming evidence”?

Nutcracker
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Kymberli Frueh said, “This position is a fun way for audiences to learn more about the history and traditions of Chanukah in a kiddy spin, using the Nutcracker’s classic music in a way they’ve never experienced it before.”

“arrest that the notion that Hitler’s “chill” about genocide and ethnic cleansing, Paaselt should immediately have quoted an actual historian saying how central to his defense of the liberation of Jews and other “underpecies.”

I’ve often argued that the strength and weakness of the “normie” is that as if it is having an “insider” conversation with the kinds of readers who form its core, or idealized, audience: liberals, at StandWithUs. But we also need to be ready to stand up to the hate and counter the propaganda that distorts the debate about Israel and the conflict. That’s why I’m proud to work with exceptional student leaders who do educate their peers and stand up to hate. In many cases, I believe these leaders make it easier for everyone else to enjoy their time at school, and not have to worry about the kind of hostility I faced. By empowering them further, we can set the agenda with positive education and ensure that our communities are prepared for any challenge they may face, both on campus and beyond.

Ron Kruzo is StandWithUs’ executive director for Campus Affairs.

Inspiration
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hards Chanukah, for Jewish educators with sources, lesson plans, stories and recipes that teachers can use to bring the Jewish texts and traditions of Sephardi and Mizrahi Jews to schools, synagogues and organizations in English-speaking Jewish communities.

As I learned at Memrach Shemesh, there is often an afternoon or evening of learning about Hanukkah. In a 1997 article, a teacher explores the cultural traditions of the Jewish community, finding the traditions to create a small light, Sephardi Chanukah. My hope is that it will grow beyond the more Jewish educators help their students bring to light the part of the Torah they received at Sinai, making our curricula, our classrooms and our communities more whole.

Tamir Zaken spent over a decade directing a series called “Learning about the Jewish Texts” at the Israeli Center in Jerusalem. She translates Sephardic rabbinic texts to expose English speaking audiences to their inspiring message of inclusion and justice. Judaism is a blog by Schud. Lutker, which pieces to the racial, ethnic and cultural diversity of Jewish identity and experience. The multiculturalist project, Jewish has an audience of focus on the idea of making choices about engaging in Jewish life, Jewish provides a forum for Jewish identity, discussion, and debate.

Gala
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maintains a Sefer Torah for daily use at the school. Dr. Zissman is very active in the community. He has served on the inaugural board of directors of both The Holocaust Resource Memorial Education and the Florida Hillel Foundation. Dr. Zissman is also a current member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando, actively supports the PJ Library and is a longtime member of Congregation Ohev Shalom.

Dr. Zissman graduated from Temple University and Hahnemann Medical College. Following pediatric medical training in Baltimore and Boston, he moved to the University of Florida in 1972 as chief of pediatrics at the Naval Hospital Orlando. He co-founded Altonante Pediatric Associates, the first pediatric medical practice in south Seminole County, where he practiced for more than 40 years. Dr. Zissman served as president of the Florida Pediatric Society, Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and National AAP District V vice chair. He was also the founding medical director of both the Central Florida Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and The Jewish Federation of Greater Orlando’s Tay-Sachs Disease Screening Program.

Edward and Phyllis have four children who, with their spouses, have blessed them with eight beautiful grandchildren, including two current students at the Jewish Academy of Orlando.

With board and committee positions, both families have made quite a difference. “This gala night, we celebrate their contributions to our school and to our community as a whole,” says Melanie Brenner, co-president.

This year, the school cel- ebrates its 40th year. It will feature a few talented alumni, who will sing for the crowd. The Gala is the school’s biggest annual fundraiser; proceeds fund new curricula, this year a new Hebrew curriculum, field trips, new programs and scholarship funds.

Gala tickets are $125 per person. Tickets include heavy hors d’oeuvres, music by Ten Left Feet, magical entertainment and a silent auction. The event is Sun- day, Dec. 17 at 5:45 p.m. at Dr Phillips Performing Arts Center. To purchase tickets, please visit www.jew- ishacademyorlando.org. To sponsor or advertise, please email Summer Simmons at ssimmons@jewishacademyorlando.org.

For more information about the Jewish Academy of Orlando or to arrange a visit to the school, please contact Alan Rusonik, Head of School, at arusonik@myjao.org or 407-647-3038.

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