Chanukah 2018
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In a career spanning more than half a century, Rosen has made it his mission to support the professional lives to enhancing a major portion of their professional lives to enhancing the quality of life for them. This program continues to fund the popular twice-monthly food pantry, continues to fund the popular twice-monthly food pantry, and holiday celebrations as in this program.

Jewish stars light up Pittsburgh

On Oct. 28, Mandell on her Facebook page created the Facebook page “Jewish Hearts.” On Oct. 30, she and Brode set up the Jewish Hearts from Pittsburgh, opened a post office downtown Orlando. For information, contact Sharon Weil at 407-425-4537, ext. 211. Kinneret Apartments is a nonprofit agency that provides ongoing programs and services to residents of Kinneret Apartments, has announced the honors for 2019, 8 over 80 Gala to be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019. “This weekend, our community’s premiere event honoring older adults and we are truly inspired by the stories of outstanding individuals, who continue to contribute to our community and promote the Jewish tradition of Tikkan Olam,” said Lynn Fenster, 8 over 80 chairwoman. “This event celebrates the spirit of older adults, honoring their lives and their contributions to our community.”

The 8 over 80 honorees are: Bruce Burpee, Payge Cohen, Rose Ellen Fenster, Kay Howard, Joel Jones, Sonja Marchesano, Sandy Moss, and Gil Walker.

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By Christine DeSouza

Sandra Solomon, formerly of Casselberry, was recently honored at a special meeting at the Casselberry City Hall Board of Commissioners. Solomon served 12 years on the board as a commissioner, filling seat 3, and was retiring after her term limit was completed.

Tenesque, passionate, an innovator, visionary, and Casselberry’s No. 1 cheerleader were all descriptive words spoken by the board members at Solomon’s ceremony. “We love Sandi and we are watching her every move. I hope she has one, why can’t we?” said City Manager Randy Newlin who recalled that she chimed in throughout the city golf course and coining the motto to “Keep Casselberry Green.”

Casselberry recognizes retiring commissioner

The golf course was just one of many projects Solom on accomplished during her 12 years in office. She saw to it that the bike trail was completed—and hopes to see it eventually connect to the Winter Park bike path and Winter Spr ing trails. So many trees have been planted in Casselberry that it won the designation of “Tree City USA.” Solomon is proud of the city’s beautification that has cleaned up this little city; and the development of Lake Como and its beautiful landscapes, music festivals and art gallery.

As she leaves office, she shared her wish list for future developments. “Housing around the 14 lakes in the city; more restaurants; a bigger police station where the old police station can have one, why can’t we?” she asked; an event center where the old police station stands; a parking garage; a new transportation center in downtown Orlando; and a senior living community.

Sandra Solomon

Solomon has also been the first woman in the history of the city of Casselberry, a position that has been held by women and men. She has served on the city’s planning board and the city’s finance committee, and was once the executive director of the city’s tourism bureau. Solomon is a member of the local ZOA Chapter in Central Florida. She has been a supporter of the Orlando Business Journal for many years, and was recently honored with the first annual prize for her dedication to the community.
Meet Carlos Lopez-Cantera: Florida's first Jewish governor (for five days)

JERUSALEM (JTA) — With Florida Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson conceding his re-election bid on Nov. 18 to Republican Gov. Rick Scott, the state will have its first Jewish governor on an interim basis for five days when Scott is sworn into the Senate on Jan. 3, 2019.

Lt. Gov. Carlos Lopez-Cantera, a Republican who will also become the Sunshine State's first Cuban-American governor when Scott becomes senator until former Florida Rep. Ron DeSantis, a fellow Republican who defeated Democratic Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum in a contentious race, is sworn in as governor on Jan. 8, 2019.

"Theoretically, Carlos could delay being sworn in as a senator, but that risks his seniority in the Senate, placing him in a tier below every other senator elected this fall, instead of on equal footing with them," according to Theblast.

Lopez-Cantera — whose wife, Renee, and mother are Jewish, while his father is Catholic—had a bar mitzvah at the Western Wall in 2016 and put on tefillin two years beforehand as Republican Senate Majority Leader.

"Now, you may not have known this from my name, Lopez-Cantera, but I'm Jewish," he said at a ceremonial signing of Florida's anti-BDS bill in 2016. "My father came from Cuba, but he married a nice Jewish girl in Miami and I followed suit and married a nice Jewish girl in Miami as well. We keep a Jewish household and are raising our daughters Jewish." Nearly 600,000 Jews reside in Florida — the majority in Southeast Florida representing about 3.4 percent of the state's population.

Airbnb to remove listings in West Bank Jewish settlements

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Airbnb will remove listings of rooms and homes for rent in West Bank Jewish settlements, the company announced on Nov. 30.

The approximately 200 listings “would be removed in the coming days,” the company said.

The two blazes broke out 10 days ago in both Northern and Southern California, and quickly spread out of control.

The Camp Fire, which wiped out the town of Paradise, destroyed nearly 16,000 homes in the Butte County (population 275,000), is already the deadliest and most destructive fire in California history, touching an area the size of Chicago.

The Woolsey Fire, which burned nearly 100,000 acres in Ventura and Los Angeles counties, is linked to local communities, IsraAID is to conduct a needs assessment in the affected areas, promote community resilience and recovery, and distribute relief items to families currently staying in temporary accommodation after losing their homes in the fires.

Yotam Polizer, co-CEO of IsraAID, told ISRAEL21c: "This year alone, the organization has worked with 40 different organizations in the United States and all over the world. This time, the organization provided aid to victims in Florida in the wake of Hurricane Michael, North Carolina, after Hurricane Florence, to the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Kenya and to Guatemala after the vol-

IsraAID NGO sends aid to California in wake of wildfires

Israeli NGO sends aid to California in wake of wildfires

By Nicky Blackburn

IsraAID, a global NGO that has just returned from Guatemala, is planning to focus its efforts in the United States and all over the world.

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Sanctions movement targeting Israel — after saying during her campaign that it was "counterproductive" and "prevents dialogue" — seven Arab countries are backing her proposal. They include the Orthodox Union and Agudath Israel, both Orthodox groups. "The U.S. has by far the most powerful and portent laws and policies that foster the accommodation of religious practices in the workplace," Nathan Diament, executive director of the Orthodox Union’s Advocacy Center, told Jewish Insider.

"Religious practices such as wearing religious garb, whether a kippah or a hijab, should be accommodated in all workplaces, including Congress,"Ash Shanor, director of public affairs at the hard-right Orthodox Agudath Israel, told Jewish Insider: "Just as we would want a Jewish congressman to be able to wear a yarmulke in chamber, we would want a Muslim or Sikh representative to be able to wear a hijab or her religious con-

Mallanawmi wants to overturn ban on kippahs, hijabs and hats in Congress

WASHINGTON D.C. — A bill that would enable Jewish lawmakers to wear a kippah. "No one puts a scarf on my head but me," she wrote over the weekend on her Twitter account. "It’s my choice — one protected by the first amend-

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IsraAID (Israel21c via JNS) — Israeli NGO sends aid to California in wake of wildfires

And there are so many people who have been burned to the ground, there is a whole different level of suffering," said Polizer.

"The Israeli team were stationed in Santa Rosa, Calif., and assisted in coordinating and providing relief supplies and stress management to the affected communities. We were devastated by the tragedy of these fires in California," said Polizer. "It is a very close trent heart. We have an office there, lots of

The company arrived at a framework for evaluating how to treat listings in occupied territories that included assessing any potential safety risks for hosts and guests, evaluating whether the existence of listings is "con-

tributing to existing human suffering," and determining whether “the existence of list-

ings in the occupied territory has a direct connection to the larger dispute in the region."

"We concluded that we should remove listings in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank that are at the core of the dispute between Israelis and Palestin-

ians,” a statement on the Airbnb website said.

"Our hope is that someday sooner rather than later, a framework is put in place where the entire global community is aligned so there will be a resolution to this historic conflict and a clear path forward for everybody to follow," the statement said.

Israel’s tourism minister, Yariv Levin, called the decision “discriminatory” as well as “disgraceful and miserable,” according to a statement issued by his office.

Levin ordered his office to “formulate immediate measures to limit the company’s activity throughout the country,” the statement on the Airbnb website said.

"There is not the first time that IsraAID has sent aid in the wake of deadly fires in California. In October last year, a team of seven aid workers, including Polizer, helped out in evacuating centers in Napa Valley, after a series of wildfires swept the state killing more than 40 people and destroying thousands of homes.

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ues to help the community there to help them build resilience.

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Mallanawmi wants to overturn ban on kippahs, hijabs and hats in Congress

WASHINGTON D.C. — A-House rule banning Congress members from wearing hats of any kind could be overturned in the coming days, according to a lawmaker who has a head covering.

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ers to wear a kippah. "No one puts a scarf on my head but me," she wrote over the weekend on her Twitter account. "It’s my choice — one protected by the first amend-

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"The rule change would be part of a larger reform of Congress, including the ban of Reps. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the senior Democrat in the House of Representa-

tives and its likely speaker, and Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, the incoming rules chairman."

Though Omar has come under criticism since the election that the supports the Boycott, Divestment and
Israel's cognitive dissonance about the death penalty

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(IFS)—It’s not every day that Israel decides not to vote with the United States at the United Nations. It happened, however, on Nov. 13, when the U.S. and Israel together opposed a resolution on November 29 that sought to block the Israeli government from carrying out the death penalty. It was the third time in the past year and a half that the United States opposed a resolution at the U.N. on the issue of the death penalty. The United States was one of 36 nations opposed to it. Israel was among the 90 nations that voted in favor of the motion.

The vote was not nice for Israeli diplomats to not, for a change, be the focus of U.S. opprobrium (later in the week, Israel would be unopposed as it cast the lone vote against a resolution that seeks to ban the use of the death penalty). But still, under the surface, in the Rift Valley of the Rift Valley, the Jews—along with “Death” to most other ethnic groups—were silent. A personal plea to President Reuven Rivlin during the meeting in Kiel in Europe, American Jews for the most part were silent. A Catholic priest by the name of Father Choughlin was preaching anti-Semitic sermons in Florida as we spoke. A personal plea to President Roosevelt during the meeting in Kiel in Europe, American Jews for the most part were silent.

The headline in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on page 18A was, “The headache in the death of eleven people in Pittsburgh was not just another act of gun violence. It was a deliberate and deadly attack on the Jewish community. It was a seem- ingly random act of violence.” No. It was a deliberate and deadly attack on Jews worshiping on a Sabbath morning. The headline in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in the U.S. since long before the Declaration of Independence. Jews, who had been in the U.S. since long before the Declaration of Independence, were silent. A personal plea to President Roosevelt during the meeting in Kiel in Europe, American Jews for the most part were silent. A Catholic priest by the name of Father Choughlin was preaching anti-Semitic sermons in Florida as we spoke.

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Take a boat tour and have dinner at Dexter's

Join Congregation Ohev Shalom's Men's Club for a Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour of the opulent historic homes and estates nestled among swaying palm trees, towering cypress trees and sub-tropical flowers along the shores of the Winter Park Chain of Lakes.

After the cruise join the men at Dexter's for a chef-inspired menu that includes both vegetarian and fish options. The event takes place on Sunday, Dec. 9, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Scenic Boat Tours dock at Winter Park at 312 S. Morse Blvd. The boats will depart promptly at 5 p.m. Three boats are reserved for a total of 54 seats. The cost is $45 per person, which includes dinner and the boat ride.

Please RSVP by Dec. 9 to alan.zaltanetz@gmail.com. Because of the popularity of this event in prior years, no dinner reservations will be accepted after Dec. 9.

**Quote of the Week**

“One reason Chanukah makes a lot of people feel good is the psychology of the menorah light itself, the only remnant we still have of the priests’ service in the holy temple.” — Rabbi Yisroel Gordon, principal of Machon Los Angeles, a high school for girls
By Lenore Richman Roland

Lenore Roland was invited to be a guest speaker at the 2018 RAISE (Reading and Literacy for Adolescents and Young Adults) conference. She is the mother of a former RAISE employee and a professional writer.

At this introductory meet-
ing and hair.

Start by cleaning out your oil reservoir. Never fill your pan with too much oil, and keep it away from the flame. Make sure you keep your hands when you're lighting candles. And when you're lighting candles, make sure they're far from your cloth-
ing and hair.

Don't light your kid's arts and crafts menorah unless you're 100 percent sure they aren't flammable. These handmade menorahs may be super cute, but they can also be fire hazards. Make sure to only light menorahs you are certain are nonflammable. Keep the ones you're not sure about away from the lit menorahs, and instead consider using electric candles with them.

Frying safety tips:

Make sure your fire and your child's alertness are working. This is pretty self-explanatory but easy to forget. Do this a week before the festivities to have peace of mind.

Never fill your pan with too much oil, and keep it from getting too hot. Being burned with splashing oil really, really stinks. Make sure your oil doesn't get too hot. It's a good idea to use an oil with a high burning point, like canola oil or olive oil.

Keep your pan and pot away from the inside of the oven. It's a good way to keep them from getting knocked over. You DO NOT want that boiling pan falling on the floor.

Keep young children away from the stove. Total Fam-
illy Care suggests creating a "3-foot safety zone around the stove when the ladies are "frying" or using "the further burhers so children cannot approach dangerous equipment.

Keep flammable materials away from the flames. Your hair and shirrtles pulled up away from the flames.

Never try to extinguish a fire with water, and keep water away from your frying pan. In case of a grease fire, turn off the stove and use a pot lid or a baking pan to extinguish a grease fire. If that doesn't work, you can doze it with lots of baking soda.

Keep a burn cream around and treat any burn right away. Accidents happen. If you do get burned, run your burn under cold water right away.

Dispose of your oil properly. Don't throw that oil down the drain! It will clog your pipes.

Put your menorahs on a nonflammable surface. If you're putting your menorah on a wooden window sill or any other wooden surface, make sure to lay down aluminum foil or another nonflammable material. An even better idea is to put your menorah on a stone or marble counter. Glass and metal surfaces are self-extinguishing.

Put your menorahs on a sturdy surface. Is your dining room table a bit wobbly? Don't put your menorah there! Any unstable or wobbly surface is also a bad idea. Opt for a sturdy, safe surface.

Keep your menorahs away from pets. This might be easier said than done, espe-
cially with adventurous cats around. It might be better to put that menorah somewhere your pets are known to reach.

Keep your menorahs out of reach of little kids. It may be obvious, but make sure your menorahs are out of eye reach and are high enough.

Don't walk around with a lighted candle. So running with scissors, no walking with fire are some basic rules to change the direction of your life and your family's life. The RAISE program educates and empowers young adults with disabilities to live self-sufficient lives. This is pretty self-explanatory but easy to forget. Do this a week before the festivities to have peace of mind.

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It takes six years, but former Orlandian Brian Feldman is finally bringing the project that started in his childhood to the District of Columbia. And not just one venue, but all eight of them.

Unlike anything ever seen in D.C., history, “The Feldman Dynamic: 8 Wards of Chanukah” is an unprecedented reality theater event featuring Feldman’s actual family: Mom, Marilyn Wattman-Feldman; Dad, Edward Alan Feldman; and sister, Adrienne McIntosh and the family cat (who also appears in all eight nights of Chanukah (Dec. 2-9), traveling to a different D.C. Ward each night.

Feldman is an award-winning performance artist and a cut above. He has been named Best Performance Artist at the Fringe Festival (2009) and Washington City Paper (2018). “The Feldman Dynamic” is its world premiere in August 2003 as part of Fringe NYC, the New York International Fringe Festival, and it takes place in a different neighborhood each night, where it was featured on NBC’s Today Show and dubbed “the reason the Fringe exists.”

It’s not impressed. It’s the reality show that will never be on TV. The performance features everything from hot dogs, pizza, and hot chocolate, to cupcakes, jelly doughnuts, playing with dreidels, and enjoying choco-

The Feldman Dynamics: Edward Alan Feldman, Adrienne McIntosh, Marilyn Wattman-Feldman and Brian Feldman.
Scene Around

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

Oy Vay... (There's no other way to put it.)

According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, there has been a “spike in hate crimes.”

And according to the World Jewish Congress, “rising levels of physical violence, harassment and intimidation against Jews, including the desecration of our synagogues, schools, monuments and cemeteries.”

There is biased, one-sided anti-Israel activity at United Nations agencies, where the Jewish state (the only Democracy in the Middle East) continues to be singled out and targeted. The alarming rise of nationalism, neo-Nazism, and far-right political parties that have benefited from disturbing levels of xenophobia, anti-Semitism, and hate, bringing Europe to the breaking point.

One cannot pretend we don’t see the danger. One cannot believe this is not happening.

One cannot wish these threats away. We cannot merely express disgust and alarm and think we’ve done enough. We must face these challenges head on and take action to demand better for the Jewish people everywhere!

Chanukah approaches...

On Sunday, Dec. 9th beginning at 4:30 p.m. in Winter Park’s Central Park, the event “Chanukah On The Park” will take place.

This is always a fun celebration with entertainment this year by Shlock Rock who will perform a live music concert, Central Park, the event “Chanukah On The Park” will take place.

According to the 12th Annual Clermont Downtown Festival, there has been a “spike in hate crimes.”

One for the road...

Larry Oskin

All the proceeds from this event will help fund low income, youth combat Israeli soldiers, attend 4 years of college upon their discharge.

Photo ID is required.

One for the road...

A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, “So, you tell me that your mother says your prayers for you each night. That’s very commendable. What does she actually say?”

The little boy replied, “Thank God he’s in bed!”

(Been there, done that!)

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By Rachel Ringler

(Israel via JTA)—Each Jewish holiday has its iconic food: For Passover it’s the symbolic matzah; for Rosh Hashanah it’s sweet honey and new fruits. For Purim we get the delectable hamantaschen; and for Chanukah it’s oil. That purified olive oil, used to rekindle the iconic seven-branched candelabra that was eternally lit in the grand Temple in Jerusalem, has shown up in modern times in our Chanukah lamps and in our foods.

Jews from North Africa traditionally ate some form of fried pastry or doughnut filled with fruit or coated with honey and sugar. In Israel, expect to see bakeries filled with flats and flats of sufganiyot, fried doughnuts filled with jam, for weeks before the start of the eight-day holiday of Hanukkah. But in the United States, while jelly doughnuts have grown in popularity, some sort of fried pancake is still de rigueur.

In our home, we eat what our Polish-born grandparents ate: potato latkes. Generally they are the classic ingredients: grated russet potatoes and onion, bound with matzah meal and egg, seasoned with salt and pepper, and fried in vegetable oil. We never use schmaltz, the chicken or goose fat that was often used in Eastern Europe because of its ubiquity and low cost. We would like to! But we feel guilty enough eating any sort of fried food. Cooking our potatoes in schmaltz, while delicious, is simply a bridge too far.

But still, even within my own family, there is a latke schism. Yes to potatoes. Yes to vegetable oil. But it’s the texture of those potato delights that causes the great divide. I like a crunchy latke, while my sisters prefer creamy. The difference between the two? How they’re prepared and processed—on a coarse or fine grate.

For a potato pancake that while crisp on the outside is memorable for its creamy texture within, and that requires lots of oil—a tip of the frying pan to Maccabean times—try my sister Cheryl Schildkraut’s simple recipe for potato latke straight from my family’s treasure trove of Eastern European foods.

Ingredients:

- 3 pounds russet potatoes
- 1 medium yellow onion
- 3 extra large eggs
- 1/2 cup matzah meal
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- Vegetable oil for frying

Directions:

1. Peel and quarter potatoes and onion.
2. Divide into 3 batches and place in a food processor fitted with a stainless steel mixing blade.
3. Process each batch until there are no visible chunks and the mixture is smooth. Do not overprocess.
4. Drain mixture using a sieve placed over a large bowl. Press down gently to release liquid.
5. Pour drained potato mixture into a clean bowl. Add eggs, matzah meal, salt and pepper. Mix well.
6. Pour 1/2 inch of vegetable oil into 12- or 13-inch frying pan and heat on medium until the oil shimmers.
7. Using a slotted spoon, carefully place mounds of potato mixture into the hot oil.
8. Fry until brown on one side—about 3-4 minutes—and turn over and fry the second side until brown and crisp.
9. Place the browned latke on a plate lined with paper towels to absorb the excess oil and repeat steps 8 and 9 until the mixture is all used.
10. Serve with applesauce and sour cream if desired.

Rachel Ringler is a museum docent, challah instructor and cook who has strong feelings about the important role food plays in life, in family and in community. Her twitter handle is @rachelringler.

Forget the crunch—try these creamy potato latkes for Chanukah
Black Friday is now a thing in Israel

By Marcy Oster

JERUSALEM (JTA)—I was watching late night network television on Saturday night—that’s not terribly exciting here—when I was slammed with a string of ads exciting here—when I was watching late night network television on Saturday night—[27x534]ing, electronics, home decor—all the ads were pushing Black Friday sales.

Nori did the Black Friday as-Saturn step with my television. Suddenly, every cell phone text message (and I get a lot of them because I have loyalty cards at literally every store in one of the four malls where I do most of my shopping) is from a chain store reminding me that its Black Friday sales HAVE ALREADY STARTED!

I won’t lie; I have taken advantage of these sales. In fact, I visited my favorite mall today and there were Black Friday sales signs in front of every store.

But the difference here:

The stores are not swamped with shoppers like in America (though the pace of shopping is noticeably brisk).

It is the land the first year that I have noticed Black Friday sales in Israel. It is just that this year it became... commonplace.

How did this most American of traditions—the door-busting Christmas-season sales that come the day after Thanksgiving—make it to Israel? Blame the Internet. Is this the kickoff of the world’s first online shopping season? If it’s good enough for Americas, it’s good enough for Israel, right?

While Israelis have come to expect these November sales, which this year come conveniently less than two weeks before Chanukah, I don’t think most of them know why there is a Black Friday or that it is the kickoff of the Christmas shopping season.

And why should they? As a nation we don’t celebrate Christmas even though it is the land where the story takes place.

But everyone loves a sale. As for Thanksgiving, when we made aliyah from the States more than 18 years ago, my husband and I decided to keep the Thanksgiving tradition alive. The holiday was particularly meaningful to my immigrant grandfather, who escaped from Europe right before the Holocaust, and my immigrant father, a Holocaust survivor.

The first time I tried to buy a whole turkey for our Thanksgiving dinner, butcher’s who told me I was spending $1.80 for a turkey (there is no such thing here), one said, and suggested I take home a nice turkey breast.

“Whatever do you want for that?” another asked.

As for cranberry sauce, I had a difficult time finding it in stores in Anglo neighborhoods in cities such as Jerusalem and Raanana who only stock cranberry sauce.

And this year my local supermarket also started selling it, likely in deference to a new cadre of young immigrants from the United States who have moved to our community in recent years and, apparently, are looking to observe Thanksgiving.

On Sunday, when I went to order a whole turkey from the local butcher, the woman at the counter told me I was the third order that morning!

“For Chag Hashavu’a, right?” she asked me, using a literal translation of “Festi- vals of Thanks.” (In a strange linguistic coincidence, the Hebrew word for turkey, hoda, can also mean ‘give thanks.’ That’s a fun fact for everyone but the turkey.)

The term Black Friday became widely recognized earlier in his career, Oskin was director of marketing for Circle Fine Art. He provided marketing and PR services for Peter Max, Erté, Yaacov Agam, Norman Rockwell, LeRoy Neiman, Marcel Mouly, Walt Disney Studios and many internationally respected artists. He has been named the ‘Official Photographer’ for numerous state and national beauty pageants.

By Deborah Fineblum

(JNS)—For generations, lighting the Chanukah candles together has been the perfect dreidel spin, and the sound of the blessings and traditional songs sung by old and young alike, the smell and taste of latkes fresh from the pan.

Long-distance offspring may be away at college, on a gap-year program, studying in a seminary or yeshivah, a lone soldier serving in the Israel Defense Forces, or working and living in another town, with or without kids of their own. Leaving today’s parents (and grandparents, too) called upon to apply ingenuity, creativity, flexibility and some basic technical know-how to successfully span the miles with Chanukah spirit.

In fact, says “The Red Tent” author Anita Diamant, who’s also generated a library of go-debooks on modern Jewish life, including “How to Raise a Jewish Child: A Practical Handbook for Family Life,” “my family enjoys Chanukah kitsch so much we keep it going over the miles.”

When her daughter was a college student, Diamant would send a box of “Chanukah stuff as counterweight to the Christmas decorations.”

The stuff—menorah, gifts, candles (flame-free ones for those in dorms) can include modest (think: socks) gifts for each of the eight nights, she says, including notice that a donation was made in their name to a nonprofit organization that’s meaningful to them.

Indeed, many find that Chanukah invites us to siphon our refined sensibilities for eight days. There’s so much to be ashamed of: how bad taste when it comes to Chanukah—the tacky, the over-the-top, the garish—tells others how shallow we are. And here is where technology can be a parent’s best friend. Diamant recommends sending long-distance kids a friend. Diamant recommends a digital world.

And when they pose for a family photo, “there’s a glimpse to post on Facebook or Instagram, ‘there’s a glimpse to share traditions from home and begin new traditions all their own.’”

The “stuff”—menorah, gelt, sufganiyot, is that this awesomeness is more basic than the latkes and traditional songs, even the blessings and the sounds of parents telling the Chanukah story—about the few thousand of years ago on this small piece of land, which the anti-Israel forces are telling us we have no historical right to. It reminds students that, even more than the latkes and the sufganiyot, is that this awesome story and this ancient land truly belong to them.

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“It might be tough to be away from home because they haven’t quite mastered the latke recipe, they’re putting together a makeshift menorah, or they simply miss the sounds of parents telling them to ‘Be careful! Watch the flame! Don’t let the wax drip!’ says Miller. “But being away from home also means that they’re started to pave their own path; it’s a chance to share traditions from home and begin new traditions all their own.”

And when they pose for a group candle-lighting photo to post on Facebook or Instagram, “there’s a glimpse of peoplehood—of feeling connected to North American Jewish community and living the chance to share that pride with the digital world.”

Whereas young adults are celebrating beloved traditions from childhood, young children are busy forming their memories, and grandparents want to be part of that happy process. Even when she can’t be with them on the holiday, Ann Wanetik, who lives in the Detroit area, takes advantage of her visits to her eight grand-children, all of whom happen to live in one small country in the Middle East. “Whenever I’m in Israel in the fall, I take...
Jews travel to Poland for symbolic solidarity march

With the rise of nationalist sentiment in many parts of Eastern Europe, new communities are facing renewed threats and challenges. Among them, one of the most prominent is in Warsaw, Poland, where a small group of people are standing up against the rise of nationalism. The group, led by Rabbi Yair Schottenstein, is aiming to create a platform for Jews to come together and fight against the rising tide of anti-Semitism.

The group is planning to hold a large-scale event in Warsaw on September 11, 2018, which will be attended by Jews from all over the world. The event will include a march through the streets of Warsaw, as well as a vigil at the site of the Holocaust Memorial. The group hopes that this event will help to raise awareness about the ongoing crisis of anti-Semitism in Poland and around the world.

In addition to the march and vigil, the group is also planning to hold a conference in Warsaw on September 12, 2018, which will bring together Jewish leaders and experts to discuss the issue of anti-Semitism and how to combat it.

The event is being organized by the Jewish Community of Warsaw, under the leadership of Rabbi Yair Schottenstein. The group is working closely with local authorities to ensure that the event is safe and secure.

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In Holland, one of the world's most expensive Chanukah menorahs hides in plain sight

By Cnaan Liphshiz

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — Nothing about the appearance of object MB02280 at this city's Jewish Historical Museum suggests it is the country's priciest Chanukah menorah, worth more than the average local price of a duplex home.

Shaped like the body of a violin, it is only 11 inches tall. Its base cradles eight detachable oil cups intended to function as candles on Chanukah, when light candles to commemorate a 167 BCE revolt against the Greeks. They are set against the menorah's smooth, reflective surface, whose edges boast elaborate rococo reliefs because they were excluded from guilds, which were abolished because they were "too much about the amount of labor it took, it's not about the owner's initials in a monogram," Faber said, "but we haven't been able to trace it." The monogram was one of the objects that were asymmetrical decorations "that prob-ably sustained the status of initiala initiala, monogram," Faber said, "but we haven't been able to trace them.

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The German Emperor

The outspoken pro-Israel diplomat will be sorely missed. All kinds of people will come to agree with her most memorable quotes.

"The days of Israel bash- ing are ending," she said in 2017. "For some reason you can't get anything done in the U.N. They need to know there is a new sheriff in town.

"I wear heels. It's not for a fashion statement. It's because if I see something wrong, we're going to kick it down with one single thing.

"I have seen so many simi-larities between the Israeli culture and the Indian cul-ture. We're very close-knit. We believe in our family and something that is very strong. So that's all the good things. We're aggressive. We're vibrant. We're in aposition to go back down from a fright."

"AIPAC Policy Conference, March 2017

"I encourage people to find out and use the power of their voices just as much when I do not agree with those voices as when I do agree with them."

"All I've done with Israel is tell the truth. So when I saw something wrong, I called it out."

"The people of Iran are crying out for freedom... All kinds of people will come to agree with her most memorable quotes.

"Israel must stand up for its own survival as a nation; but it also stands up for the ideals of freedom and human dignity that the United Nations is sup-porting and more outrageous than in its bias against our close ally Israel."

"—Senate Confirmation Hearing, January 2017

"We still not tolerate a situation that a world body of 198 countries can spend less than $400 million on one country; Israel. What we need to do is to buy a monthly Israeli-bashing session now at least has more balance. But we're not close to the point of standing up for our right to self-defense and peace, and security are inevitably threatened. We have seen that repeatedly throughout human history. The case of Syria provides a perfect recent testament to this fact."

"—AIPAC Policy Conference, March 2018

"The world was taken by surprise when the announce-ment that Nikki Haley, the U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., will be resigning at the end of the year. The pro-Israel diplomat, dubbed "Hurricane Haley" by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, for her strong defense of the Jewish state, was voted standing up to the U.N.'s anti-Israel bias and defending moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, as well as her main achievements in her diplomatic posting.

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What’s new for kids to read at Chanukah? Try a fresh take on the trailblazing “All-of-a-Kind Family.”

By Penny Schwartz

(ITALY) Ella, Henny, Sarah, Charlotte and Gertie. The names of the five fictional sisters bring a smile to generations of the five fictional sisters bring a smile to

By Emily Jenkins & Paul O. Zelinsky

As an only child, I adored the "All-of-a-Kind Family" world, down to the details of Ofanansky’s text, brought together to form a new chapter for this generation.

Jenkins stepped away from her well-known finer, more straightforward prose for a creative whimsical version. This lively rhyming book tells the story of Hanukkah in simple, playful language that kids can follow along with.

Kids will relate to Hannah, who doesn’t want to be in the family’s New York apartment on Hester Street, is practically go away! Her brother Henry is smitten. "Dreidel Day" by Amalda Liman-Forer; ages 2-4

Young kids will spin, bounce and tumble their way through Chanukah along with a lively kitty in this delightful board book that gives life to the colors of a box of holiday candies. Little ones can count out loud with each double-page spread that features a character and one number and discover the corresponding number of colorful dreidels.

"The Story of Hanukkah," by Patti Argoff; Hachai Publishing; ages 1-4

This book’s end papers include instructions for making colorful dreidels. The 32 pages of Okanansky’s text, brought together to form a new chapter for this generation.

Family members of all ages will gather round this engaging book, which shows a light and playful side to the tradition of Hanukkah.

For more books to celebrate Chanukah, visit the American Jewish Committee’s website for a list of recommended books and activities for families and classrooms. Kids can go behind the scenes with the creative whipping artist. Children will find the story of Hannah and the miracle of how a small amount of oil lasted eight days. Families celebrate, light candles, play dreidel, and receive chocolate coins as gifts. The book’s end papers include instructions for making dreidels.

"The Menorah! A Hanukkah Handbook," by Jacqueline Jules; illustrated by Kristiana Sauer; Ben; ages 4-10

This contemporary rhyming book includes clear photographs, explain the holiday and the play on words that make this book a welcome resource.

“Hannah’s Hanukkah Hiccups,” by Shanna Silva; illustrated by Constanza Balsuzzo; Lerner Publications; ages 4-8

A fun fact reveals that one Israeli bakery tries and bakes 2,000 doughnuts for each day of Chanukah. Gifts, songs and blessings in Hebrew, English and transliterated from Hebrew are also included along with instructions for making candles, oil and latkes. "The Story of Hanukkah," by Patti Argoff; Hachai Publishing; ages 7-12

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"The Light the Menorah! A Hanukkah Handbook," by Allison Ofanansky; illustrated by Lesley Weber; ages 7-12

This book will spot various references to the original, such as the ginger snaps hidden in the bed, Ella’s favorite rhymes and a special library book, Jenkins revealed. Zelinsky said illustrating the Taylor classic was a challenge, but he said it was a dream for children and families familiar with the chapter book series that will spot various references to the original, such as the ginger snaps hidden in the bed, Ella’s favorite rhymes and a special library book, Jenkins revealed. Zelinsky said illustrating the Taylor classic was a challenge, but he said it was a dream for children and families familiar with the chapter book series.

Jenkins read the books to her children, who were just kindergarten age.

For this illustrated book, set on the eve of Chanukah in 1912, Jenkins focused on Gertie, the spunky 4-year-old, as the family gets ready to celebrate the holiday. Adults familiar with the chapter book series will spot various references to the original, such as the ginger snaps hidden in the bed, Ella’s favorite rhymes and a special library book, Jenkins revealed. Zelinsky said illustrating the Taylor classic was a challenge, but he said it was a dream for children and families familiar with the chapter book series.

The dynamic writer-illustrator Jenkins and Paul O. Zelinsky.

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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.

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From page 5A

Friends stuck in tunnels. Fifteen-mile drives that took five hours. 

A few thoughts on “Snowmageddon”

What the hell, New York? I understand why Atlanta or Washington, D.C., are paralysed by a few inches of snow, but this is the Northeast. We don’t snow. We shovel. And although not usually this early in the season, what does this say about our city’s preparedness? And about our strained infrastructure? Who will pay the price for an added evening’s commute of this magnitude? And how do we stop this from becoming a standard?”

If you want to see the holocaust in action, take a look at my Northern New Jersey daily. They should have owned this story, with constant updates, blanket coverage, and even coverage on social media and in blog posts. This is a story that should be maximized, because it is the story of our city, our state, our nation.

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19 that it would remove the listings of some 200 rooms and homes for rent in West Bank settlements.

“We find the actions of Airbnb deplorable,” Mayor Mohamed Elaine, the chief administrative official of the city issued by the city. “On behalf of our citizens, this unanimous resolution reflects the City Council’s consistent opposition to Airbnb and to Israel and to exposing hospitality anywhere it exists.”

A security camera video revealed that the suspect had driven down the two men leaving the Bar Harbor Police Department and was reversing and trying to hit them again, CBS reported. The attacker, who was typically worn by Orthodox Jews on Shabbat, was identified as a Semitic epithets at them. He was stopped when he ran into a stop sign and slammed into another vehicle.

You were one link in a chain, you did your part, you made it possible, but you were one link in a chain. We can try to inoculate others against its effects.”

Airbnb released a statement following the Bar Harbor Police Department.

Airbnb was held on $55,000 bail and is delaying the rollout of its plans to destroy a peace plan in the region of Israeli government.

The Trump administration is said to have been called a “very dangerous and inaccurate” in a statement about violence at John F. Kennedy Interna-

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City of Beverly Hills rentals

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Taking advantage of something special they pick want for Chanukah, she says. It’s an opportunity to have independence. And no matter how dark a thing white nationalists in Charlottesville, Virginia, said Feldman. The Internet makes much more than people, their bodies morphed into those of mutants. Their mutant powers were triggered during their teenage years, as if the body’s bodies “mutated” during adolescence. The entire premise of the X-Men was an unstable metaphor for puberty. But in this story, titled “Among X-Men, published in 1965, Lee and Kirby discarded that rather obvious metaphor in favor of another, more socially relevant one—that of the mutant as a persecuted minority. In this story, “Among Us Stark... The Sentinels,” an anthropologist named Belvoir Trask builds an army of giant killer robots programmed to recognize and destroy people with mutant DNA. Toward the beginning of this story, the X-Men’s leader, Professor Charles Xavier,-working closely with scientists and mutants-reveals to the crowds and traffic at the West Coast and in Washington, D.C., Central Intelligence. For the first time, people of color such as Storm (hailing from Kenya) were a part of the group. So were Jewish characters, like Chico, a X-Men #14 kicked off a three-part story arc with the Superhero Sentinel as an allegory. With their intolerance for anyone different, Trask’s robots, dubbed the Sentinels, are a clear metaphor for real-life hate groups. The backstory of the X-Men’s arch enemy Magneto was even tweaked, revealing that he was a Jewish Holocaust survivor. Whereas Stan Lee’s X-Men was a Rod Serling-style allegory for anti-Semitism, the later incarnation of the group featured actual Jews as super-heroes. This was unthinkable in the 1960s. Lee was the primary scripter on the title. In 1966, he did co-create a Jewish character: Levy Cohen, one of Sgt. Nick Fury’s multitudinal assistants, as part of the Howling Commandos. But Cohen is a mere support- ing character in someone else’s story. It would take another decade for Jewish characters to make their return in comics, and even then it seemed like someone else’s direction. But it took Stan Lee to chart the path that his successors would follow. Author and public speaker Ari Karpel interview Stan Lee for his award-winning nonfiction book “From Krakow to Krypton: Jews and Comic Books.” He’s written scores of comic book stories and script for movies, from Superman to Speed Racer. Follow Karpel on Twitter @Avrokarpekin.
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Charitable Gift Annuity Rates

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Example:

Give $25,000 at age 80 and get $1,825/year (7.3%) for the rest of your life.

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