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RABBI YEHUDA GLICK PREPARES TO LEAVE SHAARE ZEDEK Hospital after being shot by Arab assassins. Rabbi Glick gave a touching and emotional press conference thanking those who had helped save his life. He made special note of the fact that at the hospital he was treated by both Jewish and Arab doctors and caretakers working side by side. These are the Muslims, said Glick, "who are bringing respect to God and their religion, not those who murder in the name of religion". Photo credit: Shaare Zedek Medical Center.

The Meaning of Chanukah

The story of Chanukah is, with that of Queen Esther of Purim fame, among the best-known legends of Jewish history. Judas Maccabee, his father Mattathias and the other stalwarts of the Maccabean line, have been celebrated in song and story for centuries and there are few Jewish children who have not been thrilled by the heroism of their ancestors.

For the adult, of course, Chanukah has a greater significance than that merely of a successful struggle against a tyrannical conqueror, for the centuries following the martial achievements of the Maccabees show how evanescent was the military victory which these heroes had won. Its greater significance lies in the victory of the spirit which was won in the hills of Judaea. In the struggle

between the materialism of Hellenism and the deep spiritual force of Judaism, Judaism found the strength to sustain itself and its victory made possible the perpetuation not only of the Hebraic tradition itself but the entire Judaic philosophy which gave rise to what is called the Judaeo-Christian civilization.

Undoubtedly, a considerable share of the importance which has been attached to Chanukah is its chronological proximity to Christmas and the necessity of offering a Jewish counterpart to the influence which this Christian festival exerts upon Jewish children. Be that as it may, it is no more than fitting that we celebrate joyously this spiritual victory, ever-present testimony to the validity of a great religion and ethical system.

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Two French Politicians Jews Can Trust

With the wave of anti-Semitism that has spread across France recently, it might be assumed that French Jewry has no friends in high places. But two ministers in the current government have gone out of their way to express their friendship and respect for French Jewry.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve told the French Jewish Radio J Station that "I feel more close to you than you can imagine...Also in my heart, through ties of affection and

friendship and sentiment, but also, and this is almost more important to me - through spirit". Cazeneuve expressed his concern over the spike in French anti-Semitism. "Every time you feel the violence exercised against you, when you are afraid for your children...remind yourselves that the republic protects you and an interior minister who loves you and who is your friend."

And then there's France's new prime minister Manuel Valls (Cazeneuve replaced Valls as Interior Minister). His long history of friendship towards French Jewry is well known. In

2002, during a wave of anti-Semitism, teenagers started throwing stones at Jews walking to a synagogue in Evry, a suburb of Paris. Valls, then the mayor, joined the weekly synagogue walk. As Interior Minister Valls went after the comedian Dieudonne M'bala M'bala, the creator of the quasi Nazi salute known as the quenelle. Valls described it as an "anti-Semitic gesture of hate". "Without Jews", says Valls, "France will no longer be France". The new prime minister's marriage to Jewish violinist Anne Gravoin in 2011 "connected him in an eternal way" to Israel

and the Jewish people.

The Conference of European Rabbis has announced it will award Valls with this year's Lord Jakobivitz Prize for European Jewry for his "exemplary determination in the fight against anti-Semitism."

Yemen Minister Shows Class

Fewer than 90 Jews still live in Yemen and life has not been easy for them. Radical Islamists have forced half of the remaining Jews to live in a guarded compound which protects

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NEW ISRAELI STUDY SUGGESTS TUMORS GROW MORE QUICKLY AT NIGHT

By LINDA GRADSTEIN, MEDIA LINE

Cancer scientists have long been interested in how and why tumors grow and spread. Now a group at the Weizmann Institute of Science has found that tumors might grow more quickly at night, meaning that it might be more efficient to give chemotherapy during the night rather than during daytime.

"It could mean that some treatments should be done during the night," Yehoshua Eneka, one of the authors of the report told The Media Line. "It could

also lead to a better understanding of the exact biological and molecular mechanism that governs the process of tumor progression."

The findings which were published in *Nature Communications*, were done on gastric tumors in mice and the experiment has not been done yet on human subjects. In the case of the mice, which are more active during the night and sleep during the day, the tumors grew more quickly during the day. The hypo-

thesis is that in the case of people, the tumors will grow faster at night than during the day. It would therefore be more effective to give chemotherapy at night.

Non-scientists might question how much validity a study on mice could have on human cancer, but scientists say humans are more similar to mice than we might think.

"There's a concept of a model organism in biology," Don Katcoff of the Faculty of Life Sciences at Bar Ilan University told The

Media Line. "The physiology is similar and many of the same rules apply."

He also said the findings that were published do seem to be breaking new ground.

"They found that the tumors became smaller if chemotherapy was given to the mice during the daytime, which is equivalent to our night," he said. "They found that the difference was statistically significant, but there is a conglomerate of factors that go into
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**ISLAMISTS CLAIM ISRAEL'S DESTRUCTION
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By DR. MITCHELL BARD

The Obama Administration rejected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's comparison of ISIS and Hamas, a view that is both ignorant and dangerous, but consistent with the international tendency to treat the Palestinians as a unique class that deserves special treatment, including looking the other way when it comes to their ideology.

Hamas, however, does not conceal its intentions, publishing its coven-

ant in 1988 with an explicit call for Israel's destruction. Notice also that Hamas does not distinguish between Jews and Israel: Here are a few excerpts:

Our struggle against the Jews is very great and very serious...It strives to raise the banner of Allah over every inch of Palestine...It is one of the links in the chain of the struggle against the Zionist invaders...

The Prophet, Allah
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COUSIN ARYEH

AUTHOR'S COUSIN WAS A VICTIM OF TERROR

By SHALOM POLLACK

Once again, Jerusalem is in mourning. I attended the funeral yesterday of three of the four men who were murdered as they stood in prayer. Apparently one of the murderers worked in a grocery store near the synagogue. He probably knew some of the people he butchered with his meat cleaver."

I joined the large crowd in shared grief and shock, but this time it was of a more personal nature. My cousin was one of the victims. They say he struggled with one of the man beasts before he succumbed.

Aryeh Kupinsky was brought to Israel from the USA by his idealist parents (Please turn to page 15)

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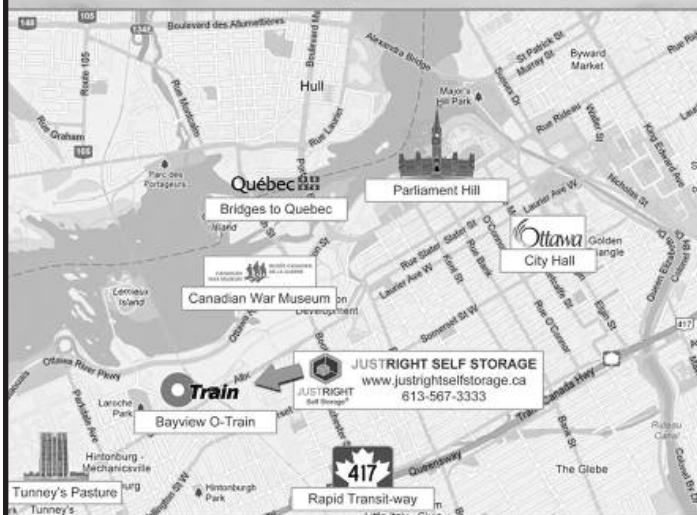
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By **MIKE COHEN**

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The principality of Monaco (<http://www.visit-monaco.com>) has a colorful and fascinating history filled with barbarians, kings and even a movie star. It is a story of castles, epic battles and untold riches. Since 2005, H.S.H. Prince Albert II – already known as the green Prince for his interest in the environment – has been leading the Principality into the 21st century with the support of his sisters H.R.H. Princess of Hanover and

H.S.H. Princess Stephanie. In 2011 Prince Albert married Charlene Wittstock.

Monaco enjoys a privileged location at the heart of Mediterranean Europe. The Principality is nestled between the Alps and the Mediterranean Sea, bounded by the French Riviera to the west and the Italian Riviera to the east. This is the second smallest country in the world, after Vatican City – three miles long by one-half miles wide (about the size of New York's Central Park). While Monaco is the name of the country, Monte-Carlo is a district within Monaco.

DINING OUT: The highlight of our evening in (Please turn to page 16)

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By **ABDULLAH H. ERAKAT, MEDIA LINE**

Emad Halabi first worked in Israel when he was 16 years old. Now, at the age of 50, he still takes jobs in the Jewish state or in Jewish communities built on land Israel acquired in 1967 when he can get them. The money he makes helps support his large family.

While he passed his college entrance exam, he dropped out of two separate

universities twice. He took a job cleaning at Hebrew University in Jerusalem because it paid well.

"When you landed a job working in Israel or the "settlements", people envied you and considered you lucky because there's no substitute. That's still the case today," he told The Media Line, adding that he was never harassed for

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deciding how much chemotherapy to give and what kinds of compounds to use."

He suggested it was likely that a similar trial would be conducted with people to see if the findings are replicated.

Dr. Matia Lauriola, Bologna University in Italy, and the primary author of the paper, said the new ground broken has to do with the interaction between tumor growth and the hormone receptor factor. The receptors are protein molecules found either on the cell's surface or within cells. The research focused on two specific receptors – the epidermal growth factor receptor, EGFR, helps cells, including cancer cells, grow and migrate. The second receptor binds to a steroid hormone called a glucocorticoid (GC), similar to cortisol. This is often called the "stress hormone" because its levels rise in stressful situations.

"Nobody looked at the interaction between different factors in these cases," Lauriola told The Media Line. "We are the first to look at these interactions and we think it is important for the understanding of the mechanism that has been

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important for tumor growth."

The scientists gave a breast cancer drug, Lapatinib, to mice with cancer. The drug is meant to inhibit EGFR, to prevent the growth of the cancer cells. They were more effective during the day, when the mice were sleeping, than at night.

Yehoshua Enuka of the Weizmann Institute says

that the research could help scientists understand how tumors grow.

"It sheds new light on tumor progression," he said. "If we know it progresses more at night, we know there are different biological mechanisms that are more prevalent during the night. The cortisol seems to block the biological processes that enhance the tumor."

A MATTER OF TIME

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bless him and grant him salvation, has said: "The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and

trees. The stones and trees will say, 'O Muslims, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him'....There is no solution for the Palestine question except through Jihad. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors. Palestine is an Islamic land.

The principles of the covenant, which Hamas officials and clerics publicly repeat without hesitation, are blatantly anti-Semitic, containing classic conspiracy theories straight out of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. Jews are accused of "undermining societies, destroying values, corrupt-

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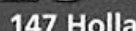
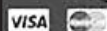
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ing consciences, deteriorating character and annihilating Islam." Jews are also "behind the drug trade and alcoholism...to facilitate its control and expansion."

According to Hamas, Muslims must combat the threat posed by the Jews through jihad. And this is not just a Palestinian obligation; Hamas expects the entire Islamic world to join this holy war. The bottom line for Hamas – and all the Islamists – is that "no part of Palestine can be surrendered. No single Arab regime or number of regimes acting together has the right to break this trust and give up any of this land, not even the Palestinians themselves....reconquering the lands is considered a solemn religious duty."

Contrary to administration claims that Hamas



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does not share the ISIS goal of world conquest, the group believes that, after liberating Palestine, it can create a model Islamic state, which will "become the vanguard of a larger Islamist movement that will embrace all Muslims, who will eventually shed their respective nationalist convictions and restore the universal Islamic polity and the glories of the past."

What makes negotiations with Hamas or any other Islamist group impossible is that they believe they are acting according to the immutable word of god. Israel cannot do anything to satisfy them, as Egyptian cleric Muhammad Hussein Ya'qub said in a televised sermon in 2009. "If the Jews left Palestine to us, would we start loving them? Of course not," he explained. "The Jews are infidels not because I say so but because Allah does... They aren't our enemies because they occupy Palestine; they would be our enemies even if they had not occupied anything." This is one example of why State Department Arabists are delusional to believe that solving the conflict with the Palestinians will bring peace and tranquility to the Middle East.

The radical Islamic focus on Israel is partly a matter of convenience; it serves as an easy rallying point for the masses. Moreover, these Muslims have little doubt that Israel can be destroyed because time is on their side. Given the perspective of centuries, the current situation in which the U.S. is the global superpower and Israel is considered the region's dominant power is deemed a temporary phenomenon. Many Muslims believe that

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A MATTER OF TIME

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 the Palestinians will vastly outnumber the Jews in the area between the Mediterranean and Jordan River (not to mention the 300 million Muslims in surrounding countries) and will then overwhelm the Jews by the sheer force of their numbers. They also believe that it is just a matter of time before they acquire nuclear weapons, regardless of the outcome of the effort to halt Iran's nuclear program. At that point they will also have the military means to destroy Israel.

An Arab adage says, "A man who gains his revenge after 40 years is acting in haste." Muslims recognize it took 200 years to expel the Crusaders, but they did it and, though it may take 200 years to expel the Zionists, they are confident they will do so. Ahmed Yousef, political adviser to then Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas, said it all in the title of his book, "The End of the Jewish State: Just a Matter of Time."

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COUSIN ARYEH

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as they settled in Kiryat Arba, the then, new pioneer outpost near Hebron, He leaves five orphans and a widow behind to figure out how to carry on. Far too many Jewish families in Israel have a cousin Aryeh... or father or spouse or son or daughter. (The attack at Har Nof left four widows and 24 orphans)

So what is happening today? Well we are assured that the authorities will vanquish the terror and calls for calm...and...let's see...more security personnel on the streets, and, oh yes, the placing of big concrete blocks near train stations. I have also noticed that police vehicles accompany the trains especially in the Arab neighborhoods where they have burned down the stations and attacked the passing trains. Citizens with gun licenses are now asked to be armed at all times just in case.. Schools and similar places are to be more tightly guarded. Walls, tunnels concrete blocks. Fortress Jerusalem.

How many light years away is this situation from the heady days of 1967 when after the miraculous victory, Jerusalem Arabs would barely dare to look a Jew in the eye. I remember. A Jew felt more than simply safe in Jerusalem then. That was exactly why I left Brooklyn, NY and came home.

Sadly, the warped values and disproportionate influence of the Israeli Left has succeeded in just about erasing that feeling, a feeling that isn't even a memory for younger Israelis. They never knew the high spirits I felt in those few years. Similarly, the younger Arab generation never knew the shock and awe of the Jewish lion that riveted their parents. The cost of this reversal can

be seen in the cemeteries and the thousands of orphans and widows.

One is never angry with a wild dog. The one that lets him off the leash is the culprit.

As our Torah informs/warns us, Ishmael is a "wild man". The Torah uses this description only once, and it has been true ever since.

From the time of and just after the Six Day War when the Israeli government and particularly Defence Minister Moshe Dayan urged the defeated and panicked Arabs not to flee for the borders, the seeds for an ever increasing Jewish bloodletting were sown.

There is no other country in the Mid East as strong militarily as Israel. Then again it depends on how one measures strength. If at the end of the day the best jets and pilots and tanks etc. have no effect on a population that fears waiting for a bus or praying in the morning, then how strong can the country actually be? How sick is it to hear too many politicians, journalist, jurists and other beacons of morality and knowledge, equate the "extremists on both sides" and warn of a lack of a "hopeful political horizon" or "the need for dialogue."

No, what drives Arab terror is not despair but rather hope. The hope of brutally killing all the Jews. Simple. And guess what? It has nothing to do with the Temple Mount or the price of tea in China. It's about us.

What kind of a society/culture/religion encourages young and old to dance in the streets and pass out sweets at the news that human beings were hacked to death.? What kind of parents are proud of

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their martyr children for ripping people apart limb by limb And what kind of a country does not spit these animals out and expel the incorrigible, malignant growth once and for all?

Golda Meir once said, "there will be peace when the Arab mothers love their children more than they hate ours".

We really can not wait much longer.

TRAVEL TALES

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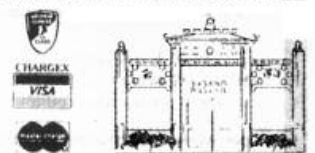
Monte Carlo was a remarkable dinner at the Salle Empire (<http://www.montecarlosbm.com>) at the gorgeous Hôtel de Paris (hoteldeparismontecarlo.com). We took the train from Nice to Monte Carlo and enjoyed a pleasant 10 minute walk through town to this most breathtaking facility where we were seated on a magnificent terrace overlooking the entrance to the grand casino. This was "people watching" at its best. A musical trio serenaded us with soft songs and a group of servers provided us with sensational service, starting things off with champagne, soft lemon rolls and their signature potato chips.

It is in the Salle Empire that haute gastronomy is served during private dinners catering for up to 350 guests, and concerts and shows are organized for invited audiences. Spectacular celebrations also take place in this setting, unique in Europe. It is

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tasted his culinary excellence earlier on in the trip at Le Jules Verne Restaurant at the Eiffel Tower.

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We experienced an extraordinary meal which lasted nearly two and a half hours. Every item on the menu was explained in great detail and if something did not meet our dietary requirements a substitute was easily arranged. First was an interesting and nutritious drink, a concentrated healthy extract of bio vegetables. This was fol-

lowed by raw and cooked vegetables from the hotel's own garden, with tangy juice. We then enjoyed some amazing eggplant ravioli with fresh goat's cheese and thyme lemon. The main course was a roasted rack of lamb from prealps rubbed with summer savory and summer vegetable. It was beautifully prepared.

There were no less than three separate desserts: home-made delicacies and chocolates from the Hôtel de Paris; red fruit, strawberry juice and vanilla ice cream; and a traditional chocolate soufflé. The servers made a hole in the middle and poured hot chocolate sauce inside. We each got a side plate of whipped cream. This was so light and beyond delicious. The final serving was a moka coffee. The Hôtel de Paris falls under the auspices of the Group Monte-Carlo SBM (www.sbm.mc), which oversees four casinos, four luxury and top quality hotels (Hôtel de Paris, Hôtel Hermitage, Monte Carlo Beach and Monte-Carlo Bay Hotel &

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The Salle Empire has

been the site of many bar and bat mitzvah celebrations, as well as brit milas. Although they do not provide kosher meals, they do prepare special courses respecting the Jewish traditions.

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Rothschild from deportation. In 1948 the Association Culturelle Israelite de Monaco became the official organization of the community. Today, most of the 1000 Jews live in Monte Carlo, although few of them are actually

citizens. They come mainly from France and the United Kingdom but also from North Africa and Turkey. The Association Culturelle Israelite de Monaco is a house that has been converted into a synagogue, a community Hebrew school, and kosher food shop. The community does have a rabbi, who leads weekly

services and teaches classes. There are services on Shabbat. Several organizations, including WIZO and B'nai B'rith, are active in the community.

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being Palestinian.

Even when the first Intifada broke out in 1987 Halabi continued working in Israel to achieve the Palestinian goal: save up money, build a house and get married, which is what he did in 1990. Without the work in Israel, this would not have been possible. In Israel, he says, he makes \$80 per day as a laborer, compared to \$60 per day in the Palestinian territories.

"I tile one square meter (for a Palestinian project) in the West Bank, I get \$7. In 'settlements', the same amount gets me \$14, while inside Israel it's \$28. The decision is an easy one.

Halabi says on aver-

age, a Palestinian makes \$420 a month working in the West Bank, while in Israel workers earn double this.

"When I see my kids can't eat until I go to the settlement to work, of course I'm going to go so I can not only feed them but give them a good life," he said. An estimated 25,000 Palestinians work in construction in Jewish communities in the West Bank, and some Palestinians have said they should quit because they are entrenching the Israeli occupation and making an independent Palestinian state less likely.

Emad Halabi is one of 40,000 West Bank resi-

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dents with an Israeli permit to work in Israel. According to the Palestinian Labor Ministry, an additional 30,000 work without permits.

"We discourage those Palestinians who work without permits because we cannot protect them if they are mistreated," Ministry of Labor official Assem Abu Baker told The Media Line. For example if a laborer is injured while on the job, his employer could refuse to pay for hospital coverage.

To get a permit, men need to be married, have at least one child, and be at least 24 years old. Israel believes that men in these categories are less likely to commit terrorist attacks.

The office of the Coordinator for Government Activities in the Territories

(COGAT) said the number of working permits for Palestinians to enter Israel has increased because of the "regional stability and security."

According to its 2013 statistics, COGAT issued 42,731 permits to Palestinians working in Israel and 24,812 permits to those working in Jewish communities in the West Bank.

The Palestinian Labor ministry says it is trying to encourage Palestinians to work in Palestinian factories and industries, but not finding it easy. The unemployment rate in the West Bank is 24 percent, and even higher among recent university graduates. The Palestinian Authority has recently tried to encourage workers to

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"People did not want to listen," Abu Baker of the

Labor Ministry said. "High desirable salaries have kept the Palestinians sneaking in to Israel or working in settlements."



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While he said it was a very difficult job, sometimes standing 12 hours on your feet, he says it was worth it because they paid well. "No one ever questioned my working in a settlement because everyone knows the money is better on the Israeli side," Elia, a resident of Al Azaria told The Media Line.

His average salary was \$7 per hour and on Saturdays he would receive \$17 an hour. Each morning, he would go down to the rendezvous spot where an Israeli bus would pick him up along with 200 people.

Of course, there was the usual security check.

"There were arguments but the kind that you have at any work. They were not political or anything like that. There was no discrimination against us," he said.

In 2010, the PA created a fund to provide alternative employment and grants in an effort to both discourage Palestinians from working in the settlements and boost the West Bank economy. But that did not bear fruit. The instability in the West Bank did not give hope either.

Economist Nasr Abdelkarim says if the labor ministry or PA in general wants to stop people from working in Israel or settlements, they need to encourage it. "It's not a political decision. Palestinian laborers are motivated by the economic factors," he said.

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HIGHER PAY IN ISRAEL

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He suggests trying to decrease dependency of Palestinians on Israel and instead strengthening ties with the rest of the world. "The government should design a policy to attract

investors to the agricultural and manufacturing industries," he told The Media Line. This would result in job creation, as well as bring money into the Palestinian economy.



AS THE ABOVE ARTICLE DOCUMENTS, Palestinians working in Israel or for Israeli companies on the West Bank receive far higher wages than their counterparts do in Ramallah or in other Palestinians cities and villages. Hillel Manne, center, owns a boutique winery in Beit El. He employs two Palestinian workers from nearby Ramallah. Their weekly wages are six times what they would earn working for a Palestinian enterprise. While they do experience some resentment when they return home, their primary concern is to provide for their families.

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the US Embassy in the capital of Sanaa.

But at least one government official had the courage to show her friendship towards the Jews of her country. Culture Minister Arwa Othman won Human Rights Watch's Alison Des Forges Award for her work combatting

extremism and discrimination against women. She announced that she is giving the award to her "brothers and friends from the Jewish community". She has repeatedly called for "tolerance", despite being constantly subjected to smear campaigns by hard-line Salafi groups for her support of the Jewish community.

Muslim Leader Condemns Attacks

The following item was submitted by Palestinian Media Watch. - The Editor

Ahmadi Muslim religious leader, Sheikh Muhammad Sharif Odeh, who lives in Israel, condemned all the recent terror attacks carried out by Palestinians under the pretext of defending the Islamic holy sites. "I visited the synagogue that was attacked in Jerusalem, and from the first moment, I felt a sense of anger because of this shameful act, which does not conform to our glorious Islam". In an op-ed published in *Ma'an*, a private Palestinian news agency, he said that Muslims must "defend, first of all, the churches, houses of worship and monasteries of their fellow men, even before their own mosques."

Rejecting the statements of the PA and Fatah leadership, who have supported, defended and glorified the attacks, Odeh wrote: "I assert that those people who are attempting to sanction this crime or incite to similar acts in the name of religion have no backing from the Quran."

He stated that crimes like the killings in the synagogue "contradict the principles of tolerance" in Islam.

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Muslim Community is a relatively small branch of Islam that was founded at the end of the 19th century and has between 10 and 20 million followers. Many mainstream Muslims consider Ahmadis heretics and non-Muslim, and they have been subjected to persecution and oppression. Pakistan, for example, amended its Constitution to categorize them as non-Muslims and prohibits them from identifying as Muslims. There have been riots in Muslim countries in which Ahmadis were killed for their "heretic" beliefs.

Rabbi Fired After Arrest

The board of Washington D.C. synagogue Keshet Israel has fired its chief Rabbi, Barry Freundel, following his October arrest on voyeurism charges. The rabbi is alleged to have installed secret cameras in the showroom of the mikvah adjacent to the Orthodox shul. The board, which told Freundel that he must vacate his residence no later than January 1, 2015, said that "the alleged acts leading to this step were a

gross violation of law, privacy, halakha and trust." Freundel has also been suspended without pay from his position at Towson University, where he taught in the philosophy and religious studies department.

But the synagogue's actions have not stopped a lawsuit being filed against it, the National Capital Mikvah, and Georgetown University. The law student who filed the lawsuit accuses the rabbi of luring her to the bath as part of her studies at the school. She maintains that Rabbi Freundel encouraged practice dunks and advised non-Jews and unmarried women and students to use the bath in order to receive credit for their courses. The suit claims that the "defendants turned a blind eye to obvious signs of Freundel's increasingly bizarre behaviour, ignoring the bright red flags that Freundel was acting inappropriately with women subjected to his authority."

Freundel's next court date is January 16th. He has pleaded not guilty but if the courts find otherwise he could be sentenced to six successive year long terms.

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Detroit Tigers Add to Jewish Content

The American Baseball League Detroit Tigers are managed by Brad Ausmus. Their star second baseman is Ian Kinsler. Now they have acquired a third Jewish ballplayer, Josh Zeid. Zeid was actually a member of the 2012 Israeli team that was skippered by his new Tigers manager. And there might yet be a fourth Jewish Tiger. Outfielder Ben Guez, who

also played on Team Israel, and last year was with Detroit's AAA team in Toledo, will be invited to spring training with a chance to make the big league club.

Other Jews are also making plans for the 2015 baseball season. Josh Satin, an infielder for the New York Mets, and former member of Team Israel, is now a member of the Cincinnati Reds. And Ike Davis has gone from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the Oakland Athletics. Finally, Gabe Kapler, a coach for Israel's WBC team, was named director of player development for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Ex-Nazis Denied Social Security Benefits

The U.S. House of Representatives has unanimously (Please turn to following page)



THE PROTECTION OF settlers is a vital component of Israel's security. Nowhere is the need for vigilance greater than in Hebron, where Hamas operatives are constantly planning terrorist attacks. The above photo was taken from the Palestinian side of Hebron and shows the extent to which Israel has gone to protect Jews living well within the range of fire.

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mously passed a bill that would end Social Security payments to former Nazis. The No Social Security for Nazis Act closed a loophole that had allowed ex-Nazis who lied about their past to keep their benefits, as long as they left voluntarily or simply fled before they were deported. Jakob Denzinger, a former guard at Auschwitz, who now lives in Croatia, has been receiving \$1500 per month in Social Security payments. So, too, have Peter Mueller, now living in Worms, Germany, Wasyl Lytwyn, now believed to in Ukraine and Martin Hartman, thought to be living in Berlin.

Jewish groups welcomed the bill and urged the Senate to pass a similar measure now under consideration. "Now that most suspected Nazi perpetrators have been deported or have fled the U.S.," said Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It's time to focus on ending any possible remaining federal benefits being paid to them".

A Win For the Anti BDS Movement

Several weeks ago, the East Midlands town of Leicester agreed to boycott Israeli goods. The Labor Party dominated council of its western neighbour Dudley appeared set to follow suit.

But pressure from Jewish community leaders and local Conservative councillors resulted in a dramatic shift in policy. No boycott vote was taken and for the moment the issue is off the table.

Simon Johnson, the Jewish Leadership council's chief executive, told Dudley's Councillors that "the proposed motion would have been illegal, run contrary to the

positions of the leaders of all the major political parties and contrary to the stated aims of the Palestinian Authority". Indeed, even the seven UK

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Independence Party councillors on Dudley's Council planned to oppose the motion. UK leader Paul Brothwood accused the local Labor party of "caring more about the West Bank than the West Midlands...In reality this motion is unworkable, as the council would need to throw out most computers, most modern phones, a quarter of NHS generic drugs and all their latest scanners".

Patrick Hurley, leader of the town's Conservative councillors, believes that the motion "will now be kicked into the long grass." He does not think Labor councillor Qadar Zada or her colleagues will be "stupid enough" to bring it back anytime soon. And if they do, Hurley says, Conservative councillors will again lead the fight.

Interestingly, the local Labor MP, Ian Austin, has been one of Israel's staunchest defenders in the House of Commons.

Ukraine's Jews Desperate for Help

These are not easy times for the 2000 Jews living in the besieged city of Lugansk, now under the control of pro-Russian rebels. Several hundred Jews recently lined up for several hours in freezing temperatures to receive aid packages. "That so many came despite the cold", said Shalom Gopin, the community's rabbi and Chabad emissary, "illustrates the growing need for assistance in a beleaguered community...Winter is only worsening the situation of people who are already finding it increasingly difficult to scrape a living in a war-ravaged place with intermittent electricity." The fact that there was shoving and shouting among those standing in line, something unheard of for the Jewish community, indicates just how desperate people are.

Throughout the

fighting the town's synagogue has remained open but it will be difficult to do so as the harshness of winter sets in. And yet some Lugansk Jews are actually

returning home after fleeing for refugee camps earlier in the year. "They had enough of living like refugees", says Gopin, "so they decided to take their chances."

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