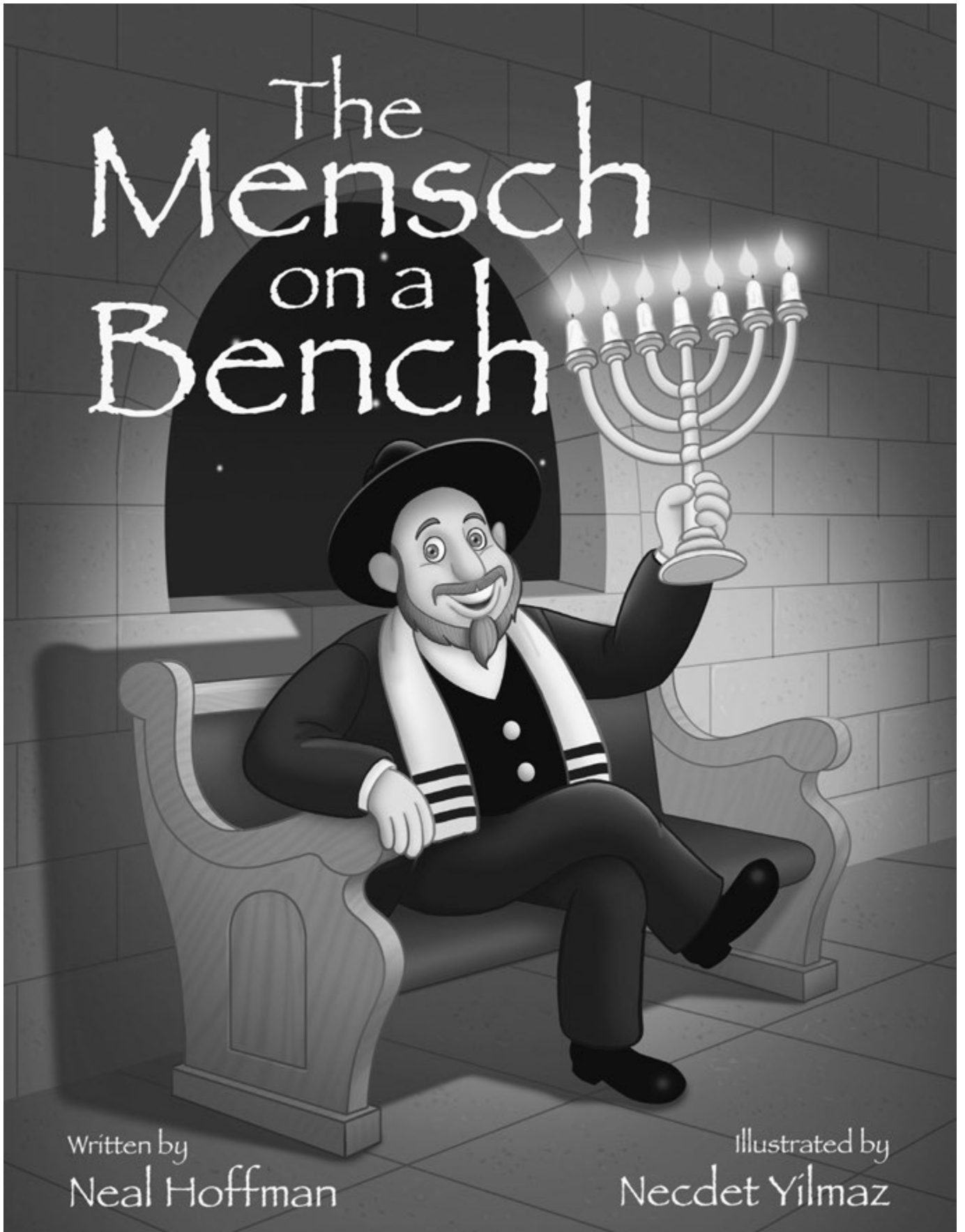


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MANY OBSERVERS ARE CALLING THE RELATIONSHIP between Benjamin Netanyahu and President-elect Donald Trump a match "made in heaven".

AN APPOINTMENT DONALD TRUMP SHOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE MADE

When attorney David M. Friedman was sitting *shiva* for his father one of the people who travelled through a blinding snowstorm to pay his respects was his client Donald Trump. "He spent about an hour with me", recalls Friedman. "And you know, there was nobody around. He wasn't trying to prove anything to anybody."

Donald Trump, despite being tone deaf to the racist views of some of his supporters, is neither anti-Semitic nor philo-Semitic. It's not simply that his daughter Ivanka is married to an Orthodox Jew and that he gave her his full support when she undertook the rigorous conversion process. Over the course of his career Trump has surrounded himself with Jewish advisors, virtually all of whom have praised him for his willingness to accommodate his business interests to their religious observances. "Deep down", says Jason Greenblatt, general counsel who has worked for Trump since the 1990s, "I think Donald has a Jewish heart". We doubt, moreover, that Sheldon Adelson would have

donated \$25 million to Trump's campaign if he believed that the candidate was, as one California high school teacher warned his students, America's version of Adolf Hitler.

Still Trump's reluctance to silence the true "deplorables" among his followers is a worrisome trend. The appointment of alt-right enthusiast Stephen Bannon to a major role in the White House, notwithstanding the vigorous defence of Bannon on CNN by Breitbart In-House-Counsel and Orthodox Jew Joel Pollak, further increases the anxiety felt by some Jews, and, perhaps especially, by visible minorities.

It may be that Trump's Jews, Greenblatt, Friedman, Michael Cohen, Jared Kushner, Steven Mnuchin, Charles Kushner and Sheldon Adelson rightly believe that Bannon is the victim of a witch hunt. Even so, we might have preferred someone with access to the Oval Office who does not provide a platform for the iconography of the followers of KKK Grand Wizard David Duke.

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS EXAMINED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Missouri's First Jewish Governor

He was once a Democrat who "became a conservative because I believe that caring for people means more than just spreading taxpayer money; it means delivering results". Eric Greitens, 42, a former Navy SEAL, whose military awards include the Bronze Star, will become the first Jewish governor of Missouri. Greitens defeated his Democratic rival Chris Koster with 51% of the vote.

Greitens was raised in the Maryland suburb of St. Louis and grew up in a family of Reform Jews. In his book *Resilience: Hard-Won Wisdom for Living a Better Life* Greitens talked about his Jewish life. One

of his role models at Temple B'nai El Sunday school convinced him to spend a night in a homeless shelter so that he could understand how some of his less fortunate neighbours were living. Meetings with Holocaust survivors at B'nai El led him to Bosnia at the height of the country's ethnic cleansing. In his book he quotes the Jewish scholar and poet Solomon ibn Gabirol and he regards Hannah Senesh as a role model.

Earlier this year Greitens and his wife Sheena had their first child. "I think for a lot of people," writes Greitens, "when you have a child it makes you think about your Judaism. Sheena and I try every weekend to observe the Sabbath. We're not perfect

but we really try."

For the former Rhodes Scholar, who *Fortune* called one of the world's 50 greatest leaders, this was his first run for office.

The state of Missouri is home to roughly 100,000 Jews.

Anti-Semitic Prof Dismissed

Oberlin College Professor Joy D. Karega has been dismissed by the college board of trustees following anti-Semitic Facebook posts earlier this year.

Karega has accused

Israel and "Rothschild-led bankers" of causing the downing of the Malaysian airliner over the Ukraine. She also posted a graphic of Jacob Rothschild which read: "We own your news. The media, Your oil. And your government". ISIS, according to the professor, was not a "jihadist, Islamic organization" but rather the product of the CIA and the Mossad.

Karega had been on paid leave since August but the school released a statement explaining that "in the face of Dr. Karega's repeated

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A LOYAL REPUBLICAN JEW STRUGGLED OVER HIS PRESIDENTIAL CHOICE

By **ARI FLEISCHER**

Ari Fleischer was White House press secretary for George W. Bush from 2001 to 2003, - The Editor

I'm a white, college-educated male. People like me typically vote Republican for president. In 2012, when Mitt Romney lost to Barack Obama by four percentage points, Romney won my demographic group by 21 points. I'm also married. Romney beat Obama by 22 points among married men.

This year, I'm struggling with how to vote.

I voted against

Donald Trump in the GOP primary and regularly criticized him. But on May 3, when he secured the Republican presidential nomination, I tweeted: "There's a lot about Donald Trump that I don't like, but I'll vote for Trump over Hillary any day."

Since then, Trump has pretty much done every-

thing in his power to make me change my mind.

Although he did call me once to make his case and thank me.

In late May, I was on "Morning Joe," and Trump had been watching. I said on the show that Hillary Clinton was "unprincipled, reckless and dishonest" - a sentiment I increasingly be-

lieve having watched her in this race.

His staff had my cell number, and he called me. He was funny.

"You're 72.3 percent of the way there," Trump said, "and I'm going to get you to 100 percent." That's a good opening line. I told him I didn't care for his call for a ban on Muslims entering the country; he told me not to worry about it. I sug-

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A GRANDCHILD'S REVELATIONS ABOUT FDR

CURTIS ROOSEVELT EXPOSED HIS GRANDFATHER'S ANTI-SEMITIC "JOKES"

By **RAFAEL MEDOFF**

Children of presidents attract a lot of public and media attention; grandchildren, not so much. But there is one presidential grandchild who genuinely deserves special attention for exposing anti-Semitism - the anti-Semitism of the president of the United States.

Curtis Roosevelt, who passed away recently at age 86, was the son of Anna Roosevelt, daughter of President

Dr. Rafael Medoff is founding director of the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies. - The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, located in Washington, D.C., is a research and education institute focusing on America's response to the Holocaust. It is named in honor of the eminent historian and author of the 1984 best-seller The Abandonment of the Jews, - The Editor

Franklin D. Roosevelt. In his later years, Curtis gave a revealing interview to Geoffrey C. Ward, who was writing a biography of FDR (titled A First-Class Temperament, published in 1989). Curtis told Ward that he

"recalled hearing the President tell mildly anti-Semitic stories in the White House." In FDR's stories, "the protagonists were always Lower East Side Jews with heavy accents..."

Curtis was deeply

fond of his grandfather; there can be no suggestion that his comments were in any way motivated by any kind of malice. Moreover, he was a teenager during the 1940s, so he was old enough to have a reliable memory of the experiences he recounted. The fact that Curtis lived in the White House for a number of years also is significant; he was describing something that

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gested that he cool his rhetoric and give more policy speeches. We spoke for 10 or 15 minutes. I should have told him he was wrong when he said that George W. Bush lied about Iraq, but I didn't get the chance.

I'm one of the few people from the Bush administration who stepped forward to support Trump. Even as an establishment Republican, I know Washington needs a good shakeup now and then. After all, a lot of what the experts and insiders recommend hasn't worked out lately. Millions of working Americans are struggling to make ends meet, economic growth is weak, the Islamic State hasn't been destroyed, and U.S. influence is declining.

I knew Trump was too often offensive, boorish and simplistic. He doesn't have a good grasp of policy, but he did spend a career in the business sector, as opposed to the redistribution-of-income sector, and he is against the Iran nuclear deal, which Clinton favors. Clinton will nominate liberals for the Supreme Court. Trump won't. I said publicly I would hold my nose and

vote for Trump and, if he won, I would hold my breath.

I was supposed to be a delegate to the GOP convention, but I decided not to go. I'd vote for Trump, but I wasn't going to sing his praises. It felt rude to go to Cleveland and say negative things about him on the air. I watched from home, and I said at the time that I still wanted him to win but doubted he could.

Then Trump lost control of himself and his message. He veered recklessly off track, attacking an American judge for his Mexican heritage, criticizing a war hero's family, questioning the legitimacy of the election and otherwise raising questions about his judgment. If this race were about change, Clinton or policy, Trump could win it. But he made it about himself. Because he is one of the most unpopular people ever to run for president, that was a big mistake.

But then there's the alternative. Nothing will change if Clinton is elected, and that's the problem.

Clinton ran to Sen. Bernie Sanders's left to win the Democratic primary, so why trust her now to move

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to the more sensible center? Then again, because she is so unprincipled, that's probably exactly what she'll do. For the Iraq War. Against the surge. Open borders. Closed borders. Against trade deals she used to support. What difference does it make? This is who Clinton is. It's why she is also among the most unpopular people ever to run for president.

The numerous lies she told about her private email server and classified records are a window into how she operates. When she needs something to be true, she lies and says it. From her false claim that she had nothing to do with the travel office firings to landing under sniper fire in Bosnia to her statement suggesting

that a YouTube video caused the attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Libya, her pattern is to lie. Those lies were the warm-up act — get ready for really dishonest Clinton if she wins.

But Election Day is coming. I need to decide.

On Tuesday, if someone puts a gun to my head and tells me to make a choice, I'll say "shoot."

If my ballot contained a box for whom I was voting against, my choice would be easy. Never Clinton. But voting means deciding whom to vote for.

I will vote for Republicans up and down the ballot. But when it comes to the presidency, I'm going to leave my ballot blank.

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he himself heard, not just repeating rumors.

Meanwhile, a new book about the final months of President Roosevelt's life has provided additional evidence of FDR's private feelings about Jews. The book is *His Final Battle*, by former *New York Times* executive editor Joseph Lelyveld, and it cites a startling unpublished anecdote about Roosevelt from Charles "Chip" Bohlen, who was a senior aide to

FDR and served as his interpreter at the Yalta Conference and elsewhere.

Lelyveld reveals that in an unpublished draft of Bohlen's memoir, he made this comment to FDR in 1945, concerning the president's conversation with the king of Saudi Arabia: "If you put any more kikes in Palestine, he is going to kill them." According to Bohlen, "Roosevelt laughed" at that statement.

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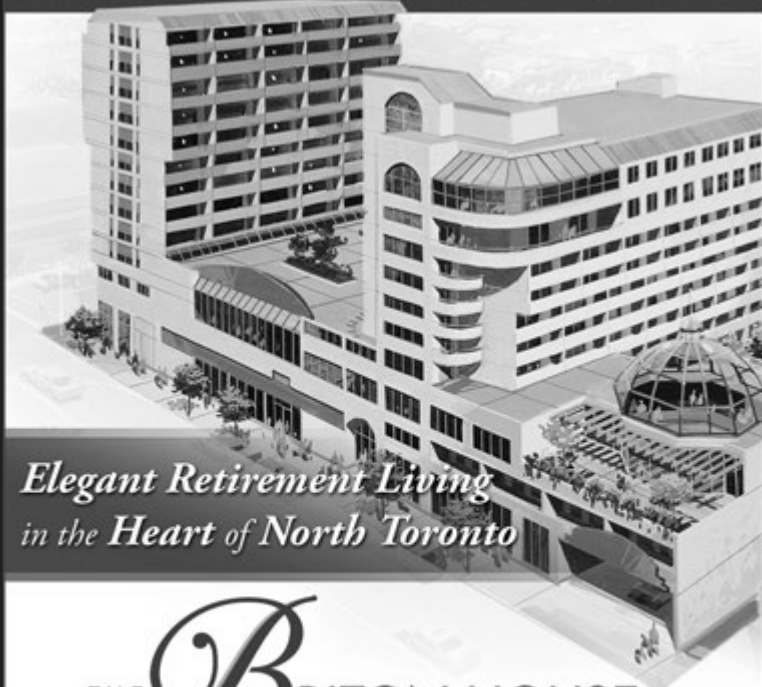


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Curtis Roosevelt's revelation about FDR telling "anti-Semitic stories" and Bohlen's anecdote about the president laughing about "kikes" are consistent with other private "jokes" that FDR made about Jews. For example, Roosevelt once joked that relatives might suspect his fifth child was Jewish, in view of the baby's "slightly Hebraic nose."

FDR made another Jewish "joke" at the Yalta Conference. Soviet leader Josef Stalin asked Roosevelt if he intended to make any concessions to the king, and - according to the transcript - "the President replied that there was only one concession he thought he might offer and that was to give him the six million Jews in the United States." (It was decades before that "joke" became known, because the State Department censored it from the official transcript.)

The fact that President Roosevelt was at ease with the term "kikes" is evident from another source, as well: the minutes of a 1942 conversation at the White House between FDR, his

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The lamp, which was manufactured in Amsterdam in 1747, belonged to the family of George Maduro. During the war Maduro helped smuggle stranded British pilots from Europe back to Britain. In May of 1940, after the capitulation of the Dutch military, Maduro was captured by German troops and jailed in the Oranje Hotel in Scheveningen.

Maduro was released a half year later but when the Germans forced Jews to wear the Star of David, Maduro refused. He joined the Dutch resistance movement. Again he

was captured by the Nazis and sent to prison but after a daring escape he rejoined the resistance. Maduro was then betrayed by a Belgian collaborator and was captured, this time by the Gestapo. He was jailed first at Saarbuckten and then transferred to Dachau, where he died of typhus three months before its liberation. He is presumed to be buried in the cemetery at the camp. A model of the 19th century birthplace of George Maduro is in Madurodam, the miniature city funded by his parents and built as a memorial to their only son.

The menorah was expected to sell for somewhere between \$10,000 and \$15,000. But once the calls started coming in the auction house realized that it had grossly underestimated the interest. "We started it at 20,000 euros but the first bid was already 100,000," said the house's director Peter Meefout. "Then it went to 200,000 and kept on rising. We watched it all dumbfounded".



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adviser Harry Hopkins, and Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov. According to the minutes, Hopkins commented on the number of "distinctly unsympathetic Jews" in the Communist Party USA. Roosevelt replied that while he was "far from anti-Semitic," he felt that "there was a good deal in this point of view." The three of them then agreed that "there were [regular] Communists and [less desirable] Communists," which they compared to what they called "the distinction between 'Jews' and 'Kikes'."

Franklin Roosevelt is not the first president to have told bigoted jokes in private. Woodrow Wilson joked about "darkeys" and "coons," sometimes with a faux accent. Lyndon Johnson indulged in harsh ethnic jokes, and so did Richard Nixon.

But those remarks

were not known to the general public. Private racist humor by government officials that becomes public usually has consequences. Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz was forced to resign in 1976 after it became known that he told a crude joke about African-Americans. In 1983, Interior Secretary James Watt was forced out of office after telling a harsh ethnic joke (about "a black, a woman, two Jews and a cripple").

What presidents say does matter. They set the tone for public discourse. Exposing and rejecting presidents' bigotry, even years after the fact, is necessary for delegitimizing racism. So hats off to Curtis Roosevelt for exposing the truth about his grandfather's private remarks about Jews, and reminding the public that "jokes" about minorities are no laughing matter.

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The Boardwalk features Morey's Piers (www.moreyspiers.com), containing three action-packed amusement piers. Morey's Mariner's Pier, located at Schellenger Avenue in Wildwood, offers the atmosphere of a traditional amusement park. Morey's Surfside Pier, located at 25th Street in North Wildwood, is like stepping into a colorful seaside carnival. Morey's Adventure Pier is the one that rocks, packed with high thrill extreme rides, including the world famous wooden coaster.

Another of the Boardwalk's most popular attractions is the Sightseer Tram Cars (<http://watchthetramcarplease.com/tramcar>), the source of one of the most familiar quotes to any visitor to the Jersey Shore and the Wildwoods Boardwalk: "Watch the Tram Car, Please," transporting visitors from one end of the famous wooden way to the other.

DINING OUT: The Wildwoods has some great seafood restaurants. I recommend two restaurants in particular, which are part of the Big Fish Restaurant

Group: the Beach Creek Oyster Bar and Grill (www.beachcreek.net) and The Boathouse (www.boat-houseonline.com). Both offer outstanding dining

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At The Boathouse Restaurant and Marina Deck (www.boathouseonline.net), located virtually next door at 506 West Rio Grande Avenue, there is ample seating indoors and on the dock overlooking the intercoastal waterway. We arrived to the pleasant atmosphere of live music and young children dancing to the tunes of the musician. The Boathouse opened in 1989. It was built on the site of an old bait and tackle shop and serves lunch and dinner daily in June, July and August. Come September the Boathouse offers dinner daily, and lunch on the weekends. They open for dinner on weekends in October, until October 15. Happy hour is from 4 pm to

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6 pm and take-out is available as well. You can call the restaurant directly at 609-729-5301.

JEWISH COMMUNITY: According to Kirk Wisemayer from the local Jewish Federation, some

12,500 Jews live in Atlantic and Cape May counties year round. This number triples during the summer months, as most of the communities along the New Jersey shore are resort towns. The Federation offices are in Margate, 36 miles north of Cape May, but they do service all of the Jewish communities in the two counties, including the city of Cape May. This being said, most of the region's Jews live in Atlantic County and in the communities of Margate, Longport, Ventnor, Linwood, and Northfield specifically. There are approximately 300 Jews who live in the Greater Cape May area (this includes the Wildwoods), but some of the most prominent members of the community live part of the year or have businesses in Cape May – the Montreal Beach Resort being one example.

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refusal to acknowledge and remedy her misconduct...any sanction short of dismissal is insufficient."

Jewish students and alumni have become increasingly concerned over the increasing number of anti-Semitic incidents at the college. First the Kosher Halal co-op from the Oberlin Student Cooperation Association was told to leave the school and then on Rosh Hashanah Jewish students had to pass through protesters on their way to services. In another incident African-American student activists issued a 14 page list of demands to president Marvin Krislov, one of which told the school to divest from companies doing bus-

iness with Israel.

Meanwhile, the home of Oberlin professor Benjamin Kuperman was vandalized and a note left on his front door under the mezuzah read "Gas Jew Die".

French Parents Glorify Terrorists

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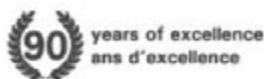
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ordered prosecutors in his city to find a legal way to force a name change to a baby whose parents named him after the killer of four Jews in Toulouse in 2012.

The boy was given the name Mohammed Nizar Merah in honour of jihadist Mohammed Merah who killed Rabbi Jonathan Sandler and his two young sons as well as 8-year-old Miriam Monsonogo. Days before Merah had killed three French soldiers.

Estrosi indicated he would contest the name on the grounds that regulations prohibit names that are deemed "detrimental to the interests of the infant" and on the basis that the name encourages violence and terrorism. "It is unacceptable in a city still

reeling from a murderous terrorist attack this summer", the mayor wrote, "to name a baby after Merah". The name, the mayor continued, "is an attack on our values and republic."

Rob Reiner No Fan Of Jared Kushner

American filmmaker Rob Reiner has accused Donald Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner of "turning his back on his religion and heritage just so he can make money".

Reiner, like most Hollywood celebrities, Jewish and non-Jewish, is a Democrat and publicly declared his support for Hillary Clinton. The *All In The Family* star accused

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Kushner's brothers-in-law, Eric Trump and Donald Trump Jr. of retweeting passages from anti-Semitic websites and welcoming support from avowed racists. "They're completely comfortable with the idea that anti-Semitic and racist groups are supporting them".

Reiner also had harsh words for the appointment of Stephen Bannon. The vast sums of money Bannon made from investing in the hit show "Seinfeld", which Reiner's production company was involved in, "makes me sick", Reiner told *The Daily Beast*.

A Real "Potluck" Shabbat Meal

Jeff the 420 Chef is a "God-loving Jew" who grew up in an Orthodox family. On a recent Friday night in the San Francisco Bay area he "catered" a meal for seven 30 to 40 year olds. There was challah,

matzo ball soup, brussel sprouts, roasted potatoes and chicken. Cookies and ice cream followed the main course.

But this was no ordinary Shabbat meal. All the items on the menu were infused with pot. Cannabis-oil was in the matzo balls; the other items on the menu were brushed with cannabis. Pot infused butter was in the dessert. Jeff called it "Pot Shabbat" and if he has his way such meals will become a feature of the Bay area social scene.

Jeff the 420 chef has had considerable experience with pot meals, cooking non-Shabbat dinners in Colorado and for unnamed celebrities in Los Angeles. But the San Francisco event was his first Shabbat dinner. He's hopeful that there will be many more. So too, are the extremely "contented" Jews who attended his inaugural foray into Shabbat dinners.

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MENSCH ON A BENCH*(Continued from page 4)*

THE MENSCH ON A BENCH doll and accompanying book introduce children to the story and traditions of Hanukkah, while

emphasizing the fine characteristics of a Mensch - a good and honorable person.

"The success of THE MENSCH ON A BENCH is a dream come true for me and my family," said Hoffman. "So many Jewish and inter-faith children and families love the holiday season and appreciate all of the wonderful traditions. We also know that so many Jewish families like ours have been eager to bring home a fun and warm character and story that can become their very own family tradition for many years to come."

THE MENSCH ON A BENCH is a 12" plush doll with an accompanying hardcover storybook that explains Hanukkah from the view of "Moshe" the Mensch. The book tells the story of Moshe the Mensch, who was in the temple when Judah and the Maccabees won an important war. With only enough oil for one night, Moshe volunteered to watch over the Menorah while everyone else was sleeping, what a Mensch! THE MENSCH ON A BENCH doll holds the Shammash (leader) candle and is "magically" moved during each of the eight nights of Hanukkah to watch over the Menorah.

THE MENSCH ON A BENCH experience provides children with a fun yet tradition-filled doll and book that can be enjoyed for this and many more Hanukkahs to come.

"I'm thrilled with the reaction from the Kickstarter community, Jewish community, and now, from mass merchants as well," Hoffman said. "Equally satisfying is the joy that our family has experienced with THE MENSCH ON A BENCH, along with the letters, tweets and

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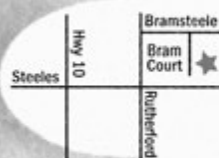
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With the success of Moshe the Mensch, Neal Hoffman introduced 2 female characters to the line, Hannah the Hanukkah Hero and Ask Bubbe, both of which have officially hit store shelves! (available only on Amazon in Canada). Hannah the Hanukkah Hero is a sequel to Mensch on a Bench and is a triumphant story of the girl who brings the oil back to the temple, thus your female "mensch." Ask Bubbe is your 8-ball meets Jewish grandmother. She has over 12 hilarious phrases, sounds just like your Jewish grandmother, and is for anyone ages 3-99 with a sense of humour.

Moshe the Mensch has even become Team Israel's baseball mascot with plans to travel to the 2017 World Baseball Classic.



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**Mixed Signals
From Norway**

On the one hand, the Trondheim City of Norway Council has passed a resolution calling on its residents to boycott goods and services produced in Israeli settlements. The resolution also prohibits the municipality from purchasing goods and services from the "occupied territories". "Illegal settlements are expanding, the construction of the wall continues, Palestinians are subjected to daily harassment and face major obstacles in their daily lives", says the resolution. "This is a policy that Trondheim Municipality cannot support". The resolution flies in the face of the parliament of Norway's rejection in 2014 of a nationwide boycott of Israeli goods produced in the occupied territories.

On the other hand, the Lutheran Church of Norway has officially condemned church founder Martin Luther's anti-Jewish legacy. The Church of Norway's General Synod admitted that Luther's commentaries were used by the

Nazis and were spread throughout Norway during the war. Luther called for the persecution of Jews in some of his later writings. *On the Jews and Their Lies* Luther set out the actions that should be taken against this "rejected and condemned people, the Jews." Synagogues should be set on fire, homes should be razed, prayer books confiscated, rabbis forbidden, highways be off limits, and cash and treasure taken from them.

"In the Reformation anniversary year of 2017", said a statement, "we as a church must clearly distance ourselves from the anti-Judaism that Luther left behind."

**Hamas Leader Says
Trump Might be Jewish**

Hamas leader and co-founder Mahmoud Al-Zahhar has told Al-Jazeera that he thinks Donald Trump may be Jewish. "Trump loves the Jews, and not only because he likes the Jewish religion. I do not rule out the possibility that he is a Jew. He loves the

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Jewish religion, and the most important thing in the Jewish religion is money", said Al-Zahhar.

The Hamas leader continued his absurdity: "In 1947, Harry Truman was a marginal candidate in the U.S. elections. He was approached by Jewish money - which is the Jewish religion - and was awarded two million dollars, which made his electoral campaign prosper, because in American society you hand out money, you hand out pictures, posters, hats, and so on, and people who do not read at all are exposed to this. The outcome was that

he won. Truman's first decision - driven by those two million dollars - was to recognize the Israeli entity in 1948. So the Jewish 'religion' - the Jewish dollar - is the real decisive factor."

Apologizing for the "Nutsy"

The Nin Com Soup café in London has apologized for selling a smoothie with a swastika drawn on the label of the bottle. A Holocaust survivor reported the incident to the Campaign Against Anti-Semitism.

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU MEETS WITH FIJI PRIME MINISTER JOSAIA VOREQE BAINIMARAMA



IN HIS REMARKS DURING THEIR MEETING THE Fiji Prime Minister told Netanyahu that "for 38 years since 1978 we have proudly provided our service men and women to serve in peace-keeping operations on the Israeli-Syrian border and in Lebanon, in the Golan Heights and in Egypt and Iraq. We may be a small nation, in the Pacific but we've always been determined to play our part in the global community. I'm also looking forward to Israel's support on a range of issues, on medical, on renewable energy, including agriculture, especially our effort to draw global attention to the need for more decisive action on climate change. Rising sea levels and extreme weather events associated with climate change threaten our very existence in the Pacific." Photo IGPO

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