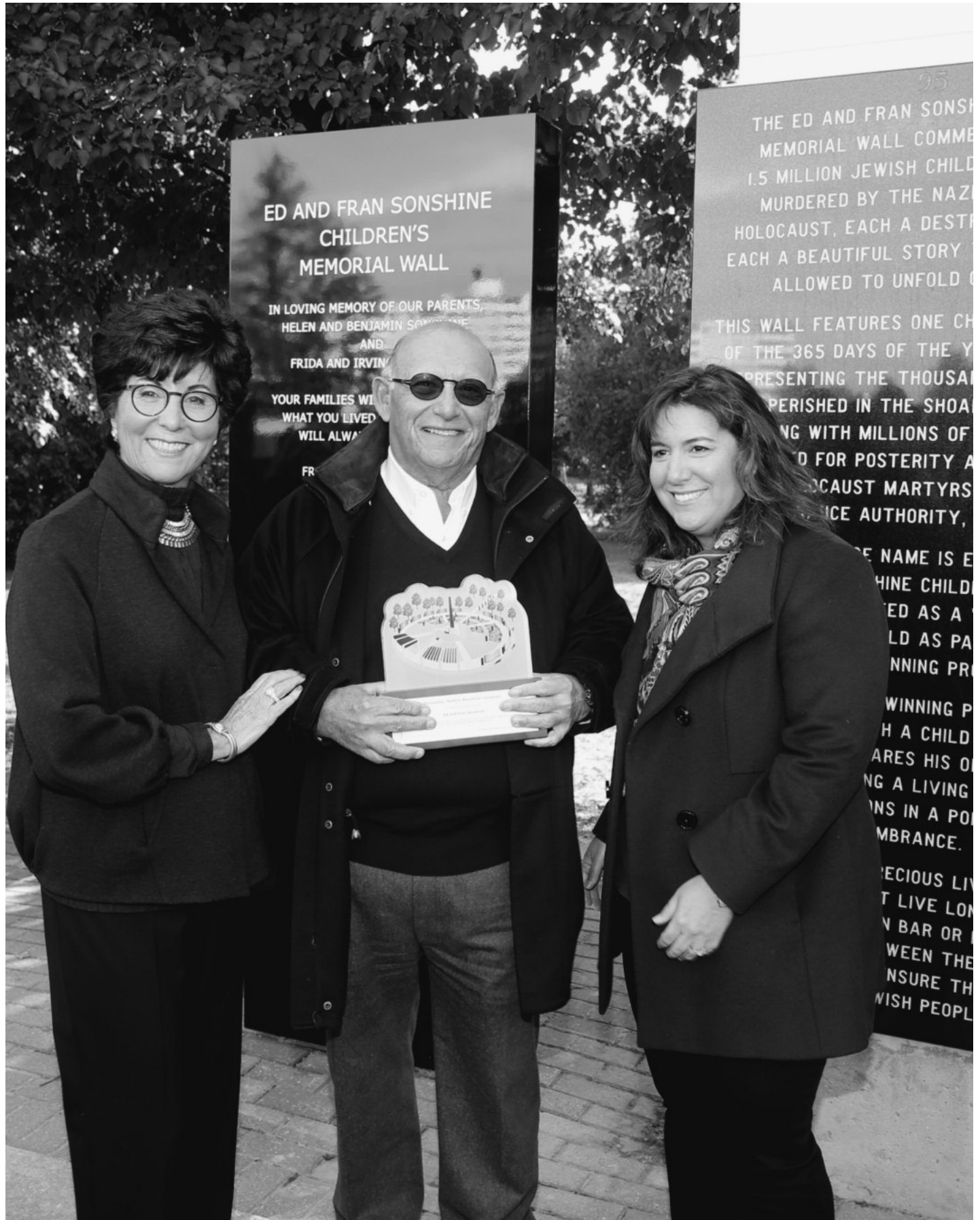


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The Refugee Dilemma

We are not denying the suffering of millions of innocent refugees fleeing Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Afghanistan. Though we would not, as some have done, compare their plight to that of the Jews of Nazi Germany, scenes of desperate men, women and children, crammed onto flimsy rubber dinghies, demand that we not leave these hordes of dislocated souls to fend for themselves.

But we cannot ignore the fact that one of the barbarians involved in the slaughter in Paris entered Europe through the Greek island of Leros masquerading as a refugee. Nor can we act on compassion alone knowing that a large number of Sunni Syrian refugees are fleeing the brutality of Assad, not the soldiers of ISIL. The refugees boarding planes every day for Canada are, we will acknowledge, "low risk". None will have passed through the lax security points of entry in Greece, Serbia and Croatia. But how many have records and documentation and passports to show CBSA officials? How rigorous can the on the spot screening process be even in light of the revised timetable? Nor are we calmed by the argument that any of the refugees later found to have Islamist sympathies can be sent back. Even if the vetting process ferrets out a potential threat, the Canadian judicial system will ensure that his or her deportation becomes a long and tortuous legal quagmire. We're skeptical of the poll results cited by Ezra Levant

as evidence of strong support for ISIL in the refugee camps. But arguing that it is "not likely" that ISIL will use the refugee crisis to slip operatives into Canada does little to allay our fears. .

There is, however, a path Canada could have followed. Thousands of Yazidis are living in refugee camps in Turkey that "look like a jail". The Chaldean Christians are being systematically exterminated. They are at the bottom of the refugee heap. The Mandaeans live in constant fear. These Yazidis and Christians represent no threat to our security. They will not strap bombs to their vests in the name of Islamic purification. We could have opened our doors immediately to those who share our values, ideals and aspirations,

Yes, we are saying that all Muslims, even those fleeing our common enemy, must pay the price for the actions of those who shout Allahu Akbar as they proudly inflict as much carnage as they can. We'll bleed for the Muslims who are begging us not to succumb to the danger of inertia. Certainly as Jews we know the pain involved in the struggle for self preservation. But we can't surrender to political correctness. Regrettably, bleed is all even Jews can do until each and every one of the adult refugees convinces the CBSA, CSIS and the RCMP that he or she will join with us in our pursuit of a "universal brotherhood."

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS ANALYZED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Marco Rubio Getting a Second Look

Though he is still lagging in the polls, Marco Rubio's strong performances in recent Republican debates may be having an impact. Not only is the average American voter taking a second look at the Florida senator, but so, too, are potential wealthy backers. In fact, one such individual, billionaire hedge fund investor Paul Singer, has announced that he is backing Rubio because he is the only candidate who can "navigate this complex primary process and still be in a position to defeat Hillary Rodham Clinton". Singer, who lives in New York, gave more money to Republican candidates and causes last year than any other U.S. donor. He is on the board of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Singer, however, is not the single largest Jewish backer of Rubio's presidential campaign. That honour belongs to billionaire auto dealership magnate Norman Braman, a past president of the Miami Jewish Federation. In fact Braman and Rubio have a long history together. Braman helped finance Rubio's U.S. Senate run in 2010, hired his wife as a philanthropic advisor and even assisted Rubio with his personal finances. In 2010 Braman and Rubio went to Israel together.

Rubio's makes no apology for his staunchly pro-Israel stance. "If America doesn't stand with Israel, who would we stand with? If Israel - a democracy and strong American ally on the inter-

national stage - if they are not worthy of our unconditional support, then what ally of ours around world can feel safe in their alliance with us?" Rubio asked the Senate.

With Singer and Braman in his camp, the

next big question is where casino magnate Sheldon Adelson will go. It is known that the billionaire, who spent some \$150 million backing Republicans in the 2012 presidential campaign, "likes" the Florida senator. After Rubio declared that he

was running for president, the Adelson-owned Israeli newspaper, *Israel Hayom*, spoke glowingly of the candidate.

Former "Zionist" At It Again

British Labour Party MP Gerald Kaufman, Britain's longest serving MP, was once a good friend of Israel. He was brought up as a dedicated Zionist. His parents were killed by the Nazis and Kaufman always believed that the Jews needed, and deserved, a state of their own. He visited Israel for the first time in 1961 and has been there many times since. He still claims to have family and friends in Israel.

But in his 1986 book *Inside the Promised Land* Kaufman reveals his growing disenchantment with the Israeli government and many of its people. The war in Lebanon, the conflicts within Israeli society, the rise of the militant right, the treatment of the Palestinians all led Kaufman to conclude that Israelis are now "prisoners within their own ghetto."

Over the years Kaufman has become increasingly vocal in his criticism of Israel and of Jews in general. His most recent tirade even earned him the scorn of British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, himself no friend of Israel's.

At a recent meeting of a pro-Palestinian organization Kaufman reportedly said: It's Jewish money, Jewish donations to the Conservative Party as in the general election in May, the

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AT THE RECENT MEETING BETWEEN BENJAMIN Netanyahu and Barack Obama no mention was made of the Iran nuclear agreement in front of the cameras. And Netanyahu expressed his gratitude to the American president for his friendship and his contribution to Israel's security. For some this showed that the Israeli prime minister had "learned his lesson". But despite the photos of the two leaders smiling, the bitterness remains. The president, remarked one observer, "looked like a nervous passenger on a flight to nowhere, counting down the seconds left till it ends". When Netanyahu tried to prolong the handshake near the end of their meeting, the president is seen trying to let go. The meeting between the two leaders may have lacked the tension of previous encounters but there is little doubt that the White House was more than happy to see President Reuven Rivlin. Photo Haim Zach, IGPO

CHANUKAH REFLECTIONS

THE STORY OF CHANUKAH OFFERS HOPE IN THE BATTLE FOR JEWISH SURVIVAL

By MICHAEL HAYMAN

Christians have long lamented the commercialism which has submerged the pristine meaning of Christmas beneath an avalanche of materialism. Jews, looking about

them at what has happened to the “spirit of Christmas”, have been dismayed at the thought that what has happened to the Christian festival might, by a process of acculturations

happen to Chanukah – and, indeed, the danger has been growing.

This year’s Chanukah Festival, preceding Christmas by a couple of weeks, provides Jews with an opportunity to observe the Feast of Lights in a leisurely, tran-

quil fashion, somewhat removed from the tempo in which it is caught when Chanukah coincides too closely in time with Christmas. Perhaps this year we will take the time to devote some thought to the historic meaning of

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PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON JOINED NEARLY 1,000 guests – including 700 school children, family members of Holocaust survivors, members of the Quapaw Tribe, Japanese-Americans who were interned during World War II, and relatives of the Little Rock Nine – who gathered on the grounds of the Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Arkansas, to celebrate the opening of the Center’s newest permanent installation, The Anne Frank Tree. A partnership between the Clinton Foundation and the Sisterhood of Congregation B’nai Israel in Little Rock and in conjunction with the Anne Frank Center USA, the new installation conveys the complex history of human rights in Arkansas and throughout the world. “This exhibit is a tribute to the resiliency of the human spirit and a poignant reminder that we are all interconnected individuals who share a common humanity,” said President Bill Clinton.

WILL ISRAEL FOLLOW IRELAND?

WILL GAY COUPLES EVER BE ALLOWED TO MARRY IN ISRAEL?

By **ROBERT SWIFT, MEDIA LINE**

In a few weeks Eli and Ron will celebrate their relationship with a wedding to be held at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. There will be food, friends, music and a ceremony. But as far as the state of Israel is concerned, no marriage will have taken place, because the state does not recognize gay marriage. However, gay couples married outside Israel are registered as married on their return.

So shortly after their wedding, the newlyweds will fly to Denmark in order to hold a second wedding, one

that can be registered officially upon their return to Israel. Denmark is the ideal country for LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) couples to get married in, Eli Kaplan-Wildmann, told The Media Line. Not only does the Scandinavian country have some of the most progressive recognition of the rights of same-sex people to marry, it also doesn't have a residency requirement. While most secular Israelis go to Cyprus when they wish to marry outside of Israel's strict religious marriage laws, gay couples fly to

Denmark, Kaplan-Wildmann said, because same-sex marriage is not permitted in Cyprus.

All issues of personal status, including marriage and divorce, are under the control of the Orthodox rabbinic authorities in Israel, in a decision that goes back to the creation of the state. There is no civil marriage in Israel, only religious marriage, although civil marriages are retroactively recognized by the government. The issue of gays is especially problematic, as the Bible calls homosexual sex an "abomination" which

should be punished with execution.

Kaplan-Wildmann, an Orthodox Jewish theater director, says Israeli society, and even the more liberal parts of the Orthodox world, accept his sexual orientation.

"We hold hands in the street," he told The Media Line. "Israel is more open to LGBT rights than a lot of other countries. There is a sense that Israel has bigger issues to deal with."

In fact, Tel Aviv is considered a gay cultural capital to rival the reputation of Amsterdam.

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HOLOCAUST RESPONSE

NEW BOOK ACCUSES RABBI STEPHEN WISE OF UNDERMINING JEWISH DISSIDENTS

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America's foremost Jewish leader in the 1940s took extreme steps to prevent Jewish dissidents from challenging President Roosevelt's weak response to the Holocaust, according to a new book.

"Rabbi Stephen S. Wise actively undermined Jewish dissidents--from both the left and the right--who tried to challenge the Roosevelt administration's abandonment of European Jewry," said Dr. Rafael Medoff, author of the new book, *The Anguish of a Jewish Leader: Stephen S. Wise and the Holocaust*. "To prevent activists from having a voice in Jewish pol-

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 most important and influential book concerning the U.S. response to the Nazi genocide

cymaking, Wise suppressed their rallies, urged members of Congress to boycott them, pressured newspapers to refuse their advertisements, and even encouraged government officials to 'draft or deport' activist leaders."

The Anguish of a Jewish Leader is Dr. Medoff's sixteenth book on the Holocaust and Jewish history. It is the first major scholarly study of Rabbi

Wise in more than 30 years, and the first ever book-length study of Wise's response to the Holocaust.

Additional highlights from the book:

- President Theodore Roosevelt repeatedly promised Rabbi Wise that he would help rescue Jewish refugees and create a Jewish state, but never did so. In one instance, the president assured Wise (in 1944) that he would issue a

a strong statement supporting Zionism, but then FDR watered down Wise's draft to avoid an explicit commitment to Jewish statehood.

- In postwar interviews, many of Rabbi Wise's closest friends and colleagues argued that Wise's personal and political devotion to FDR undermined his willingness to challenge Roosevelt's lethargic response to the Holocaust.

- Rabbi Wise's medical problems severely hampered his ability to mobilize the Jewish community to respond to the Holocaust; and the lack of democracy in the organizations that

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RUDE AWAKENING

ISRAELI PEACE ACTIVIST LEARNS A LESSON

By **BENJAMIN KORN**

(Mr. Korn, chairman of the Philadelphia Religious Zionists, is former executive editor of the Philadelphia Jewish Exponent and the Miami Jewish Tribune.) - The Editor

An Israeli peace activist who has devoted much of his life to demanding that Israel make more concessions to the Palestinians was treated to a rude awakening earlier this month on a Minnesota campus: it turns out that pro-Palestinian advocates don't just hate Israeli policy -- they hate all Israelis, including Israeli peace activists.

Hebrew University professor Moshe Halbertal was invited to deliver the University of Minnesota's annual Dewey Lecture in the Philosophy of Law. Unfortunately, the Palestinian and pro-Palestinian activists on campus don't have very much respect for the philosophy of law, at least not the laws that protect freedom of speech. Two dozen hecklers tried to drown out Halbertal

by shouting "denunciations of Israel" (as the local press described it) and accusing Halbertal of being "a war crimes apologist."

Ironically, in his remarks (after the hecklers were removed), Prof. Halbertal suggested that Israeli soldiers were not doing enough to protect enemy civilians during warfare. Since that was his position, Halbertal must have been puzzled that the Palestinian advocates would attack him so fiercely.

Welcome to the real world, Moshe Halbertal. Criticizing Israeli policies is not enough. When the hecklers called him a "war crimes apologist," they weren't referring to one or two particular alleged war crimes. They consider the very existence of the State of Israel to be a war crime.

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HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By MIKE COHEN

THE RITZ-CARLTON MONTREAL: Last summer, in order to get a feel for Montreal's most iconic hotel, I accepted an invitation to spend a weekend at the Ritz-Carlton Montreal (<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Montreal/Default.htm>).

Let's just say that for anyone in Montreal considering a "Staycation," or if you are travelling to Montreal on business or vacation the Ritz should be at the top of your list. The Ritz was recently named the "number one city hotel in Canada" by *Travel + Leisure*, as part of the magazine's 2015 World's Best Awards Readers' Survey. "We at Ritz-Carlton Montreal are delighted to be selected the No. 1 city hotel in Canada," said CEO and General Manager Andrew Torriani. "It is an honour to

be recognized by such a well-regarded travel publication. We take great pride in maintaining high standards of quality in all areas from design, to service and amenities, and are grateful for the recognition by all the readers who took the time to vote."

KOSHER CATERING: Legendary Jewish author Mordecai Richler adored the Ritz so when filming took place in 2010 for the motion picture based on his book *Barney's Version* there could be no other place to shoot the Jewish wedding scene than the Ritz Gardens. In fact they were totally rebuilt for the filming, then immediately bulldozed once the cameras stopped rolling. The Ritz has a partnership with La Marguerite Kosher Catering and a full kosher

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Chanukah.

The fact is that our own time is not too different, basically, from that of the Maccabees. There is a parallel between the Hellenistic pressures to which our ancestors were subjected during the second pre-Christian century and the pressures to which we are being subjected in this

twenty-first century. Between the corroding materialism which presses inexorably upon us and the non-Jewish causes which appeal to what there is in us of altruism, Judaism sometimes seems to be lost. At the same time, there remains a small body of modern Maccabees who insist that Jewish life still has something valuable to offer and are struggling, in their own way, to ensure that as many Jews as possible see this value.

The cause of the ancient Maccabees was not an easy one. The cause of the modern Maccabees is equally difficult. But in the victory of Mattathias and his sons there is the promise that this generation, too, may win its battle for Jewish survival. The Chanukah lamp contains the essence of the perpetuation of the Jewish People. The candles have been a flaming torch proclaiming to an often hostile world that persecution and discrimination cannot destroy the Jews' religious identity.

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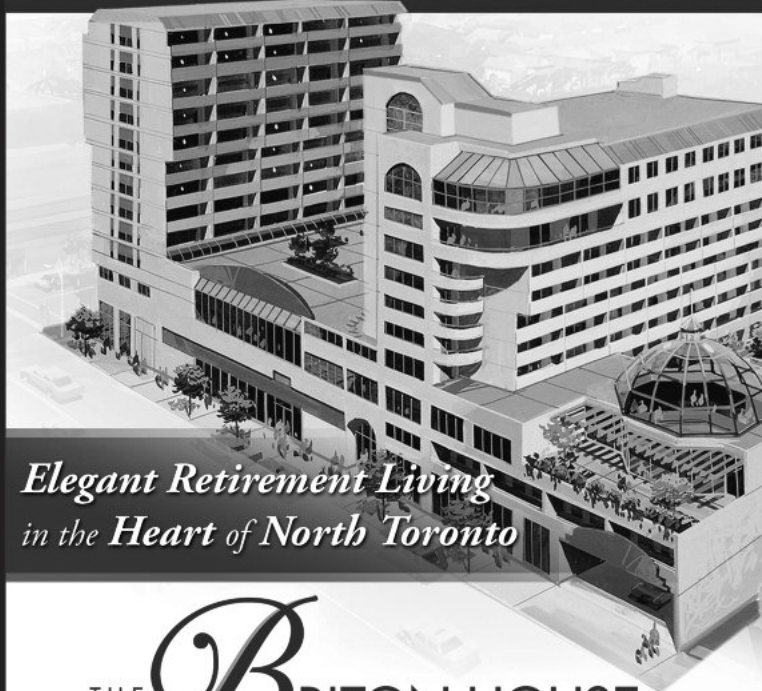


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kitchen. Noted Jewish community leader Charles Bronfman and his family were spotted in the restaurant. Among their party was retired Senator Leo Kolber. The Ritz has a long history of attracting Jewish weddings, sweet sixteens, bar/bat mitzvahs and special events. Sales manager Magda Sabella notes this is still very much the case. Shabbat dinners, catered by La Marguerite, are now being arranged upon request as well.

RESTORATION: It has now been just over three years since The Ritz reopened amid much hoopla following an extensive four year, \$200 million restoration of what is known as the Grand Dame of Sherbrooke Street West.

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C H A M P A G N E BAR: Last year the Ritz opened the new Dom Pérignon Champagne Bar. Exclusive to the Ritz-Carlton Montreal - and the first of its kind in all of Canada - it is located in the

historic Montreal hotel's famed Palm Court.

AFTERNOON TEA: When the Ritz-Carlton Montreal opened in 1912 it became known for its legendary style and impeccable service. The hotel also became known as a comfortable spot for Montrealers to enjoy "Afternoon Tea" and socialize. A century later, the Ritz has revived the tradition of 'Afternoon Tea,' a flashback to the Edwardian era when Tea Time was a social ritual. Set amidst the comfort and elegance of the famous Palm Court, a selection of fine teas, homemade canapés, scones and pastries are on offer. Breakfast Tea is served daily from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and afternoon Tea at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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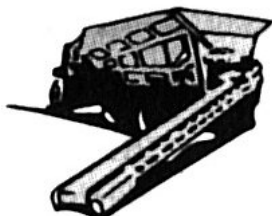
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tions of Berlin or San Francisco, and in 2012 was voted the most popular city in the world by gay travelers.

Yet many gays say they would like to be able to get married in Israel. The issue has come to the fore after Ireland, long considered a conservative Catholic stronghold – so much so that divorce only became legal in 1995 – has become the first ever country to recognize same-sex unions through a referendum. Could a similar popular movement occur in Israel?

"The law has to catch up," Kaplan-Wildmann explained. "I look forward to more equality but gay marriage is not the main issue," he said, adding that a change in the legal system to allow civil partnership for all citizens is the priority.

"We don't focus on (gay) marriage – other issues are focused on, as a more practical (solution)," to inequality, Tom Canning, Director of Development at the Open House for Pride

and Tolerance, told The Media Line. The Open House is a LGBT non-governmental organization which has been active in Jerusalem since 1997, campaigning for equality for homosexuals.

Canning said same-sex marriage will never be recognized as long as the rabbinate controls the rules surrounding marriage. The ultra-Orthodox parties are also a key part of Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's ruling coalition, and all past efforts to legalize civil marriage or gay marriage have failed.

"The connection between (it) and the state is too strong for this to happen," Canning said. His organization would prefer a more liberal form of Judaism to gain influence in the Rabbinate, one which would benefit the LGBT community, he said.

Everything that has been achieved for LGBT rights has been won through the courts rather than through the political

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arena, Canning said. Despite popular support for gay rights, politicians do not push for legislation because of strong opposition from the ultra-Orthodox.

Gay couples are not the only people unable to marry under Israel's marital laws. As religious authorities have control of weddings, marriages must be between two people of the same religion. A Jew cannot legally marry a Muslim or a Christian.

"The state has a long arm that causes a lot of suffering," Irit Rosenblum, Founder and CEO of New Family, told The Media Line. The problem is the ties between state and religion, Rosenblum said, explaining that she believed that the relationship between two human beings should not be dictated by a government.

A spokesperson for the Orthodox Rabbinate declined to comment in detail, saying simply that if changes were to be made in future they would have to be made in the Knesset.

Other Orthodox representatives said that the law against civil marriage helps guarantee the Jewish future of the state of Israel. The consequences of the law for homosexual couples and others unable to marry are understood and regrettable, Ziv Maor, a former spokesperson for the Rabbinate, told The Media Line, but the law is necessary.

"Throughout history few nations have ceased to exist because of genocide – most nations which ceased to exist, did so because of assimilation," he said. "The price gay – and some heterosexual – couples pay for not being able to marry is enormous," Maor conceded, admitting that it was a price that he personally did not have to bear. As the Israeli

army protects Israel from violence and anti-Semitism, he said, the country's religious marital laws protected it from assimilation.

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If a referendum, with the same question as Ireland's – that "marriage may be contracted in accordance with the law by two people without distinction as to their sex" – was called in Israel now it would pass, Canning of the Open House asserts. But legislators would not enable such a debate because of the political turmoil that would ensue if it were to happen, he concludes.

Rosenblum of New Family is less convinced. "No – not as long as Binyamin Netanyahu is our Prime Minister," she said on the question of the possibility of a referendum in Israel. "The government is a reflection of the people and of society," she added, saying (Please turn to following page)

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that the citizens of Israel are open minded but that alone is not enough. Eli and Ron are less concerned. They have a wedding and the party that goes with it to prepare for – not to mention a trip to Denmark.

"It might be the case that a referendum would pass here," Kaplan-Wildmann said, "but there is no administrative framework to bring about the process until there is a recognized form of secular

marriage."

It is still good to see the legalization of same-sex matrimony in Ireland, Kaplan-Wildmann said, especially in a country with such a historically strong connection between church and state. Of the global trend towards recognition of LGBT equality Kaplan-Wildmann adds, "It's heartwarming to see the scale tipping - in the world, country by country, and also in the US, state by state."

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Thus if someone supports Israel's right to exist - even the shrunken, weakened Israel that Halbertal wants - then they are "war crimes apologists."

Quite a turn of events for someone who has made a name for himself as an Israeli critic of Israel. Of course, he had a good deal help along the way, especially from "New York Times" columnist Thomas Friedman. Of the twenty-five times that Halbertal has been quoted in the "Times", nine of them have been in Friedman's column on the op-ed page.

We all know how that works. Friedman picks a theme for one of his anti-Israel columns, then calls up the same five or six

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"respected Israeli academicians" to see which of them will provide a quotation that

matches his predetermined theme.

Halbertal was discovered by the "Times" to be a 'useful Israeli' even before he had entered the academic world. In February 1983, when he was just "a 24-year-old religious student," the "Times" was excitedly reporting how Halbertal was part of a supposed new generation of religious Israelis who disdained the idea of "holding territory" and was forming a group to advocate "relinquishing part of the West Bank."

Soon enough, Halbertal managed to secure an academic title, so the "Times" could pretend he was a "respected academician" instead of having to acknowledge that he was basically a partisan 'community organizer.'

A sampling of Halbertal's pearls of unwisdom in the pages of the Times over the years:

- The Jewish residents of Judea-Samaria are comparable to the Zealots in Roman times who, "mobilized by a megalomaniac sense of their role in history, pushed the Jewish people at the time into a struggle they did not want [until] it destroyed them." (Sept. 18, 1997)

- Those who oppose Israeli territorial surrender "are dooming Israel to an apartheid state." (July 28, 2000)

- Halbertal "disapproved" of an Israeli strike on a terrorist leader in Gaza, because some of the terrorist's relatives were nearby and were harmed. (Jan. 13, 2009)

- Halbertal participated in weekly vigils in a mostly-Arab neighborhood in Jerusalem to demand that Jews not be allowed to move into the area. The Ku Klux Klan would have been proud. (March 10, 2010)

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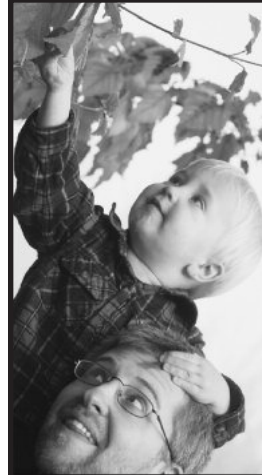
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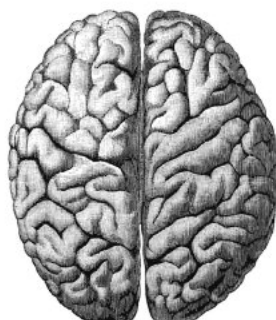


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• Israeli soldiers in Gaza did not do enough "to avoid civilian casualties." (March 20, 2009)

• The window for a two-state solution "is rapidly closing," so Israel "will either be apartheid or Lebanon." (Dec. 12, 2010)

That last dire warning about Israel being on the verge of "apartheid" was uttered by Halbertal five years ago. Funny, five years have passed and still there

is no apartheid. That's because the "apartheid" warnings are really just a cheap scare tactic to pressure Israel into making more concessions.

But no amount of concessions will be enough to satisfy the Palestinians, so long as Israel still exists. To them, any size Israel, and all Israelis, are the enemy. As Moshe Halbertal discovered in Minnesota this month.

WORLD IN REVIEW

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support from *The Jewish Chronicle*, all of those things. There is now a big group of conservative members of parliament, who are pro-Israel whatever the government does..." What is perhaps even more alarming is that Kaufman accused Israel of "fabricating" half of the recent stabblings. "The other half", Kaufman claimed, "some were true, the others there was no way to tell since they executed Palestinians and no one asked questions".

To his credit Labour leader Jeremy Corbin condemned his MP's comments

"Such remarks", Corbin said, "are damaging to community relations and also do nothing to benefit the Palestinian cause". He ordered his chief whip to meet with Kaufman and "express my deep concern".

In 2011, after telling the House that "Here we are, the Jews again", Kaufman with left with little choice but to apologize. But not this time. He has made it quite clear that nothing will change his belief that "my grandmother did not die to provide cover for Israelis murdering Palestinian grandmothers."

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THE ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE was held at the Sherman Campus on Bathurst Street to honour the war veterans of the past wars, in particular Jewish men and women who served Canada. Representation from the provincial and federal government as well as the Toronto police service were in attendance. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the addition of more names to the flames of memory memorial. The back side of the memorial at the Sherman campus is dedicated to the men and women who served in the military during the past 70 years. On the front side are the names of the men and women who did not make it home alive. Pictured above are Albert Waisglass Norman Gardner and Monty Kwinter and Joe Warner and Nessie Adelman.

Now That's Nachus

Joanna Angel is listed as one of the "7 most famous Jews in porn" and likely the first Orthodox-raised Jew in the industry. She runs the porn website BurningAngel.com which has been described as "one of the biggest in the alternative adult industry".

So how do her Orthodox Jewish parents feel about her career choice? Well, according to the American porn star they are quite supportive and have offered her business advice. And they have been quick to come to her defence against relatives who have not been as enthusiastic about Angel's life work. "There were a few (Please turn to following page)

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WORLD IN REVIEW

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distant aunts, uncles and cousins who got angry at my mom and dad for not disowning me," she said. "But all it did was make us closer". They were like: 'Don't tell us how to raise our daughter.'"

There are no worries that Angel will abandon her Judaism. She may no longer be Orthodox but she still fasts on Yom Kippur and does not eat bread on Passover. We're not sure

EDUCATORS RETURN FROM YAD VASHEM



a multitude of ethnic and religious affiliations?

How do we combat Holocaust denial and improper analogies of the Holocaust to other world-wide human conflicts?

How can we make Holocaust education relevant and meaningful to today's youth?

How should Holocaust education be taught to students without overwhelming them?

How should we differentiate between past and present anti-Semitism?

How should sensitivity, compassion, and tolerance for others be taught?

How can Holocaust education be used to inspire students to social action?

What lessons from the Holocaust should we teach and emphasize?

With the world's recent escalation in human atrocity, violence, and the breakdown of human values, teaching about social justice issues to Canadian students through the prism of the Holocaust is more crucial than ever. Educators from across Canada now address these and other issues in their multicultural Canadian classrooms and communities after returning from the annual 3-week Holocaust Education Seminar at Yad Vashem, Jerusalem's International School for Holocaust Studies. Each of the educators will now bring his or her own perspective to deal with these challenges and to answer these questions of concern to parents and students:

Why should we learn about the Holocaust? Is the Holocaust a unique genocide or as just one among others?

How do we connect the establishment and existence of Israel to Holocaust education?

How do we teach the Holocaust to students from

Pictured here is Rachel Luke, of Glenforest Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario, one of the four Canadian educators who participated in this year's program. "I feel that I have experienced a paradigm shift in my approach to teaching Holocaust education," says Luke. "The most powerful lesson I know I have learned and must convey to my students is that the Holocaust serves as a warning regarding how human beings did and can behave; not only in terms of our capacity for cruelty but more importantly our capacity to be courageous individuals showing kindness to others."

whether she goes to the “office” on those days.

“Nazi Grandma” Sent to Jail

Ursula Haverbeck has a long history of defying German law. Now, the 87-year-old will spend ten months in jail for telling a Hamburg court that the Nazis’ Auschwitz death camp is “only a belief”.

In April Haverbeck was charged with Holocaust denial after stating on television at the trial of former SS guard Oskar Gröning that the Holocaust was “the biggest and most

tainable lie in history”.

Magistrate Bjoern Joensson, who handed down the sentence, said it was “deplorable that this woman, who is still so active given her age, uses her energy to spread such hair-raising nonsense”.

Haverbeck intends to appeal the sentence.

A New Friend for Israel and Jews

The election in Argentina has resulted in a president determined to repair relations with the Jewish community and not to apologize for any Argentinian ties to Israel.

President elect

Mauricio Macri has indicated he intends to cancel the agreement signed with Iran to jointly investigate the 1994 attack on the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires. The agreement drew the ire of Argentina’s Jewish community given the evidence that Iran was behind the AMIA bombing, which killed 85. The death of Alberto Nisman remains suspicious.

Macri’s ties to the Jewish community are no secret. As mayor of Buenos Aires his government encouraged Argentinians to apply the lessons of the Israeli “Start-Up Nation”. Budding entrepreneurs went to Israel and described their experiences

on the government’s website.

Macri himself visited Israel as part of the mayor’s conference in 2014. He told journalists that “Israel suffering has to be understood. From afar. it is easy to give advice...” In 2013 Macri hand picked Rabbi Sergio Bergman to run for the national legislature. Bergman was victorious and became the first rabbi to serve as a national lawmaker. Macri counts other Jewish politicians as his friends and advisors.

On the day of the election Macri played soccer with friends against the over 45 team that will represent Argentina at the Pan American Maccabi Games in Chile.

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