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The Importance of Chanukah

The Jewish communities of the Western World, as they celebrate Chanukah, continue to struggle with some measure of success against the commercialism which has, for many Christians, destroyed the pristine meaning of Christmas. Despite the temptation to compete with Christmas in the orgy of gift giving which accompanies the Christian festival, despite the Chanukah lights which begin to grace the doors and windows of Jewish homes in suburban communities across Canada, Chanukah still retains much of the wholesome flavour which has been traditionally associated with this festival. Children continue to sing paeans of praise to the dedication of Mattathais, the heroism of Judas the Maccabees, and the legendary self-sacrifice of the Maccabean brothers. And young and old glory in the miracle that was wrought, which enabled the Temple to be cleansed of those Hellenic elements which had polluted it, so that it might be rededicated to the ideals of which it was the sanctuary.

The importance of Chanukah in the Jewish tradition lies in the

lesson it teaches - the lesson that the weak may, on occasion, win a victory over the strong. Of course there were historical factors, beyond those of the religious tradition, which enabled the Jews to beat back the legions of Antiochus Epiphanes. Bravery and patriotism and religious zeal alone are not often granted victory unless they are accompanied by big battalions and massive armaments, or unless they have allies who have these battalions and armaments. Nevertheless, without bravery and patriotism and religious zeal the Maccabean victory would have been impossible and it is these qualities which are, quite rightly, associated with the successful Hasmonean revolt. It is these qualities which we commemorate in our own celebration of Chanukah.

Christmas has its significance in the Christian tradition. Chanukah has its own specific meaning in the Jewish tradition. If Chanukah is to retain its value in our lives and in the lives of our children we must continue to resist the pressure to make it a "consolation Christmas" and emphasize, rather, its value for us as Jews.

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By NOAH FREEDMAN

Rutgers Professor At It Again

Rutgers University professor Michael Chikindas is again using multiple social media posts for his anti-Semitic rants.

The microbiology professor and director for the school's Center for Digestive Health has told his Facebook followers that Judaism is "the most racist religion in the world" and called Israel a "terrorist

country". The professor's Facebook timeline contains graphic anti-Semitic images, suggesting Jews, portrayed by the Happy Merchant, "control the Federal Reserve, Hollywood, pornography, wars for Israel and sex-trafficking." Yet another image featured the Jewish caricature - representing Israel - being carried by American soldiers and saying, "I am God's chosen people, you filthy
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DEFENDERS OF FDR DISTORT HISTORY

By **RAFAEL MEDOFF**

Dr. Rafael Medoff is founding director of the David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies. - The Editor.

The 75th anniversary of Operation Torch, the Allies' liberation of North Africa, triggered discussions about the restrictions that the Roosevelt administration imposed on Jews living in that region, with one prominent scholar surprisingly coming to the defense of FDR's harsh action. Who would have thought that in this day and age, equal rights for Jews would still be considered debatable?

Canadian historian Michael Marrus, writing in

the online journal Mosaic on October 23, suggested that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was justified in temporarily denying equal rights to Jews in newly-liberated Algeria, Morocco, and elsewhere, because if the U.S. granted the Jews equality, it might cause "an Arab uprising" against the Allies. According to Marrus, the argument that such a danger was exaggerated might be plausible, but only "in hindsight."

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MISS ISRAEL, ADAR GANDELSMAN, LEFT, AND Miss Iraq, Sarah Idan, pose for a photo on Gandelman's Instagram page. The two beauty queens were part of this year's Miss International Beauty Pageant. Idan's caption on her Instagram account read: "Peace and Love from Miss Iraq and Miss Israel."

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TERRORISTS USE THE MEDIA TO FURTHER GOALS

By SEAN DURNS, CAMERA

The following appeared as an Op-Ed in The Washington Examiner. The Editor

"Many a small thing has been made large by the right kind of advertising," observed the American writer Mark Twain. Unfortunately, this principle applies to terror groups and tyrants every bit as much as it does businesses that use boutique public relations firms.

Terrorists of all types have long utilized the media for propaganda purposes—from the Irish Republican Army timing bombings to ensure they appeared on the nightly news to al-Qaeda's exploitation of the Al-Jazeera news network during the second Iraq War. Indeed, as long ago as 1987, the analyst and psychiatrist Dr. Jerrold Post was pointing out that many terror groups had

what he called the "vice president for media relations"; a person tasked with orchestrating press coverage.

Some are more skilled than others.

The Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has attracted recruits via flashy videos that feature the beheading and immolation of their victims, among other heinous acts. The group also published a glossy magazine called *Dabiq*, which takes its name from a town in northern Syria where they believe the end-of-days battle will occur. The magazine - whose onetime editor was a University of Massachusetts-Boston grad named Abu Sulayman ash-Shami, fea-

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tured editorials on topics as varied as the necessity of cutting off the limbs of the Shariah in compliance to the need for women to stay at home and support their terrorist husbands.

Al-Qaeda, the progenitor and rival of ISIS, was also a forerunner at media savvy. Videos of the group's founder, Osama bin Laden in caves, invoked tales of the Islamic prophet Mohammad, who, it is said, received his first revelation in a cave called Hira near Mecca.

Al-Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula (AQAP) also published an English-language magazine called *Inspire*, which terror analyst Bruce Riedel noted was "clearly intended for the aspiring jihadist in the U.S. or U.K." The publication was thought to be the work of a New Mexico-born cleric, Anwar al-Awlaki, who, prior to his death in a 2011 U.S. drone strike, was known for running a blog, a Facebook page and Youtube videos - all extolling the virtues of jihad (holy war) against the West and its allies like Israel.

Hezbollah, the Lebanese-based Shi'ite

Muslim terror organization, is particularly skilled at propaganda. Hezbollah operates its own TV channel, Al Manar (The Beacon), which routinely broadcasts calls for "Death to America," age-old antisemitic tropes and promises of the impending destruction of Israel. In 2006, Al Manar was labeled a Specially Designated Global Terrorist Entity by the U.S. Treasury Department, which noted that the channel's employees were conducting "preoperational surveillance" on behalf of the global terror network.

Similar to Hezbollah, Hamas, the U.S.-designated terror group that controls the Gaza Strip, is also heavily funded by the Islamic Republic of Iran. Hamas also operates its own TV channel, al-Aqsa, which is watched throughout the Arab world. As the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has noted, much of the networks "programming that glorifies violence focuses on children, or is geared towards children, including music videos." One such production had a four-year old girl singing about Hamas's first female suicide

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bomber, Reem Riyashi, who is shown blowing herself up and murdering four Israel soldiers. Singing to the camera, the girl proclaims, "I am following Mommy in her foot steps."

In addition to pulling in recruits these propaganda outlets push disinformation to a frequently uncritical media. As the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) has highlighted, Hezbollah provided exaggerated civilian casualty reports during its 2006 war with Israel—many of which were echoed by Western press outlets. Ditto for Hamas, as CAMERA analyst Steve Stotsky noted in a July 29, 2014 *TIME* magazine analysis which found the terror group was likely trying to pass off terrorist deaths as civilians in an attempt to portray the Israeli military as "indiscriminate."

Intimidation and access are also key in the propaganda war. Douglas Jehl, then a *New York Times* correspondent and now *Washington Post* foreign editor, acknowledged that threats made him "more cautious as a

Iran's nuclear program and Syrian support for Hezbollah, Mr. Jehl admitted he "wrote about these issues, but couldn't dig as deeply as he'd like, and did recognize that the more of these [critical] stories one writes, the more difficult it would be to get back in."

Authoritarian regimes from Havana to Pyongyang employ similar tactics, keeping a tight grip on press coverage and access and operating their own propaganda outlets. For example, when Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad extended visas to foreign media in October 2016, it was to certain reporters who were shown what the regime wanted them to see.

Another public relations boon exists in the difficulty which largely Western reporters face in covering areas and cultures for which they—and their audiences—have a limited frame of reference. When ABC correspondent John Miller finished a 1998 interview with Osama bin Laden, he famously remarked: "You are like the Middle East version of Teddy Roosevelt". Publicity like that can't be bought.

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HOLOCAUST RECORD

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He's mistaken. It wasn't just in hindsight; American Jewish leaders confronted that "Arab uprising" warning at the time.

Consider, for example, the plea sent to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt by the era's foremost Jewish leader, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, just a few months before the liberation of North Africa. Concerning Allied fears that sympathy for the Jews would cause "repercussions among the Arabs," Wise wrote: "Is it too much to say that the sacrifice of friends in the interests of appeasing the unfriendly has repeatedly proven to be vain? The [pro-Nazi] rebellion in Iraq, the presence of the [Palestinian Arab] Mufti in Berlin and Rome, the failure of Egypt to live up to her treaty of alliance (thousands of Palestine Jews, but no Arab-Egyptian soldiers, have been defending Egyptian soil against invasion) indicate that this policy has failed in the Near East as it has failed everywhere else."

As a result, U.S. Jewish organizations did something in early 1943 that they had almost never done before: they publicly criticized the Roosevelt administration. Wise's American Jewish Congress and World Jewish Congress issued a joint statement charging that "the anti-Jewish legacy of the Nazis remains intact in North Africa."

A delegation of Jewish leaders then went to the State Department to personally make the case for equal rights in North Africa before Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles. Jewish organizations also organized a group of prominent French exiles in the United States to present the State Department with a petition on the subject.

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Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter and French Jewish leader Baron Edouard de Rothschild also spoke out.

At first, the Roosevelt administration dug in its heels, trotting out the old bogeyman about a potential Arab uprising. But in response to public protests, the administration eventually instructed the local authorities in North Africa to restore equal rights for Jews and shut down the slave labor camps where thousands of Jews had been incarcerated under the old pro-Nazi Vichy regime. And lo and behold—the granting of equality to the Jews did not result in any “Arab uprising” at all.

It is unfortunate that Michael Marrus’s rationalization of FDR’s North Africa policy is just the latest in a series of instances in which authors have taken extreme positions in defense of Roosevelt’s record on Jewish matters.

Military archivist James Kitchens has defended the U.S. refusal to bomb Auschwitz, on the grounds that such an air strike “might have been illegal under international law” because prisoners could have been harmed. Pro-FDR author Robert Rosen con-

tends that Roosevelt was right to say almost nothing in public about the persecution of European Jewry, because “speaking out... may have increased Hitler’s determination to kill more Jews.”

Historians Richard Breitman and Allan J. Lichtman have written that FDR’s anti-Jewish quotas in North Africa were an effort “to provide opportunities for Jews, without unduly antagonizing Moslems.” Breitman and Lichtman have characterized Roosevelt’s support for quotas on Jews entering Harvard as an attempt to ensure that “each group should have its share of places and no group should gain undue representation.” They even have claimed that FDR’s antisemitic remarks to Josef Stalin and other Soviet officials in private (in 1942 and 1945) were helpful as “ice-breakers.”

The fears that have been cited to justify FDR’s policies on these issues are not just misplaced in retrospect. Those policies actually were tried at the time, and the fears proved groundless. Equal rights for Jews were restored in North Africa—and no Arab uprising resulted. The U.S. did

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bomb German oil factories adjacent to Auschwitz, inadvertently harming some slave laborers, but nobody prosecuted the pilots as war criminals. President

Roosevelt's anti-Jewish "ice-breakers" to Soviet officials did not result in any Soviet concessions. Nor did FDR's reluctance to speak out about European Jewry calm Hitler down.

The historical record speaks for itself. And it's much more revealing than the speculation in which some extreme defenders of President Roosevelt prefer to indulge.

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During our day at the Ritz, we received a private tour of the facility. There are 304 guest rooms and suites with private balconies featuring marina and city skyline views. There are Exclusive key-access-only Ritz-Carlton Club® Level rooms, L.A.'s only water-front pool and whirlpool and a newly renovated lobby lounge. I was thoroughly impressed with the state-of-the-art fitness center, with eucalyptus steam rooms, full showers, restrooms and

escorted to the poolside and shown to a beautiful private cabana. Inside there was an extremely comfortable couch, a television with a remote control, a fridge stocked with waters, soft drinks and fresh fruit and a basket full of delicious snacks. Outside the covered structure were three nicely padded lounge chairs with towels and large umbrellas to block the sun. We were provided with a menu to the Waves Poolside Bar & Grill. After one of the staff members brought us a bottle of champagne we placed our order. The superb hamburger with salad, a chicken sandwich and some chicken strips all arrived promptly.

The pool was refreshing and the whirlpool even more so. Using our pass key, we took a leisurely stroll outside the grounds to admire the marina and the many different boats. The Cast & Plow Restaurant off the lobby offers one of the prettier patio layouts I have seen. Up we went to the 12th floor to see one of the beautiful guest rooms with a view and then down a short flight of stairs into the exclusive Ritz-Carlton Concierge Club Lounge. This beautifully designed room is open to all guests for an extra charge of \$250 a day for snacks, drinks and a private place to relax.

SIXT RENT A CAR: For this trip to California, renting our own car was a priority. In researching all of the different options I came across one I was frankly not familiar with called Sixt Rent a Car (www.sixt.com). After collecting our luggage at Los Angeles International Airport, we headed to the shuttle area where a Sixt van pulled up and brought us to their large garage very nearby. It was a seamless

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check-in process. I was pleasantly surprised to drive away with a significant upgrade - a white Mercedes. This was a first for me. It drove so smoothly, I was very sad to return the keys at the end of my trip.

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filthy goyim". Another post labelled Israeli Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, Culture Minister Miri Regev, First Lady Melania Trump and Ivanka Trump as "bitches" and "sluts".

Chikindas, despite declaring that "these Jewish motherfuckers do not control me" and that "they can go and fuck each other in their fat arses" somehow still denies that he is anti-Semitic, insisting that he is only anti-Zionist. He also argues that his public domains and personal PC were hacked and that "I restrain myself from any comments on the content of my page as I cannot be sure anymore if what is being referred to is mine of modified(sic) by those who hacked my domain".

Chikindas is not the only professor at Rutgers who has crossed the line. Jasbir Puar, an associate professor of women's and gender studies, has alleged that the bodies of "young Palestinian men...were

mined for organs of scientific research" and that Israel's actions are a "genocide in slow motion". She further wrote that the "trauma" of the Palestinians has been overshadowed because "Israel in particular and Jewish populations in general have hijacked the discourse of trauma through exceptionalizing Holocaust victimization."

Blaming Israeli Guns For Vegas Massacre

Yousef Munayyer, a prominent activist in the BDS movement, has used the mass shooting in Las Vegas to launch an attack

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on Israel. Munayyer tweeted that it is Israel who provides many of the assault rifles that enter the United States. He provided a link to a *Daily Beast* article which claimed that the AK 47 assault rifle is on the verge of being mass produced in Israel.

Yair Rosenberg, a journalist with *Tablet* magazine, called the charges nonsense. "American guns," wrote Rosenberg, "are overwhelmingly produced in America, but there is no atrocity that cannot and will not be blamed on the Jews or their state." Rosenberg pointed out that Israel, with 47,307 firearms imported into the United States in 2016, ranked fifteenth among nations exporting guns to the United States. Ten times as many guns came from Turkey.

Hasidic Community Allowed to Secede

Voters in Monroe, New York have voted overwhelmingly to allow the Hasidic community of Kiryas Joel to become the first haredi Orthodox town in the United States. The 20,000 Yiddish speaking Jews of the Satmar sect will form the state's first new town in 35 years. Palm Tree, an English translation of the Satmar rebbe's surname, Teitelbaum, is likely to come into existence no later than 2020.

The rapid increase in Kiryas Joel's population, which first settled in the area in the 1970s, has led to serious clashes with local residents especially as the Orthodox Jews have become increasingly influential. (Please turn to following page)

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ential in politics in the county.

In 2015 Kiryas Joel annexed 164 acres of Monroe land and asked for an additional 500 acres. Under the terms of the secession, Kiryas Joel will get 56 more acres in addition to the original number but has dropped its request for any additional territory.

"Today is truly an historic day that will usher in a new era of peace and stability for all the residents of Monroe", said village administrator Gedalye Szegedin. Voters have chosen a path forward."

Dutch Prosecutors Won't Act

The Dutch Public Prosecution Service has decided not to prosecute the virulently anti-Semitic city councilman Ahdoo Khoulan who called Israel schoolchildren who visited the Hague in May "Zionist terrorists in training" and "future child murderers and occupiers". The prosecution argued that Zionists are "indistinguishable" from other people by race, complexion or origin and that the only way Khoulan could

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have been prosecuted is if he had spoken specifically about "Jews". The fact that the schoolchildren did not complain, the Prosecution argued, also made it procedurally difficult to pursue the case.

The Prosecution did, however, say it would prosecute Khouli for his repeated anti-Semitic remarks directed towards the pro-Israel Anneke Brons. "Anneke, go learn how to write Dutch, you blonde bitch," Khouli said in one of the messages. "You showed you're a retarded dumb broad. You know what's disgusting? That face of yours. That's disgusting. That ugly, ugly, white face of yours. You know what you should do, Anneke? You should leave

the Netherlands immediately and go live in an Israeli colony. Happily steal Palestinian land and see Palestinian children being shot dead. That's what you should do. You belong there. With the Zionist scum".

Memorial Day In Argentina

Argentina's Senate has passed a law calling for an annual memorial day to remember the 1992 terror attack on the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires. The bombing 25 years ago killed 29 and injured hundreds. The new law, which passed unanimously, calls for a week of events surrounding the March 17 day of remembrance to raise

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awareness of the consequences of global terror.

In 2011 the Argentina parliament unanimously ruled that the relatives of the victims would receive \$225,000 in the case of death and \$158,000 for severe injuries.

"Twenty-five years after such a terrible attack it is an ethical and social responsibility, an imperative against oblivion and a commitment to unity against international terrorism", the legislation reads. "Schools" it continues, "are a central place for the development of memory and to avoid falling into oblivion."

The attack on the Embassy was the first of two deadly strikes in Buenos Aires. In 1994, 85 were killed and hundreds injured in an attack against the AMIA Jewish center.

None of the terrorists in either case was ever caught.

\$150 Fine for Missing Shabbat

Yeshiva University's male students who attend the schools co-ed shabbaton are apparently finding other things to do besides pray on Shabbat. Adminis-

trators are so concerned about students not attending prayer services, Torah lessons, meals and other "scheduled programs" that they have instituted a fine of \$150. Males students must sign an agreement before the start of the retreat. The fine is designed to "reimburse the university for monies spent".

Muslim Majority Country Puts Jew on Stamp

Democratic New York Congressman Elliot Engel has become the first U.S. Jewish congressman to be featured on the postage stamp of a majority Muslim country. Kosovo recently honoured Engel with a two-euro stamp.

Engel has long been recognized as having tried to stop Serbian strongman Slobadan Milosevic's genocidal cleansing of Kosovo's ethnic Albians. Engel, along with fellow Rep. Jerry Nadler, and two late congressmen Tom Lantos and Ben Gilman, had urged then President Bill Clinton to intervene during the Kosovo war in 1999 and were part of the push to recognize the Balkan state when it declared indepen-

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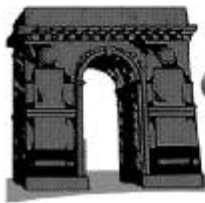


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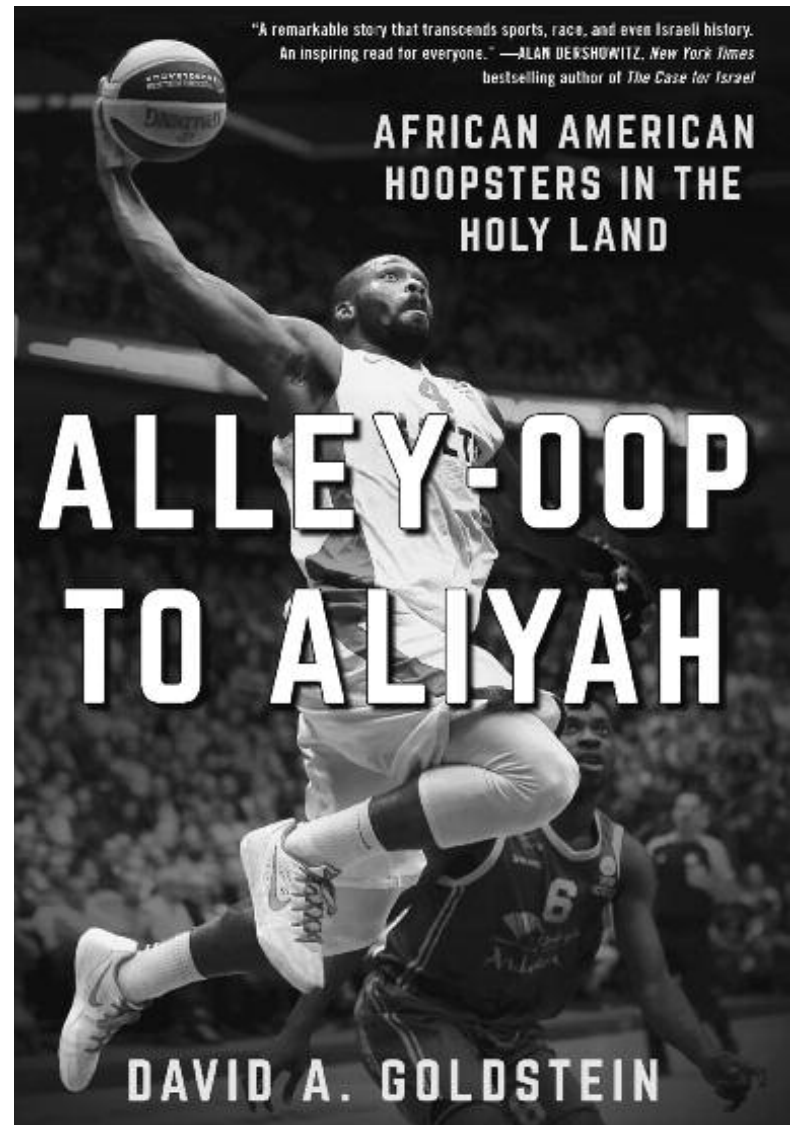
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dence in 2008. Ask Kosovo Albanians who helped them achieve their objectives and they'll point to their Jewish allies, including Elie Wiesel.

Engel says he has always been haunted by the failure of the United States to intervene on behalf of European Jewry during the Holocaust. He and his colleagues, who have helped raise millions of dollars, want to ensure that the United States does not again "abandon" those in need.

The congressman,

who already has a street named after him in the town of Pec, regards his work in Kosovo to promote the U.S. Kosovo relationship "among the most meaningful endeavours of my years in Congress."

Bjoern Hoecke's New View

Bjoern Hoecke, a leader of the right wing Alternative for Germany, believes that Germany should stop apologizing for its Nazi past. He has been especially critical of the Holocaust memorial in Berlin. "Germans", he said, "are the only people in the world who plant a monument of shame in the heart of the capital".

Now activists from the Center for Political Beauty are raising money to rent property in a garden next to Hoecke's home in Bornhagen. When Hoecke looks out of his window he will see a replica of the Holocaust memorial. "We are doing our neighborly duty", says the group leader, *(Please turn to following page)*

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Philipp Ruch. "We hope he enjoys the view every day when he looks out the window."

The Center has offered to remove the installation if Hoecke "falls to his knees" in front of the memorial and genuinely asks for forgiveness. The gesture would be a reminder of the act of then chancellor Willy Brandt in 1960 at a memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

"Nazi Grandma" Heads to Prison

Holocaust denier Ursula Haverbeck-Wetzel, now 89, will serve 14 months in jail for Holocaust denial, which is a crime in Germany. The Holocaust, the octogenarian has repeatedly stated, was "the biggest and most sustainable lie in history."

Also going to prison in Germany is Auschwitz guard Oskar Groening now 96. The court ruled that despite his advanced age the former guard is "able to serve his term".

Groening was convicted and sentenced in July of 2015 for his role in the murder of 300,000 Hungarian Jews. A federal appeals court rejected his appeal last year.

In August, a physician examined Groening and found him fit enough to go to prison providing he received the proper medical care. The office of the prosecution rejected Groening's lawyers request to spare him jail time.

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