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The Importance of Chanukah

This year's Chanukah Festival, preceding Christmas by some three weeks, provides the Jewish Community with an opportunity to observe the Feast of Lights in a leisurely, tranquil, traditional fashion, somewhat removed from the tempo in which it is caught up when Chanukah coincides too closely in time with Christmas. Perhaps this year we can devote some thought to the historical meaning of Chanukah.

The historic mission of the Jew has been to serve as witness to the free and independent human spirit. Abraham broke with the religious traditions of his time. Moses brought to the world a new concept of man's relationship with what he calls "God". The prophets fought for morality and justice against a Judaism which seemed to be petrifying into sterile ritual. The Maccabees offered up their lives in the struggle against the corrupting, corroding and debasing Hellenism which had swept across the whole

Mediterranean world. The Jews of the Middle Ages endured the rack and the stake, resisting the efforts of the Church to compel them to conform to the demands of the One True Religion. And the Holocaust is the tragic story of 6,000,000 Jews who paid with their lives for the sole reason that a madman was seeking a world free of Jews.

The survival of the Jews on the twenty-first century provides a measure of assurance that the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong. However transitory their victory over the Syrians may have appeared in the light of subsequent Jewish history, the struggle of the Maccabees provides us with some assurance that there is room for the non-conformist and that people are not, as so often appears, doomed to lose the battle to preserve their individuality or doomed to lose the freedom to live their own unique religious and cultural lives.

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

U.S. Mid-Terms And Israel

American Jewry was generally satisfied with the outcome of the recent U.S. elections, although there were three winners Jews could have done without.

On the positive side New York's Eliot Engel will likely continue to head the committee on Foreign Affairs and mainstream Democrat Nita Lowry, also from New York, will head Appropriations. "The House," says Norm Eisen, former U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic under Barak Obama, "looks likely to be headed by leadership including Nancy Pelosi and Steny Hoyer who are strongly pro-Israel and revered by many in the Jewish community."

Of concern, however, is that BDS supporters Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

from New York, Ilhan Omar from Minnesota and Rashida Tlaib from Michigan were all victorious. They are members of the Democratic Socialists of America which supports the BDS movement. Omar has called Israel an "apartheid state" that has "hypnotized the world"

ZOC president Morton Klein and National Council of Young Israel president Farly Weiss were satisfied that "support for Israel will remain strong" despite the presence of members who have condemned U.S. aid to Israel and spoken about the "massacres in Gaza". American Jewish leaders hope that these Democrats will be marginalized and will have no influence on the direction the party takes as it prepares for 2020.

Of note is the fact that over 75% of American Jews voted Democrat.

#Me Too Supporter Condemns Farrakhan

Actress and #Me Too activist Alyssa Milano (A Star Is Born) says

she will not speak at future Women's Marches until organizers Tamika Mallory and Linda Sarsour distance them-
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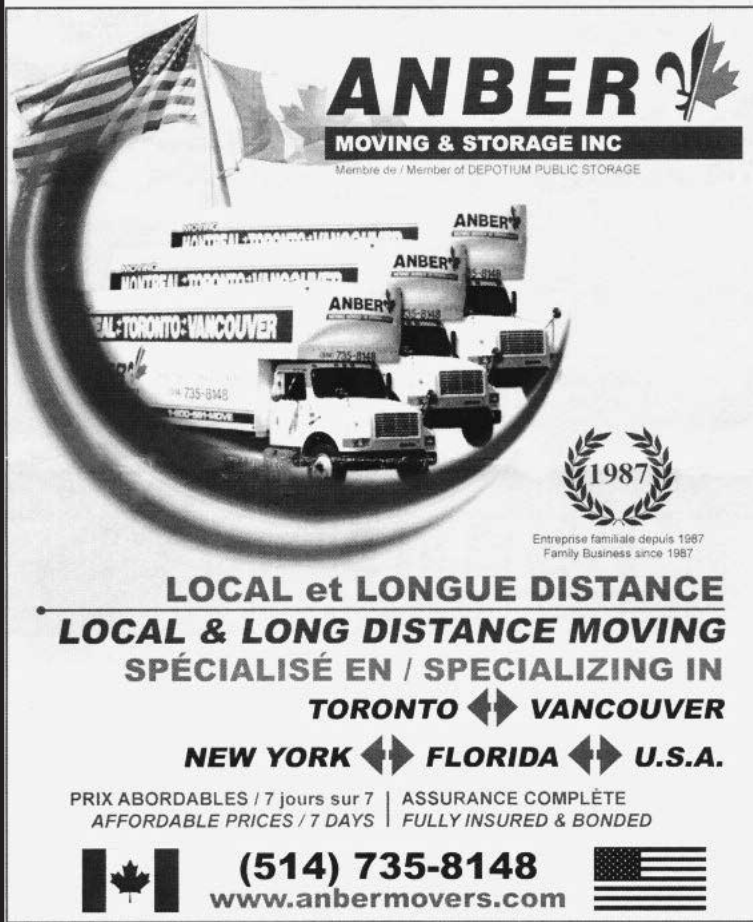
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NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By **MIKE COHEN**

**SYLVAN ADAMS
MAKES HIS MARK IN
ISRAEL:** Although philanthropist and real estate developer Sylvan Adams immigrated to Israel in 2015, he has insured that his legacy will live on here in Montreal forever. It is becoming common-place these days to circulate in the Jewish community and see his name adorning a building: The YM-YWHA, Yaldei and Herzliah.

"I haven't counted the named buildings, but

these investments in our community were my 'good-bye' gift to Montreal, when we moved to Israel," he said when I reached out to him. "I've done the same in Israel, with several large projects, as my 'welcome to Israel' gift to my new country."

As for moving to Israel, Adams told me that a few years ago he came home from work and asked his British born wife of 34 years, 'Margaret, what do
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THE CUMMINGS CENTRE'S APPRENTICE wood working program recently held and run by Hershey Fitleberg is being termed a resounding success by both students and management. Each participant went home with a challah board personally crafted by themselves while learning how to use various power tools and learning how to use different species of wood. Both Hershey Fitleberg and the students are looking forward to the next session which will take place in January. For more information call 514.342.1234 or visit cummings-centre.org Photo: Courtesy of the Cummings Centre

TRUMP, THE WALL AND THE JEWS

DONALD TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION POLICY IS PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE

By DAVID RUBIN

As four thousand Hondurans march north to America's southern border, in an organized attempt to illegally immigrate, the media is again talking about this divisive issue that has polarized the American nation along political lines. In response, US President Donald Trump has threatened to cut off funding to Honduras, if it doesn't stop the marchers in their race to the finish line.

Since Trump launched his presidential candidacy in 2015 with a promise to stop the seemingly unlimited breaching of America's southern boundary by building a wall, the issue of illegal immigration has captivated and divided

David Rubin is a former mayor of Shiloh Israel and founder and president of Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, dedicated to healing the child victims of terror. All proceeds from his new book will go to the Shiloh Israel Children's Fund, created after Rubin and his young son were wounded in a terrorist attack. - the Editor

the American public like no other. Furthermore, his call for a halt to immigration from seven Muslim-dominant countries absolutely enraged many on the American Left, including many Jews. They accused Trump's senior advisor Stephen Miller, who happens to be Jewish, of hypocrisy, since he was one of the main architects of the Trump immigration policy, yet his grandparents were Jewish immigrants from Russia who were welcomed into the country.

Are such accusations justified? Can there really be an analogy made between the massive Jewish immigration of the early 1900's, and the controversial immigrations of today?

In my new book, *Trump and the Jews*, I explained that Jewish immigrants to the United States were legal immigrants (with boat records to prove it) who came to Ellis Island on the New York shores wanting only to be "real Americans". Many arrived with only the shirts

on their backs, but they came to America to humbly work hard, to learn hard, and to achieve. Discrimination against Jews was a real issue in those days, but there were no "Days of Rage" in the Jewish community. For American Jews, discrimination was an incentive to work harder and to be more entrepreneurial. After some years of working in sweatshops, the Jews started emerging from poverty, becoming managers of those same factories and eventually starting their own thriving businesses, many becoming great American success stories.

The Trump immigration
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TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By MIKE COHEN

VANCOUVER DINING TIPS: Looking to eat kosher in Vancouver? There are a number of options. The Omnitsky Kosher Delicatessen at 5775 Oak

Street serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Sabra Restaurant and Bakery at 3844 Oak Street was founded in 1992 by the Kahlon family. Plans call

for a second location to open in the not too distant future. There is also Café Forty One at 5750 Oka Street, the Maple Grill at 1967 West Broadway, The Mount Royal Bagel Factory at 701 Queenbury in North Vancouver and the Garden City Bakery on Blundell Road in Richmond.

There are some superb restaurants in Vancouver. Here are some in particular I strongly recommend.

JOE FORTES: First let me tell you about Joe Fortes Seafood & and Chop House (www.joefortes.ca) on downtown Thurlow Street. It has become our “go to” place while in Vancouver. On this night we were a

party of five adults and a four year old. The restaurant is owned by noted Jewish restaurateur David Aisenstat. Serving more than 50 kinds of fresh fish, including their legendary Seafood Tower on Ice, premium oysters and succulent chops, their signature dishes have become a favourite of locals, celebrities and tourists alike. Since we have been to Joe Forte’s before, we had some valuable experience as to how to navigate the impressive menu. Three members of the group decided to have the best of both worlds – splitting the petit mignon and the most delicious cuts like butter piece of fish we

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CAROLE KING MUSICAL COMING TO
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By ELAINE COHEN

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical (www.beautifulonbroadway.com) enraptures audiences with highlights from the prolific star's vast repertoire while delving into King's (née Carol Joan Klein) extraordinary life story. In 2014 and 2015, respectively, the Broadway musical received two Tony awards as well as a Grammy. The show went on the road in September of 2015 and has played in Japan, Australia, and the U.K.

Producers Paul Blake and ATV Music Publishing in collaboration with Evenko and Broadway Across Canada will bring Beautiful to Salle Wilfrid Pelletier at Place des Arts in downtown Montreal in February for the very first time. What a perfect gift for

someone for Chanukah.

King is credited with writing the soundtrack for a generation and was sought out by musical legends like the Beatles and James Taylor. She also toured with Taylor.

In addition to an array of songs by Gerry Goffin, Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil, audiences will enjoy King's very own I Feel the Earth Move, One Fine Day, You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman (Title of her memoir), You've Got a Friend. Among the creators of 'Beautiful' are writer Douglas McGrath, director Marc Bruni, and choreographer Josh Prince.

King, who later in life added an "E" to her given name and changed Klein to King, was born in 1942 to Eugenia "Genie" and Sidney Klein, a New York firefighter. Both Genie and Sidney trace their

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LINDA SARSOOR TYPIFIES THE
LEFT’S HATRED OF ISRAEL AND JEWS

By **RABBI ABRAHAM COOPER**
AND **DR. HAROLD BRACKMAN**

Hatred of Jews is an ancient cancer of the soul that refuses to die. For thousands of years, successive generations of bigots have embraced it, each trying to sell anti-Semitism in a new and more attractive way, with new lies and slanders. One of the most prominent peddlers of this vile doctrine in America

today is Palestinian-American Linda Sarsour.

Recently, in a supreme irony, Sarsour was invited to head a panel discussion at the New School for Social Research in New York City on combating anti-Semitism. This makes as much sense as inviting a Ku Klux Klan leader to head

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Ashkenazi roots to Eastern European Jewry. King was raised in Brooklyn and attended public schools. Her musical prowess, passion for piano and resilience surfaced early. In her teens, King teamed up with Gerry and was charmed by more than his

inherent bent for writing. Shortly after their wedding, the couple were blessed with a daughter. A few years later, they celebrated the birth of a second child and the success of their musical partnership. In 1967, Carole and Gerry split. Goffin died in 2014. Her second marriage, to Charles Larkey, also ended in divorce but not before the couple had given birth to two children, Molly Larkey and Levi Larkey. She then married and divorced Rick Evers, whom she claimed abused her, and lastly Rick Sorenson.

King set records in 1971 for Tapestry, her solo musical album. Over the years, she explored and excelled in diverse genres. Natural Woman, the title of King's biograph, reflects her demeanour. The musical production Beautiful showcases the petite artist's extensive musical talent. Says Sarah Bockel who plays the lead role on the tour: "Carole had the ability to find joy in every moment. That joy inspired songs that shaped a generation, and now, by telling her story, a new generation can fall in love with that incredible music."

Dylan S. Wallach portrays Gerry Goffin, who met King at Queens College. Their collaboration began almost immediately. They married and wrote their first hit song "Will You Love Me Tomorrow?" in 1959. Together they penned fifty Top 40 hits including "The Locomotion" and "Up On The Roof."

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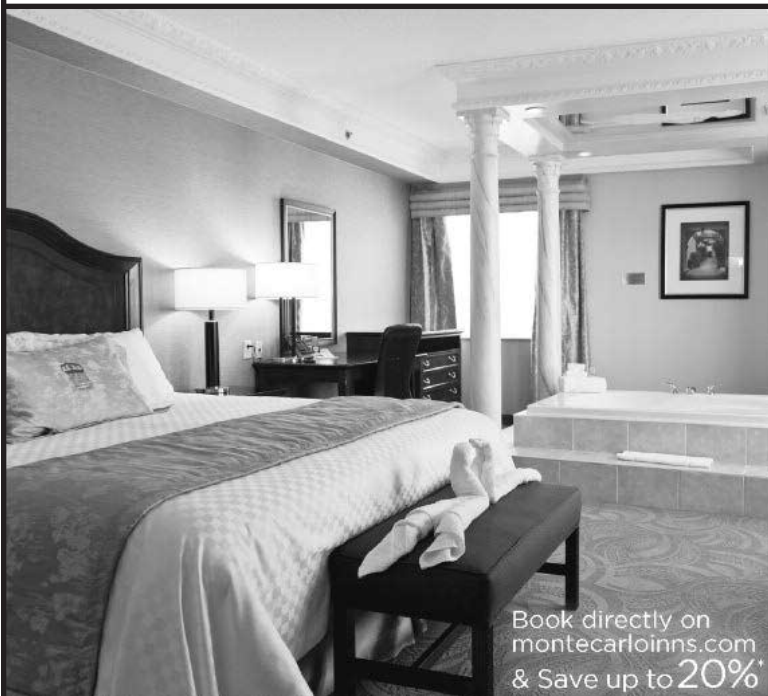
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you think about moving to Israel?' She replied 'let's do it, I always thought we'd end up there.' She also said 'it'll be an adventure,' which it is. We originally met in Israel, as youngsters, volunteering on a Kibbutz in 1983. Moving to Tel Aviv closes the circle on our relationship with Israel, the homeland of the Jewish people. We are very happy, and have made as many new friends there as we had in Montreal. I would recommend aliya to anyone thinking about a change of scenery. Israel is a fabulous place."

Adams recently presented his plan for branding Israel and strengthening Jewish identity in the Diaspora to the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

THE HERZLIAH CONTRIBUTION: Last summer Herzliah High School marked a new era in Jewish education as a brand new state-of-the-art building opened its doors on the Sylvan Adams Campus. Lead donors Adams, Naomi Azrieli and Jonathan Goodman cut the ceremonial ribbon in the presence of over 250 onlookers. Monica Mendel Bensoussan, Chair of the Building Project and now the school's director of development, played a key role. I recently toured the campus and it is absolutely magnificent.

In his address to the Jewish Agency, Adams said: "The plan is to make Herzliah the best high school in the market, as good or better than the best private schools, offering education standards and a curriculum that appeals to diverse interests, including music, drama, arts, science, and sports."

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The first service starts at 12:30 p.m. and the second at 3:30 p.m., running seven days a week. This is not something commonly available at Montreal hotels or restaurants, and most definitely an experience that should be on everybody's "to-do" list. The fun begins by choosing from a list of different teas. More recently the Ritz introduced a kosher certified afternoon tea. Everything is prepared in the hotel's certified Glatt kosher kitchen. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance and this is not available on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays. Booking for groups of more than eight people will not be accepted.

Members of my family recently experienced a marvelous afternoon of tea with some glasses of pink

champagne, followed shortly thereafter by the three tiered tray featuring delicious finger sandwiches and of course the sampling of two different teas. This is something that everyone should try at least once if given the chance, and it is a particularly wonderful option if you have someone in from out of town and wish to treat them to something unique. Is someone about to celebrate a special birthday or looking to toast a wedding anniversary? Again this represents a truly original choice. For Afternoon Tea reservations call (514) 842-4210 ext. 1222 or email tea@ritzmontreal.com.

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a discussion on combating racism, or inviting disgraced filmmaker Harvey Weinstein to head a discussion on combating sexual misconduct.

Sadly, Sarsour is just one of many enablers and inciters of a troubling new anti-Semitism growing in America today, especially on college campuses, where it is poisoning young minds.

Like a wolf in sheep's clothing, this new anti-Semitism seeks to disguise itself – often by posing as a progressive movement supporting human rights of Palestinians. But like the wolf that masquerades as a sheep, the modern-day Jew-haters are what they are, regardless of how they seek to cover it up.

Sarsour gained instant media celebrity status as co-chair of the National Women's March protesting in Washington against President Trump the day after his inaugura-

tion. She was warmly embraced by many as a leader of the so-called "resistance" to our new president.

Speaking to the Islamic Society of North America, Sarsour said that Muslims are "struggling against tyrants and rulers not only abroad in the Middle East or on the other side of the world (she means Israel), but here in these United States of America where you have fascists and white supremacists and Islamophobes reigning in the White House."

And Sarsour is also a strong supporter of the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel. The movement compares Israel to South Africa under its former white minority government that discriminated against non whites. BDS seeks to isolate Israel from the world as an international pariah,

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calling for the end to investment, trade, cultural and academic ties with the Jewish State.

The BDS movement echoes the boycott of Jewish businesses ordered by Adolf Hitler after he became the dictator of Germany in 1933. The Star of David was painted on the doors and windows of businesses owned by Jews, along with anti-Semitic slogans and signs saying "Don't Buy from Jews."

And while Sarsour asserts she is not against the existence of Israel, her claim is absurd. She wants to replace Israel with a "one-state solution" in which the culture and identities of over 6 million Jewish citizens would be extinguished and subsumed under a nation combining Israel, the West Bank and Gaza that would quickly have an Arab majority.

Making Jews a minority in the land of Israel, which was created to be the only Jewish state on Earth, would turn the country into yet another Arab-majority Mideast nation. From Morocco to Iraq, those nations drove out most of their Jewish citizens decades ago and have a long record of discrimination against the few who remained. Israeli Jews would meet a similar fate, or worse.

Sarsour is a symptom of worsening anti-Semitism in America. In 2016, despite constituting under 2 percent of the U.S. population, Jews were the targets of 684 of the 1,273 anti-religion incidents tallied by the FBI – more than double all other anti-religious attacks combined.

Most of the incidents involved damage or vandalism against synagogues and cemeteries. But 238 involved intimidation and threats on our nation's campuses. FBI

findings are echoed by an Anti-Defamation League report that shows anti-Semitic incidents in the U.S. surged by more than
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tion policy is one that is based on legality, merit and the desire to be loyal Americans. The building of a wall to stop illegal intruders is sound policy, that is based, at least partially, on the enormously successful hi-tech wall that Israel built

on its own southern border with Egypt. Trump's initiative to build a similar, albeit much longer wall, is fully justified, and should be built as soon as possible. Otherwise, the mad marches to the border will continue.

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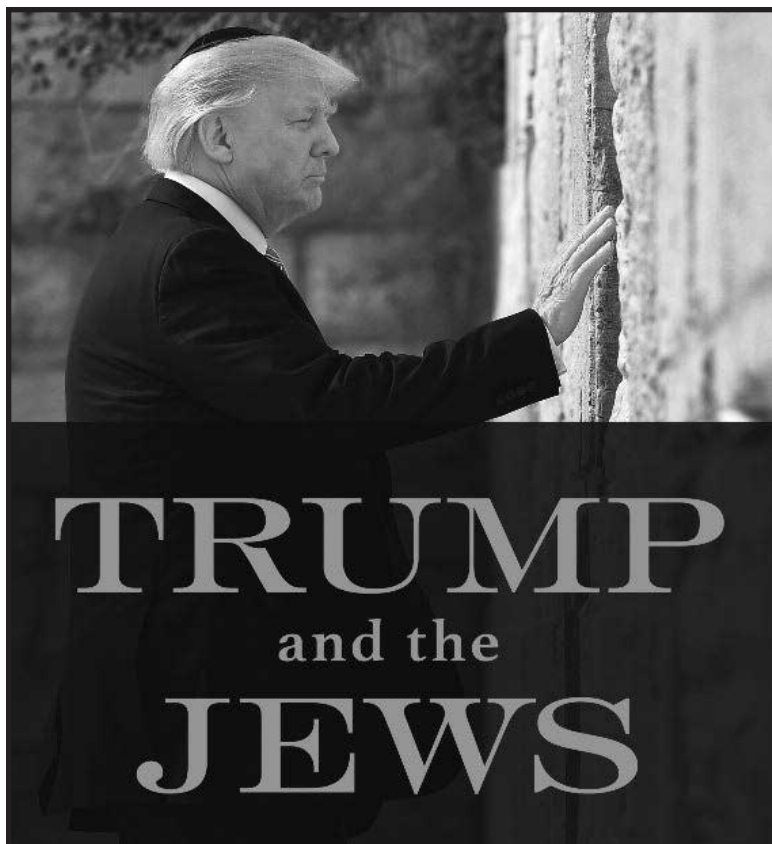
one-third in 2016, and by an astounding 86 percent in the first quarter of 2017. This includes a doubling of anti-Semitic bullying and vandalism at schools across the country

Fortunately, there is no indication that most Americans have embraced anti-Jewish attitudes. A 2017 Pew Poll shows that 67 percent of Americans have "warm" views about Jews.

However, there are ominous signs. For example:

Anti-Semitic incidents on America's top college campuses from 2014 to 2018 increased. Most involve harassment of Jewish students who support Israel, pressure to disinvite or silence pro-Israel speakers, and the de-legitimization of Israel by a double standard applied to no other nation.

The BDS movement is growing on college campuses, supporting by vicious lies alleging Israeli atrocities against hapless



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Palestinians. Some professors support this movement and its lies.

Vandalism continues at synagogues and Jewish cemeteries. Jewish institutions are forced to spend large sums on security measures, fearing attacks like the recent murderous rampage at a church in Texas and, of course the massacre in Pittsburgh.

Jew-haters have taken a page from the ISIS online marketing strategy and are using social media to recruit young followers. Rabblerouser Andrew Anglin, who incited the anti-Semitic marchers at the neo-Nazi rally in Charlottesville, Va., wrote on his blog: "I have long thought that we needed to get pre-teens involved in the movement. At that age, you can really brainwash someone easily. Anyone who accepts Nazism at the age of 10 or 11 is going to be a Nazi for life."

Self-styled "progressives" have joined right-wing extremists to campaign against the legitimacy of Israel and Zionists. In

Britain, Jeremy Corbin's Labour Party, once the political home of British Jewry, now is home to prominent anti-Semites. And recently, a convention of the Democratic Socialists of America endorsed BDS

At a time when Linda Sarsour and progressive "anti-Zionists" have joined racist and neo-Nazi groups working to end America's long history as friendly territory for Jews, we would do well to heed the words of an American hero revered by all – George Washington.

In 1790, the first president wrote of his good feelings for Jews in a letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport in Rhode Island, asserting that the U.S. government "gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance." He added: "May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants – while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree and there shall be none to make him afraid."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper is Associate Dean, Director of Global Social Action Agenda at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles. Dr. Harold Brackman, a historian, is a consultant to the Simon Wiesenthal Center. - The Editor

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selves from Nation of Islam's toxic leader Louis Farrakhan for his repeated anti-Semitic and homophobic and transphobic comments. "Any time there is any bigotry or anti-Semitism in that respect, it needs to be called out and addressed. I'm disappointed in the leadership of the Women's March that they haven't done it adequately." Mallory refused to call out Farrakhan after he told an event she attended that "the Jews are my enemy".

Sarsour seems unperturbed by Milano's comments. "I will not sit back while a strong, bold, unapologetic, committed Black woman who risks her life every day to speak truth to power and organize and mobilize movements is questioned, berated and abused", she wrote on Facebook.

Milano said she would not feel comfortable

speaking at the March. It is "unfortunate that none of them have come forward against him at this point. Or even given a really good reason why to support him".

Farrakhan has seemingly picked up the space of his anti-Semitic rants. An October tweet compared Jews to termites, which did not amuse Chelsea Clinton. "Comparing Jews to termites makes my skin crawl", said the daughter of the former president.

A "Capital" Donation

The Washington Capitals recently had a pre-game 50-50 raffle. Half the prize would go to the lucky winner, the other half to the charity of his or her choice.

A non-Jewish season ticket holder won the draw but saw no need to split the winnings with

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any charity when he could donate all of it. And so he gave his \$19000 to the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. "Look, I could never write that check my myself. But it was easy. It was simple. It was the right thing to do," he told the *Washington Post*. "When the shooting happened, and you've got a teenage son who's curious about what in the world is going on, it's an opportunity to talk things through...These people were shot simply because of where they worship...My family feels very strongly about this."

The man insisted on remaining anonymous. And his son is obviously a chip off the old block. He made his own donation to the Pittsburgh Federation.

California Rabbi Saves Torahs

Rabbi Barry Diamond was awakened at

3 a.m. by a neighbour who told him that their Southern California neighbourhood was under a voluntary evacuation order.

Rabbi Diamond could have done what most people would do under these circumstances. But he did not gather his personal effects before escaping the raging fires. Instead he drove the 20 minutes it took to get to Temple Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks, one of the areas most threatened by the fires. He ran inside the building and grabbed the congregations' two Torah scrolls, all this while the fire had already engulfed the hill next to the synagogue.

But Rabbi Diamond was not done yet. The rabbi, with the help of synagogue president Sandy Greenstein, rescued two more Torah scrolls and a Megillat Esther.

Rabbi Diamond is now dealing with two catastrophes. He is not only
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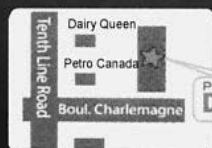


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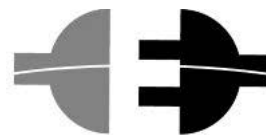
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helping members of his congregation deal with the effects of the devastating fires. He is also counseling congregants who survived the shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill, also located in thousands Oaks.

Jewish Donars At the White House

Sheldon Adelson, Steve Schwarzman, Michael Milken and Dan Gilbert all joined Donald Trump to watch the mid-term election results. The Adelsons donated more than \$100 million to the Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC allied with House Speaker Paul Ryan, and the Senate Leadership Fund, which is closely tied to Sen. Mitch McConnell.

For Adelson the evening was anything but a victory. Senator Dean Heller, Nevada's incumbent Republican, lost the race for the Senate to Jackie Rosen, a Jewish congresswoman.

The guests "dined" on pizza, mini hot dogs, hamburgers and French fries. The dishware, however, was described as "elegant".

And as an added note Miriam Adelson, a physician who has partnered with her casino mag-

nate husband in directing donations to the Republican Party, medical research, and pro-Israel and Jewish causes, was named one of seven recipients of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The recipients are the first to be honored by President Donald Trump.

A Dumb Name For A Son

Adam Thomas and Claudia Patatas were convicted recently in Birmingham Crown Court in Britain's West Midlands region for being members of the banned extreme right-wing organization, National Action.

Among the other things the couple did was to give their new baby son the middle name Adolf. They did so out of "admiration for the Nazi leader", Thomas told the jury. Photographs showed Thomas holding his newborn baby while wearing the hood and white robes made "famous" by the Ku Klux Klan. Also in the family's kitchen was the terrorist manual "Anarchist's Cookbook", which presum-

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have ever experienced - miso marinated sable fish with sides of sesame quinoa, mushrooms, edamame, kale and sweet soy and café de Paris butter gratin, potato pavé, and market vegetables. I opted for the Sirloin Steak (7 oz.), with buttermilk mashed potatoes and jasmin rice. We saved some room for dessert, sharing a piece of chocolate sin cake and half orders of traditional tiramisu and the Tahitian vanilla Crème Brûlée,

SANDBAR: The Sandbar (<https://www.vancouverdine.com/sandbar>) on Granville Island was packed the night we chose to dine there. This hip spot serves up the freshest seafood in a warm, sophisticated atmosphere. Along with your menu comes a clipboard called the Seafood Fresh Sheet, with holes punched next to the items that are fresh that day. The four-year-old in our group was thrilled with the kid's menu/coloring page. The adults, meantime, started off with some French martinis, a margarita and a glass of white wine before sharing a magnificent Sandbar seafood Tower. The table also shared a trio of superb sushi rolls. For the main course, a few of us gravitated towards the clipboard. I wanted something authentically B.C. and found it in the Wild Sockeye Salmon with mango papaya salsa, citrus butter and sauce. On the side I had some rice and roasted potatoes. It was a good choice. Two others chose the Sable fish (black cod) with a miso ginger glaze while another opted for the Ahi tuna, seared rare with soy mustard, wasabi, cucumber and salsa. The crab & shrimp Louie was the final item selected by a member of our party.

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BRIDGES: Also located on Granville Island, Bridges (www.bridges-restaurant.com) serves the freshest seafood Vancouver has to offer. One of my oldest friends, Clifford Margoese, moved to Vancouver 35 years ago. When I asked if we could meet for lunch, he immediately suggested Bridges. It was my first time back in 10 years and the place has not lost any of its charms. On this beautiful day we sat out on the patio, looking out at the waterfront.

Bridges opened in 1980 on the western tip of Granville Island, a redevelopment project orchestrated by the federal government's Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and backed by a group of Jewish businessmen.

Bridges operates a second floor dining room with 150 seats inside and a 40 seat terrace. On the main floor is a 120 seat bistro and a 100 seat bar with its own terrace. During the summer months they operate Vancouver's largest patio, with a license for 300 seats on the waterfront. What do we recommend? Well for one thing you will probably need to go back more than once. Clifford and I shared some

delicious calamari. For my main meal I remembered how good the grilled chicken club burger was. Clifford, always the healthy eater, chose the mixed green salad, featuring market fresh vegetables, organic greens and honey lemon vinaigrette.

GOTHAM: We got to experience Gotham Steakhouse and Bar (<https://gothamsteakhouse.com>), also owned by the Aisenstat family. The menu is simple and classic steakhouse. Hand-crafted cocktails and extensive wine list make decisions even harder. Dinner at Gotham is an occasion to remember. The four year old with us loved his choice from the kids menu – a grilled cheese sandwich and mashed potatoes. After starting out with some drinks, we went directly to our main courses: a 32 ounce bone-in rib steak, served sliced, and nicely shared by two people; a perfectly prepared filet; the Blackened Ahi Tuna; and the fish of the day, which happened to be halibut. We all shared some sides of mashed potatoes, creamed spinach and fresh steamed broccoli. We will hopefully try items like the Seafood Tower and the

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Quint Hotels, owned by notable Montreal Jewish community leader and businessman Ted Quint, has four properties under its umbrella: the recently opened DoubleTree by Hilton Montreal Airport in Dorval, the Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites across the street; and The Quality Inn & Suites and The Best Western Plus in Brossard. Quint and his teams consistently strive to exceed guests' expectations while delivering a product and a service that goes beyond industry's standards.

DoubleTree by Hilton Montreal Airport Hotel in Dorval,

Located just minutes from Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, DoubleTree by Hilton Montreal Airport Hotel in Dorval previously operated as a Best Western. An 18 month transition

period was carved out wherein the facility was given a complete facelift. There are 169 guest rooms, a **indoor heated pool**, an exceptional fitness center and plenty of meeting space. **You can also get a warm chocolate chip cookie upon check-in.** The hotel is located at 705 Michel



Ted Quint cuts the ribbon with staff at the new DoubleTree property.

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Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites

The Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites Montreal airport recently celebrated its 10th anniversary. The hotel is well known for its spacious rooms and compli-

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The Quality Inn & Suites and The Best Western Plus in Brossard

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jumbo lobster tail on our next visit. To cap the night off, we also shared the decadent Belgian Chocolate Bourbon Cake. It was an absolutely superb meal in a great ambiance. Gift cards are available in different denominations and a very nice option if you would like

to surprise a family member or business associate with something they would truly appreciate.

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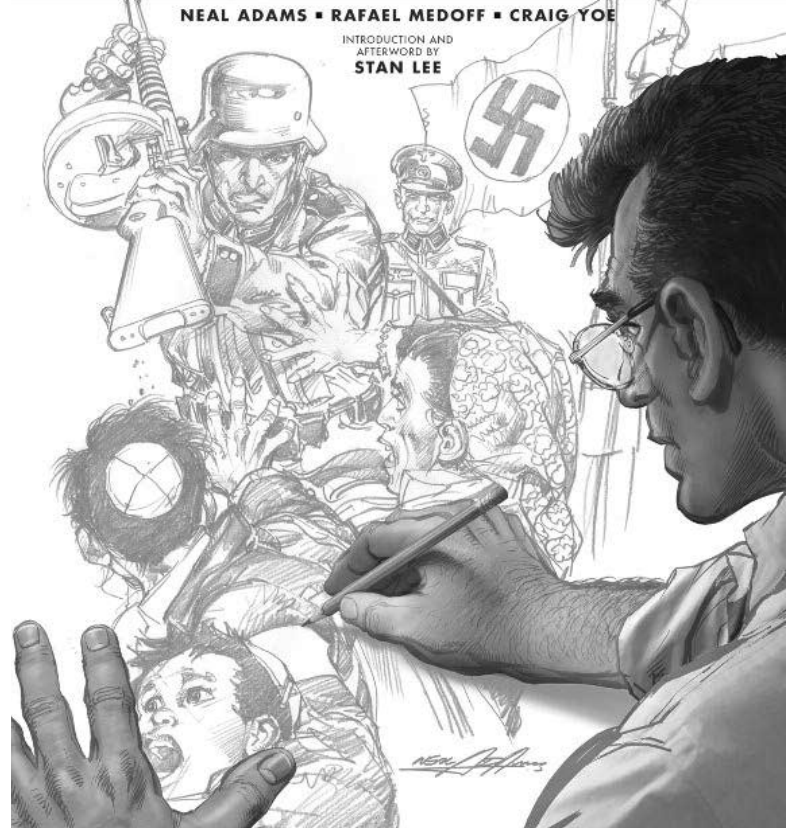
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LEGENDARY COMIC BOOK CREATOR Stan Lee, who passed away a few weeks ago, took a strong interest in the Holocaust in recent years. His final published essay appeared as the introduction to the recent book *We Spoke Out: Comic Books and the Holocaust*, by Neal Adams, Rafael Medoff, and Craig Yoe (IDW / Yoe Books, 2018). *We Spoke Out* features Holocaust-related comic book stories, including superheroes from Stan Lee's Marvel Universe such as Captain America, the X-Men, and Captain Marvel."

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ably they could study while they waited for the dinner to get warm.

Thomas maintains that he wants to put his racist past behind him. He claimed his parents were "common racists" and that when he was a child his anti-Semitic and racist participation in chat groups was "entertaining to me at the time".

The court was not impressed with the couple's "transformation".

Hitler's Jewish Little "Girlfriend"

A photograph of Adolf Hitler with his arm embracing a young blond girl named Bernile Nienau was sold recently for \$11,520 at Alexander Historical Auctions in Maryland. The two were celebrating their common birthday at the Berghoff in the Bavarian Alps.

In the spring of 1933 Bernile joined a group of visitors celebrating Hitler's birthday and became a favourite of the Fuhrer. Even when he found out that the girl was one quarter Jewish he chose to ignore it, telling Bormann to stop "spoiling my every joy."

But by 1938 things changed and Bernile's relationship with "Uncle Hitler" ended. She died of natural causes in 1943.

Facebook and Instagram - It's a Start

The World Jewish Congress has commended Facebook and Instagram for taking at least small steps to stop on-line anti-Semitism.

In the wake of the Tree of Life attack Instagram removed more than 12,000 posts using the hashtags "#911was

donebyjews" and "jews-did911". Facebook removed accounts associated with the far-right group The Proud Boys, an organization that admits only men as members and promotes political violence and incitement. "Both Facebook and Instagram have taken a

strong and important step in ensuring that their networks are a safe space for all users, by vigilantly monitoring and removing content that could easily contribute to incitement and violence against Jews", said WJC CEO and Executive Vice-President Robert Singer.

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