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Three Congresswomen Jews Can Live Without

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They are the darlings of the mainstream liberal media. They are fawned over by talk show hosts Stephen Colbert, Seth Meyers and Trevor Noah. It may be true that unlike white supremacists they do not pose a physical threat to Jews attending synagogue services or families enjoying leisure time at a community center. But the three freshmen Democratic congresswomen, Rashida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, are a menace that Jews best not ignore. All three falsify history, smear Israel and unapologetically promote the all too familiar anti-Semitic tropes.

Tlaib's imaginary version of history reveals her ignorance of the land she calls her ancestral homeland. It was the Palestinians who lost their homes in the "name of trying to create a safe haven for Jews, post Holocaust", she laments. Pro Israel lawmakers, she claims, "forget what country they represent". Tlaib undoubtedly shares the Palestinian Authority view that the recent decision of the German parliament to label the BDS movement as anti-Semitic is the result of Israel's invoking the Holocaust to "blackmail" European countries. And at a swearing in celebration she proudly poses for a photo-op with the extremist Abbas Hamideh, who has equated Zionism to Nazism and called Israel a "terrorist entity".

And then there are the Jew baiting rantings of Ilhan Omar who tells a podcast host that "It's all about the Benjamins, baby!" and that she "wants to talk about the political influence in this country that says it's ok to push allegiance to a foreign country that has hypnotized the world".

And who stands shoulder to shoulder with her? The anti-Semitic Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakham, who urges Omar to keep reminding Americans that "Israel and AIPAC pays off senators and congressmen to do their bidding."

Joining Omar and Tlaib in their anti-Israel vendetta is Ocasio-Cortez, her Jewish heritage and her tepid support for a two state solution notwithstanding. The attacks from Gaza are nothing more than adolescents making a nuisance of themselves and Israel's response is nothing short of a "massacre." She implies that American Jews are overly sensitive and asks why Congress doesn't condemn bigotry when other minority groups are targeted. The congresswoman also has a new pen pal. It's that paragon of virtue Jeremy Corbyn.

We acknowledge the right of the three amigos to promote their progressive agenda. But that agenda, which includes transforming the United States into a socialist entity, makes Jews and Israel one of its prime victims. Halie Soifer, Executive Director of the Democratic Council of America, is of course correct when she says that it is "ridiculous to argue that Democrats hate Jewish people". But the reverential treatment these squadmates are receiving among the progressive wing of her party should make every Jew feel uncomfortable. We can only hope that when Democrats meet at their convention in 2020 they choose a candidate who will give Tlaib, Omar and Octavia-Cortez an extended time-out.

ANITA SURMAN
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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

British Jewry Loses a Friend

For Theresa May's enemies her departure could not have come soon enough. But for British Jewry, whether supporters of Brexit or among those who want a second referendum, her exit is being greeted with considerable sadness. "Prime Minister May", says Jonathan Arkush, the former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, "followed a line of what you might consider leaders who are attentive to the Jewish community, as well as to Israel". The Board's current president, Marie van der Zyl, called May a "true friend" of the Jewish community.

May's government adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Agency's definition of anti-Semitism. It blacklisted all of Hezbollah, not just its military wing. The United Kingdom led Europe in voting against a permanent article against Israel in the United Nations Human Rights Council. Her government also helped facilitate Prince William's visit to Israel, ending an unofficial boycott of Israel by senior members of the Royal Family. And she made it quite clear that she would reject any attempt by the Foreign Office to appear impartial on the historical significance of the Balfour Declaration.

But what British Jewry most appreciated was May's refusal to use the anti-Semitism crisis within the Labour Party for the benefit of the Conservatives. "It would have been very harmful had the fight against

anti-Semitism become some sort of pawn," said Arkush. "We felt May had our back without leveraging the issue".

First Ever Orthodox Jew Elected in Belgium

Michael Freilich, who edited the Antwerp Joods Actueel monthly for 12 years before entering politics, has become the first Orthodox Jew to be elected to the Belgium federal parliament. Freilich was number 5 on the list of the center-right New Flemish Alliance and received 13,000 votes from Jews and non Jews in Antwerp. Freilich, 38, has set his sights on getting

parliament to reverse this year's de facto ban on producing halal and kosher meat in two of Belgium's three states. He also wants to do "do something about things that concern me, including immigration, terrorism and extremism". "It is not normal", he says "that heavily armed soldiers still have to guard our schools and streets."

Despite Freilich's victory, the New Flemish Alliance lost eight seats, even though it remains the largest party with 25 seats. Of concern is that the real winner in the election was the Flemish Interest party, whose founders included collaborators with Nazi Germany and whose lawmakers are known for their

blatant anti-Semitism. Vlaams Blok, who founded its predecessor the Finish Black in 1979, was convicted of being a racist. The New Flemish alliance won 15% of the vote, after receiving only 4 percent in 2016. It elected 18 seats up from three.

Jerusalem Rabbi Ordains Gay Student

Daniel Atwood a gay 27-year-old rabbinical student at New York's Yeshivat Chovevei Torah, was initially told that the school would ordain him after he completed his studies. But the liberal Orthodox seminary reversed its decision forcing Atwood to look elsewhere. Rabbi Dov Linzer, the school's president, said that the decision was due to something that happened some six months ago. He would not be specific but it is generally agreed that the school drew the line when Atwood and his partner got engaged on the stage of a concert in New York and kissed after making the announcement.

Jerusalem rabbi Daniel Landes, former long-time head of the co-ed, non-denominational Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies, announced that he would ordain Atwood during a semichah ceremony for a group of his students. Landes has previously rocked the boat by granting ordination to Orthodox women.

"I wouldn't have done it", said Landes, "unless he took a thorough test and I had heard from others that he knew his stuff". Landes described

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ISRAEL PRESIDENT REUVIN RIVLIN MEETS WITH Premier Doug Ford on his whirlwind visit to Canada. "During our meeting, "said the premier, "we reflected on Ontario's good fortune to have large and active Jewish and Israeli communities that act as important bridges between our economies and societies. Maintaining these strong economic, political, cultural and social ties will strengthen our trade and investment relationship, and support innovation and collaboration across various sectors."

THE WARSAW GHETTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

CANADIAN ENSURES THAT UNDERGROUND SCHOOL ENDURES AS A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

Submitted by CEDARS-SINAI

As death closed in on the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, some of those coping amid the wretched conditions affirmed life in an extraordinary way: They operated a clandestine medical school.

By one estimate, as many as 500 students received some medical education through the school

while it operated for 15 months from 1941-1942. Only a small number, at most a dozen, survived the massive deportations to death camps that began in July 1942, the destruction of the ghetto in May 1943 and the rest of the Holocaust.

Yet for Leo A. Gordon, MD, a surgeon on

the Cedars-Sinai staff for 40 years, the short-lived secret school endures as a source of inspiration.

"It is a story of hope pitted against hopelessness. It's a story of courage pitted against carnage. It's a story of defiance pitted against domination, but most of all, it is a story of the essence of education pitted against the

essence of attempted cultural annihilation," Gordon said.

The secret school never had an actual name. But Gordon calls it "The Impossible Medical School."

For Gordon, the medical school story is an apt way to recognize Yom Ha'Shoah —also known as

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COMIC BOOK FEATURES

A TRUE HERO

EDUCATIONAL COMIC BLOWS THE WHISTLE ON GENOCIDE

By **RAFAEL MEDOFF**

Move right over, Superman and Batman, there's a new hero in the comic book world: an American government official who helped rescue Jews from the Holocaust is starring in a new educational comic book.

The full-color, 28 page comic book, titled "Blowing the Whistle on

(Dr. Rafael Medoff is founding director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, and the author of *The Jews Should Keep Quiet: President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, and the Holocaust* from The Jewish Publication Society.)

Genocide," tells the amazing but true story of Josiah E. DuBois, an attorney in the Treasury Department who played a central role in exposing the State Department's efforts to suppress news about the Nazi genocide and obstruct attempts to rescue Jewish refugees.

The whistle-blowing by DuBois and several of his colleagues helped force President Franklin D. Roosevelt to establish the War Refugee Board, which helped rescue Jews from the Nazis in 1944-45. DuBois served as one of the board's leaders. This spring marks the 75th anniversary of the board's valiant effort to interrupt the mass deportation of Hungarian Jews to Auschwitz.

The riveting new comic book chronicles how the War Refugee Board, des-

House and other U.S. government agencies, played a major role in rescuing over 200,000 refugees during the final months of the Holocaust.

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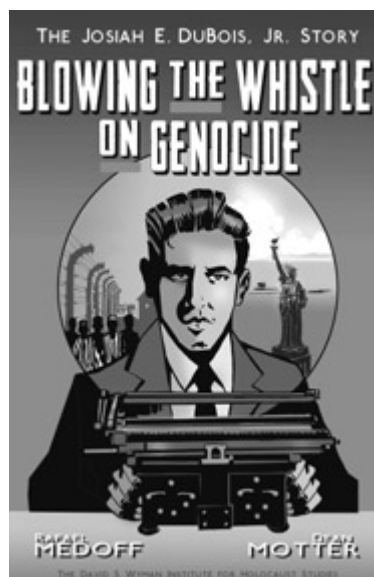
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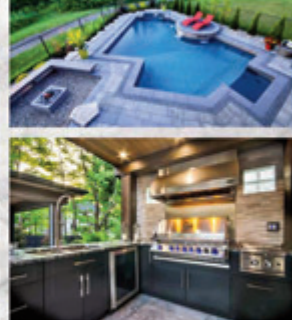
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TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By ALEXANDRA COHEN

There is no question about it. The City of Las Vegas, Nevada (<https://www.visitlasvegas.com/ca>) has everything that a vacationer could possibly ask for: concerts, shows, sports, shopping, dining, nightlife, golf, spas, adventure, luxury accommodations, and much more. Having just returned from our second trip in the last four years, I am already counting down the days until I can go back.

Las Vegas is considered the fastest growing Jewish community in the United States. There are over 70,000 Jews and 19 synagogues in total, as well as many Jewish organizations in the area, Jewish delis, and kosher restaurants. Many larger markets feature kosher fresh meats and kosher food sections. Even the Mayor of Las Vegas,

Carolyn Goodman, is Jewish. The 19th annual Las Vegas Jewish Film Festival took place in January, providing insight into Jewish identity, history, and culture, also promoting solidarity with Israel and the remembrance of the Holocaust.

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NOTES FROM OTTAWA'S SOCIAL PAST

The following items appeared in various editions of The Jewish Standard during the 1930s. They are a reflection of Ottawa's vibrant social and communal life during this period. - The Editor

April 11, 1930: Miss Olive Pullan has returned from Toronto, where she was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. Turofsky.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freiman and Misses Dorothy and Quennie Freiman have returned from Palm Beach.

Mr. Barney Weiss has returned from an extended trip to Boston, Philadelphia and New York.

Mr. Max B. Margosches has returned from Augusta, Ga, where he attended the annual convention of the Quarter Million Dollar Club.

Mr. A. H. Caplan has returned from a business trip to Toronto, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

Miss Dora Viner has returned from New

York, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. Atchuler.

Mr. A Black and his son Arthur, of Montreal, are in Ottawa, visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. I. Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Epstein, from Hamilton, Ontario were in Ottawa over the weekend.

Ded. 22, 1933: Miss Miriam Pearl has just left for San Antonio, Texas, where she will be the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A Rosenberg.

Mr. Morley Kert has arrived home from McGill University after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kert.

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Mrs. L. Leiken entertained at her home in honor of Miss Faye Witton, whose marriage takes place this week.

Mrs. N. Stone has returned home after spending the weekend in Montreal.

Mr. Arnold Katz is home from McGill University for a short visit with his parent, Mr. and Mrs.. S. Katz.

Mrs. Max Sachs, Daley Avenue, and her family, have left to spend two weeks in Toronto, where they will be the the guests of Mrs. B. Enushevsky.

Mr. Mike Greenberg will be home to spend the holiday season with his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Greenberg, Billings Bridge.

Mrs. Abe Lief, who spent the weekend in Montreal, has returned to Ottawa.

Mr. Hyman Solloway has arrived home from Queens University and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Solloway.

Mr. Morris M. Isaacs will be home from the University of Michigan to spend the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Issacs, Island park Driveway.

Dec. 29, 1933: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Palef announced the engagement of their daughter to Mayer H. Lerner of London, Ont.

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"Blowing the Whistle on Genocide" is authored by Holocaust historian Dr. Rafael Medoff, director of the David S. Wyman Institute for the Holocaust Studies, and illustrated by award-winning comic book artist Dean Motter, creator of the acclaimed character "Mister X." It is co-published by the Wyman Institute and the Goodwin Foundation.

According to an analysis recently published on the website of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, "Comics can be an invaluable teaching tool...They can facilitate a better understanding of complex required texts by serving as a preliminary reading activity [and] they can replace less-accessible works from the literary canon while still conveying the same messages and using the same literary and rhetorical conventions."

"Blowing the Whistle on Genocide" is the third educational comic book that Medoff and Motter have created. They previously collaborated on "The Book Hitler Didn't Want You to Read," which was the subject of a feature story in the New York Times. Edited by Mark Rothman, former executive director of the Los Angeles Museum of the

Holocaust, "The Book Hitler Didn't Want You to Read" told the story of a young American journalist who exposed Adolf Hitler's attempt to foist a sanitized version of Mein Kampf on the U.S. public in 1939--and the unprecedented courtroom battle that ensued. "It is brilliantly conceived, powerfully executed, and all true," said former U.S. Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey.

Their second comic book was "Karski's Mission: To Stop the Holocaust," which focused on a Polish Catholic underground courier who smuggled himself into the Warsaw Ghetto in 1942--and then brought news of the Holocaust to disbelieving world leaders, including President Roosevelt. "Karski's Mission," which was co-published by the Wyman Institute and the Jan Karski Educational Foundation, won a Silver Medal in the 2017 Independent Publisher Book Awards.

Both comic books are now used as curriculum texts by high school teachers and college professors around the United States. In addition, a Polish-language version of "Karski's Mission" is widely used in schools in Poland.

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The vital Wyman Institute has also created Holocaust-related comic strips for the Washington Post (a collaboration with Maus creator Art Spiegelman), the Los Angeles Times, The New Republic, Marvel Comics, and Disney Educational Productions.

Stan Lee, the co-creator of Spider-Man and longtime publisher of Marvel Comics, who passed away recently, was a strong supporter of the Wyman Institute's line of educational comic books. "The Wyman Institute has under-

taken important and innovative projects to teach young people about the Holocaust through cartoons and comic strips," Lee said. "I strongly applaud the Wyman Institute's pioneering efforts to reach out to the younger generation, which can help ensure that the mistakes of the 1930s and 1940s will not be repeated."

To order "Blowing the Whistle on Genocide" or the Wyman Institute's other educational comic books, visit www.WymanInstitute.org

WARSAW GHETTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

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Holocaust Remembrance Day—on May 2. It's also a key part of the history of the Jewish Contributions to the Medicine mural by artist Terry Schoonhoven in the Harvey Morse Auditorium.

Gordon has been captivated by the story of the medical school since learning about it while serving on the Cedars-Sinai committee that grappled with how the mural should represent the Holocaust. The group ultimately decided to show a heroic Polish Jewish doctor, Janusz

Korczak, who refused to abandon the 200 children in a Warsaw Ghetto orphanage. Korczak wound up being taken to Treblinka and murdered, along with the orphans.

While doing research on Korczak, Gordon said he came across "just half a sentence, just a snippet" about the clandestine medical school. "And, for some reason, it just stuck with me."

The school was an exception to the general *(Please turn to page 12)*

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WARSAW GHETTO MEDICAL SCHOOL

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clampdown by the Nazis on education in the Warsaw Ghetto. The Nazi authorities—apparently motivated by a fear that Jews were especially vulnerable to typhus—approved instruction intended for sanitation workers, who would be taught to fight typhus by burning clothing and cleaning rooms with disinfectants. Using that low-level technical program as a cover, doctors operating the school developed a full-fledged program to train future physicians. But to fool anyone who might be spying on them, they would do things such as leaving behind disinfectants and public health leaflets after class. "It was brilliant," Gordon said.

Gordon cited a seminal paper about the school by a Canadian medical historian, the late Charles G. Roland, MD, that described deplorable conditions in the ghetto hospitals. Roland noted that students sometimes were raped or beaten while walking to classes.

One student who survived and went on to practice medicine in the United States remembered that, "We would have one day a lecture at one o'clock and the teacher wouldn't show up. A few days later we would find out that he was killed."

Yet in his 1989 paper, nearly a half-century after the school operated, Roland found that some of the smattering of students who survived the Holocaust were still practicing medicine.

The physicians who ran the school and their students persisted by clinging to the hope that the persecution they were enduring was no worse than what previous generations of European Jews had survived. "Some people in the ghetto knew that, for hundreds of years before this event, there were cyclical pogroms in Europe," Gordon said. "They all ended eventually. Many said, 'This is just another pogrom. It's tough. We're going to get through it.'"

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TRAVEL TALES*(Continued from page 6)*

Jabbawockeez Theater at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino (www.mgmgrand.com) on the Vegas Strip is absolutely fantastic! Called JREAMZ, it takes audiences on a journey of mesmerizing sights and sounds, entertaining audiences with a dynamic mix of choreography, music, videos, characterization, and special effects. The imaginative production finds a way to seamlessly combine dance, drama, and a surprisingly effective amount of comedy.

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MICHAEL JACKSON ONE: When in Vegas, experiencing at least one Cirque de Soleil production is a must. As proud Montrealers, we did just that and chose the Cirque's incredible Michael Jackson ONE (<http://www.cirquedusoleil.com/en/shows/michael-jackson-one/show/about.aspx>), an awe-inspiring show that fuses acrobatics, dance, story-telling, and visuals, taking the audience on an immersive journey through the music and spirit of the admittedly controversial Michael Jackson.

Prominent Montreal Jewish lawyer and businessman Mitch Garber is the chairman of the board of the Cirque de Soleil.

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ESCAPE ROOM: Last year in Montreal, I experienced my first-ever escape room. Having really enjoyed the experience, I looked forward to trying one in Las Vegas, so we visited Trapped: A Real Life Room Escape Adventure. This location was launched in 2015 and is centrally lo-

cated at 4760 Polaris Avenue, a quick drive from the Strip.

For those who have never experienced an escape game of this nature, it involves a group of people being placed in a room where they must use all elements present to solve a series of puzzles, find clues, and complete the objective within a set time limit. It is a great bonding activity, as it requires a lot of teamwork to succeed. The recommended minimum age to participate is 12. All rooms cost \$35 per person for regularly scheduled times. There are currently two rooms, with a third one on its way. We chose The Lair of the Puzzlemaster. The game is very well constructed—my favorite escape room experience thus far. It thoroughly challenged us, but we were able to escape in the nick of time. Info: www.trappedescaperoomvegas.com or (702) 907-8078.

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Atwood as a "gift" who would provide guidance to the Orthodox gay community which currently is "underserved".

Neo Nazi Running for President

Alejandro Biondini, a far right ultranationalist leader, is the presidential candidate for the Patriotic Front party in the October

elections in Argentina. One of his first campaign promises after being nominated is to expel the Israel Ambassador (and also the British one). "I define myself as a clear defender of the Palestinian State. I repudiate the colonialist genocidal Zionism. Argentina is not Israel".

Biondini's previous party New Triumph was banned by Argentina's electoral court in 2009 but a federal judge in Buenos Aires granted approval to Biondini's new party, Patriotic Front.

The Nazi sympathizer told a TV audience in 1991 that "we vindicate Adolf Hitler" and before that he had led chants of "Death to traitors, cowards and Jews" before an adoring crowd.

Biondini will not win but given the rise of far right parties in elections elsewhere it would be foolish not to take him seriously.

Uber Driver Kicks Jews Out

Dayna and Rachel were returning home after having attended an Israel Independence day celebration in Los Angeles. Uber driver Mustafa picked them up.

Mustafa asked the two women where they were coming from. He refused to start the car until they answered.

So Dayna and Rachel told him and the Palestinian driver "started laughing". "You need to get out of the car", Mustafa told them.

"I could see his eyes in the wing mirror and he just spun around...his eyes were wild...raged...and that's what frightened me", said Rachel.

The women e-mailed Uber and received an auto-
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matic reply. "Sorry you had that experience", it said. "You won't be charged for the ride." But the women never got a ride so they were hardly placated by the automatic reply.

Uber was contacted by the Los Angeles Jewish Journal and told the that the driver had been banned from the app. "Uber does not tolerate any form of discrimination. What's been described is horrible", said an Uber spokesperson.

The First Jewish Mayor

It's a tiny Jewish community in northwestern Greece, numbering no more than about 50. But one Jewish resident, Moses Elisaf, has been elected mayor of the city of 57,000.

Elisaf, a professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Ioannina, Medical School, won a close vote in the second round.

He received 50.33 percent of the vote. Elisaf, in addition to being head of the Jewish community for almost two decades, has also served as the head of the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece.

Istanbul Airport Has Two Synagogues

Istanbul, Turkey's new airport now has two synagogues, an initiative undertaken by Turkish Airlines. The two prayer rooms are in the regular

and business class lounges. There are plans to open another one in the general hall as well.

Rabbi Mendy Chitrik, the Chabad emissary and Ashkenazi rabbi of Turkey, says that the airline provides between 600 and 5000 kosher meals every day. "There are more Turkish airline flights from Tel Aviv to Istanbul", adds the rabbi, "than from Istanbul to London."

The tiny synagogues were provided with prayer books for both Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews.

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Michael Cohen - Celebrity Prisoner

He may be prisoner No. 86067-054 to prison officials at the Federal Correctional Institution in Otisville, New York but to his fellow inmates Michael



A GAZA TERRORIST prepares to launch an incendiary balloon across the border into Israel. Many of these balloons, which carry flammable materials, ignite forest fires and destroy crops such as wheat in the Israel communities in the line of fire.

Cohen is a real star. A prisoner with a legal problem - ask Mr. Cohen. Want to know more about Trump's affairs? It's Michael Cohen who might tell you. Have a cellphone that was smuggled into the facility, well, let's take a photo with the famous lawyer. He is, says a close friend, "one of the most popular guys in the prison".

"Prison coach" Larry Levine, who himself served 10 years for securities fraud and narcotics trafficking, and who now runs Wall Street Prison Consultants, has several clients at Otisville. He says that taking a photo with Cohen is risky. "If you get caught with a cellphone, they would take your good time away. Now they stack more time on you".

Levine offered his services to Cohen before he was sentenced but No. 86067-054 rejected the offer.

The prison may not be a country club and is surely a three year inconvenience

for the former high profile Trump advisor. But Cohen is apparently finding "Club Fed" not all that bad. Certainly being Jewish is not posing a problem Otisville has a full time Hasidic chaplain, regular religious classes, Shabbat services, kosher vending machines and provides three kosher meals daily.

Jews in the World of Sports

Several years ago the Cleveland Cavaliers of the National Basketball Association hired David Blatt as their head coach. Blatt led the Cavs to the NBA finals but was fired half way through the next season. Now the Cavs have dipped into "Jewish" talent again. They have named University of California's **Lindsay Gottlieb** as an assistant coach. Gottlieb is the first woman's collegiate head coach signed to the staff of an NBA club. She is already in the Jewish Sports Hall of Fame of Northern

California. She went 179-89 as an NCAA coach... Milwaukee Brewers star **Ryan Braun** has passed the great **Hank Greenberg** for the most home runs by a Jewish ballplayer. Braun

now has 332 home runs, all with Milwaukee. Braun's career has not been without controversy. In 2012 he tested positive for performance enhancing drugs.

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Braun, as do most athletes caught cheating, denied taking any drugs, disparaged the tests and tried to convince his fellow teammates to back his claims. The “Hebrew Hammer” was suspended for 65 games. Braun is the son of an Israeli father and while he does not observe the faith maintains that he is proud of being Jewish...That Poland de-

feated Israel 4-0 in soccer was not the important factor. What was far more interesting was that thousands of Ploish fans applauded the playing of Hatikvah before the match. These fans drowned out the whistling and hooting coming from sections of the stadium. “Thank you for an inspiring sporting spectacle. See you in Jerusalem”, a spokesperson for the Israel association wrote on twitter.

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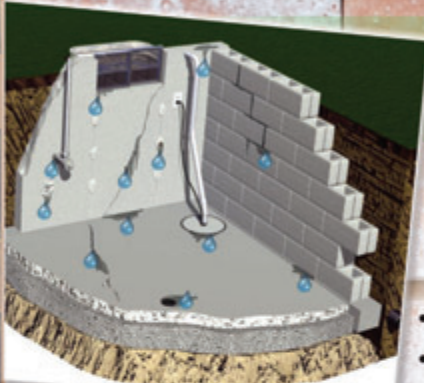
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