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ANTI-SEMITISM MAY NOT BE WIDESPREAD IN NORTH AMERICA but it certainly exists and vigilance is an absolute necessity. In Canada there are the Sears and the St. Germaines. In the United States anti-Semites posted the above flyer on various locations in Novato, California. Fortunately, they sparked a unified, angry response from police, local politicians and community leaders.

Reflections on the New Year

Only the few remaining incorrigible optimists among world Jewry will see the past year as one of unshadowed joy. The re-emergence of anti-Semitism which it might have been expected would have been buried with the 6,000,000 victims of the Holocaust is both disturbing and depressing. These increasing malevolence towards Jews exacerbates a fear that hatred of the Jews is not far below a thin crust of civilization which provides a deceptive veneer for those who seek a return to the days of the auto-de-fe's.

It is true that in Canada we have cause for satisfaction in the fullness of the lives we are able to live. We share in the benefits which rise out of our Canadian citizenship. No roads are barred to us. We express ourselves freely in every phase of Canadian life - economic, political, cultural and religious. If the individual Jew is not achieving his or her fullest potential, the fault must surely rest within.

Yet our sense of uneasiness over the dark blots which affect our fellow Jews around the globe must surely wear on us even here in Canada. In Poland "Jews eat children." In Turkey Jews "train dogs to eat Muslims". In Sweden we are the "offspring of apes and pigs." In England, France and Switzerland innocent Jews are attacked simply for displaying their Judaism in public. "God's in his Heaven and all's right with the world" may be the comforting message of Pippa's Song. But the ideal of the great religions to "tame the savageness of man and make more gentle the life of the world" seems a pipe dream in a world in which the wicked prosper and the ungodly flourish.

Perhaps our prayers at Rosh Hashanah should not be for divine intervention but rather for the strength Jews everywhere require to face the perils of being Jewish and the courage to confront those diabolical men and women who still seek to destroy us.

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Nazi Symbol Removed

A German amusement park has been forced to shut down a new attraction which resembled a pair of spinning swastikas. The ride featured four crooked arms with gondolas. "Goebbels approves", said a sarcastic commentator on Reddit.



Park owner Rudiger Braun told reporters that he did not notice the ride's

resemblance to the symbol of Nazi Germany. It is, of course, illegal in Germany to intentionally display Nazi symbols.

Braun wants to have the four prongs on Eagles Flyer reduced to three.

Give a "Get" Or Keep Paying

Alex Moher of Manchester, England was ordered last year to pay his wife maintenance payments as well as a \$1.7 million lump sum payment in order to complete their civil divorce. He was also ordered to pay interest on any outstanding sum of the lump payment and an additional yearly payment until

he gave her a get.

Moher argued in the Court of Appeal that the judge failed to consider his financial situation and that the payment amounted to coercion, something that

Jewish law forbids and would therefore invalidate the religious divorce.

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ILHAN OMAR'S ACTIONS HAVE REVIVED A LONG STANDING DEBATE

By **RAFAEL MEDOFF**

Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's support for boycotting Israel, and the resolution on the subject that she introduced, sparked a new round in the long-running debate between Israel's friends and its many opponents.

Leaving aside the obvious fallacy of Rep. Omar's comparison of Israel to Nazi Germany, her reso-

(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 in 2019.)

lution casts an unexpected spotlight on a little-known chapter in American history that deserves more attention: the nationwide boycott of German goods in the 1930s.

As a precedent for using boycotting as a political tool, Omar's resolution

points out that "Americans of conscience...boycott[ed] Nazi Germany from March 1933 to October 1941 in response to the dehumanization of the Jewish people in the lead-up to the Holocaust."

As soon as the Nazis rose to power in early 1933, German Jews were barred from numerous professions.

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GOOD OR BAD DECISION - ISRAEL WAS WITHIN ITS LEGAL RIGHT TO BAR TLAIB AND OMAR

By MITCHELL BARD

The decision by Israel's government to bar Reps. Rashid Tlaib and Ilhan Omar from entering the country was greeted with widespread condemnation, including from American pro-Israel organizations and other members of Congress. The government action is portrayed by critics as somehow anti-

Democratic and an effort to silence Israel's critics. While it is reasonable to question whether the decision was wise, there is no doubt that it was legal – and democratic.

One may debate whether such a law should have been adopted, but Israel's democratically elected government did pass a

law that allows the Ministry of Interior to deny entry to people who promote the anti-Semitic boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign. Both Omar and Tlaib support BDS and no one, including members of Congress, is above the law.

As Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu explained, "We respect all

members of Congress. Our directive is to facilitate, on a regular and automatic basis, the entry of all members of Congress, both Democratic and Republican. Just one week ago, I met with dozens of Democratic members of Congress.... There is only one exception and it is the BDS law that

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By MIKE COHEN

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54 Below. The space underwent a complete reinvention by multiple Tony Award-winning producers Tom Viertel, Marc Routh, Richard Frankel and Steve Baruch (Hairspray, The Producers), who brought together Broadway's and New York's most creative artists and designers as well as top food and hospitality professionals. On September 17, 2015, through a creative partnership with prominent Jewish singer, pianist, and music revivalist Michael Feinstein, 54 Below was renamed Feinstein's/54 Below.

Feinstein's/54 Below features up to three shows nightly as well as a late night lounge for relaxation. Accommodating 134 people in the main dining room, with all tables no more than 24 feet from the stage, the facilities include the capability to broadcast and record audio and video. A

quick YouTube search will allow you to witness some of their incredible past productions.

When I went to Feinstein's/54 Below for the first time, I took in a performance entitled "All Together Now: Celebrating Broadway's Best Group Numbers." Music came from a variety of musicals, both old and new, including Company, Bye Bye Birdie, Heathers, and You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. Performers included those known for their work in recent and current stage productions, including School of Rock, Kinky Boots, Aladdin, Pretty Woman, Frozen, Beetlejuice, Be More Chill, The Phantom of the Opera, The Book of Mormon, Mean Girls and more.

Feinstein's/54 Below is located at 254 W 54th St. For tickets and info readers can call (646) 476-3551. It's certainly worth a visit.

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subjected to severe discrimination, and targeted by mob violence.

America's foremost Jewish leader, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, reported receiving letters from Germany telling of "tortures, the cutting of Hackenkreuze [swastikas] into the flesh of Jews, imprisonment, death, and [Ku Klux Klan-style] night visits and night rides from which Jews never return...It is hell, truly worse than hell."

In their response, American Jews boycotted German goods. Picket lines were set up in front of stores that imported products from Nazi Germany,

such as Macy's and Gimbel's. Doctors and pharmacists were encouraged to turn to non-German alternatives to German-made medicines. Athletes who qualified for the upcoming Olympic games in Berlin were urged to stay home.

Jewish organizations were not alone in this effort. U.S. Socialist Party leader Norman Thomas joined the picketing outside Macy's. The American Federation of Labor actively assisted the boycott. New York City's Republican mayor, Fiorello La Guardia, canceled a contract for German steel that was sup-

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posed to be used to build the Triboro Bridge. Gallup polls found most Americans in sympathy with the boycott.

Some prominent Americans, however, opposed boycotting the Nazis. The opposition cut across party lines—it came not just from conservative isolationists (who feared boycotting would drag America into a foreign war), but from prominent liberal figures as well.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's pre-World War II policy was to maintain trade and diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany. FDR's secretary of state, Cordell Hull, said the administration opposed any "racial or political boycott" of Germany.

The Roosevelt administration went so far as to help the Hitler regime elude the boycott. The Treasury Department permitted the Nazis to forego the usual "Made in Germany" label and instead mark the goods as having been made in a particular city or region, which many consumers would not recognize. US officials also looked the other way when the print on German labels was illegible, or when they were attached in a way that made them inaccessible.

Some liberal acade-

mics supported the boycott. Others not only opposed the boycott, but personally violated it by visiting Germany in the 1930s and maintaining student exchange programs with German universities that were totally controlled by the Hitler regime. The sordid details are recounted in Prof. Stephen Norwood's study, *The Third Reich and the Ivory Tower*.

Smith College president William Neilson, a longtime NAACP board member, visited Nazi Germany in 1933 and found "no cases of mistreatment" of Jewish citizens. Barnard College dean Virginia Gildersleeve, a staunch Roosevelt supporter, announced after touring Germany in 1935 that Hitler's desire to acquire "new land" was "legitimate," and that the sharp reduction in the admission of Jews and women to German universities was justified.

Pacifists such as Vassar College president Henry MacCracken saw the boycott as a step towards war. He organized a tour of Nazi Germany for college students and professors in 1934. Footage of the trip was used for a Nazi propaganda film called "Germany Today," which was shown in the United States in an effort to soften Hitler's image. (see page 11)

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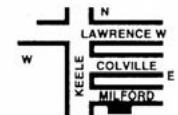
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Another prominent pacifist, Bryn Mawr professor Henry Cadbury, denounced the boycott as “simply war without bloodshed.” He admonished American Jews to “display good will instead of hatred” towards Hitler, claiming that “By hating him and trying to fight him, you will only help make him worse in his attack on the Jews.”

The boycott controversy roiled the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, a leading left-of-center activist group. Its mostly-Jewish Brooklyn chapter asked the group’s national leadership to endorse the boycott. The request was rebuffed; WILPF leaders said they resented the notion of “separating the Jewish question from the larger minority problems.” One WILPF leader confided to a colleague: “For the first time in my life I am beginning to

feel a little anti-Semitic.” Many members of the Brooklyn branch, and nearly the entire Bronx chapter, resigned in protest over the boycott issue.

Although the boycott fell short of its goal of driving Hitler from power, its impact was evident from the significant decline in German exports and the repeated complaints by German officials to the US ambassador in Berlin about the severe damage that the boycott was doing to their economy.

The story of the anti-Nazi boycott movement in America is a reminder that courage and cowardice may be found on both sides of the aisle. When it came to boycotting Hitler, there were “Americans of conscience” in both camps, but unfortunately not enough of them where it could have made the most difference—in the White House.

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obligates us to evaluate the entry of people who support BDS”.

Some critics have made the legitimate argument that the best way to change the views of detractors is to let them see Israel for themselves. The problem in the case of Omar and Tlaib is that they had no interest in fact-finding; otherwise they would have joined their 41 House colleagues who visited Israel a few days before. They did not even say they were going to Israel; their itinerary was titled “U.S. Congressional Delegation to Palestine.” This alone was problematic as it echoes the Palestinian view that all of Israel as well as the West Bank and Gaza are part of “Palestine.” Thus, in their view, when they planned to visit the Old City of Jerusalem in Israel’s capital, they were going to “Palestine.” If they had said

they were going to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, they would not have telegraphed their intention to delegitimize Israel.

It was not only the title of their itinerary that was problematic, The content made clear they were only interested in hearing from detractors of Israel. Omar said, “the goal of our trip was to witness firsthand what is happening on the ground in Palestine”.

After learning she would be banned, Tlaib sent a letter to Israel’s interior minister asking to be allowed to visit her grandmother because “this might be my last opportunity to see her.” The ministry can grant exceptions to the law for humanitarian reasons and Minister Aryeh Deri approved her request with the stipulation that she refrain from engaging in

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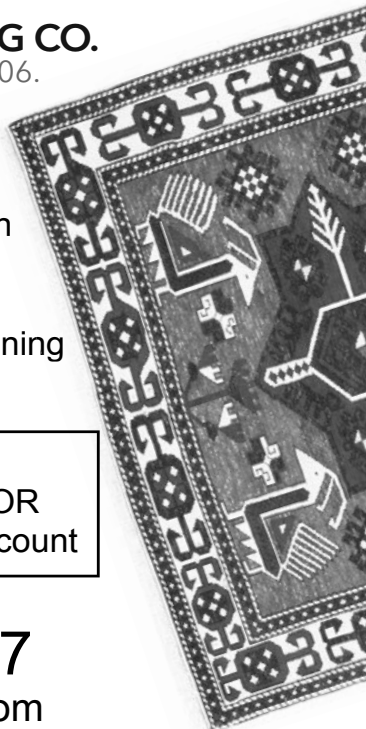
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promoting BDS while in Israel. Tlaib subsequently turned down the invitation because of the "oppressive conditions." Deri responded, "I approved her request as a gesture of goodwill on a humanitarian basis, but it was just a provocative request, aimed at bashing the State of Israel. Apparently her hatred for

Israel overcomes her love for her grandmother".

Omar accused Netanyahu of instituting a "Muslim ban". Omar and Tlaib, however, were not the first people, or even the first parliamentarians to be barred from entering the country. The government, for example, also barred members of the European Parliament who were supporters of BDS."

To suggest that Israel would ban Muslims

IRANIAN DECIDES HE LIKES JUDO MORE THAN IRAN OR SNUBBING ISRAELIS



SAEID MOLLAEI WAS ranked number one in the world until he withdrew from his semi final match in Tokyo so that he would not have to fight an Israeli in the final and bow to him or stand next to him on the winner's platform. He has been accused of faking injuries in the past to avoid fighting an Israeli. Now, however, Mollaei has decided that medals are more important than loyalty to Iran. With the help of the International Judo Federation he is currently in Berlin and will fight on the so-called refugee team.

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from the country is evidence of Omar's ignorance, which could have been corrected if she had gone to Israel with her colleagues. Then she would have learned that more than one million Muslims enjoy equal rights as citizens of Israel, vote in the country's elections and serve in the Knesset. If she would have visited Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, she would have learned that Muslims (and Christians) there are the ones deprived of their civil rights.

While Israel was condemned for barring Omar and Tlaib, every country has its own restrictions and can bar entry to individuals who the government finds objectionable on political, criminal or security grounds. Applicants for visas to the United States, for example, are asked several questions about their political views and activities and the Immigration and Nationality Act allows the Secretary of State to bar admission to the United States to "any alien whose entry or proposed activities

in the United States the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States."

The list of people barred or excluded from the United States includes future South African President Nelson Mandela, Irish politician Gerry Adams, British singers Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens), Amy Winehouse and Boy George, Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona, and former UN Secretary-General and Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

In 2012, the Obama administration banned a member of Israel's Congress – the Knesset – from coming to the United States, prompting Israeli President Reuven Rivlin to protest that the banned member belonged to "a completely legitimate faction of the Israeli parliament".

In short, Israel did not set any precedent in barring the two squad-mates.

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Downtown, Uptown, Tribeca, the Hamptons and Long Island in New York as well as Las Vegas, Puerto Rico, Sunny Isles Beach, Atlantic City, Boca Raton, Nashville and Orlando.

For our family vacations in Sunny Isles, Florida in years past one of our favorite dining establishments was Il Mulino New York at the Aqualina Resort. On this trip we experienced Il Mulino Prime in Gramercy (<https://www.ilmulino.com/prime/gramercy>), located at 43 E 20th Street.

This modern steakhouse and Italian restaurant features inspired cuisine and choice cuts by Executive Chef Michele Mazza. Located in the heart of Gramercy-Flatiron, Il Mulino Prime embraces the signature style and unparalleled service attributed to the success of Il Mulino New York. Sun-dappled by day and sophisticated by night, Il Mulino Prime is a versatile venue that is easily customized for any crowd or occasion. The dining room can accommodate 50 guests.

Il Mulino Prime is described as an Italian steakhouse that has been so popular that they are now opening one in Chicago and looking to expand that brand, which features some

Il Mulino New York classics but with a bigger slant on steaks.

There is also an Il Mulino New York gourmet product line, which offers items such as sauces, pastas, infused olive oils, and more (ilmulino.com/shop-now). In Canada they are available at the four Pusateri's Fine Foods (www.pusateris.com) stores in Toronto.

JUNIOR'S RESTAURANT: I experienced Junior's Restaurant (www.juniorscheesecake.com) for the first time on 49th Street near Times Square. There is another location at 1515 Broadway, the original in Brooklyn, as well as another at the Foxwoods Casino in Connecticut and a bakery outlet in New Jersey. Known for its no-frills, diner-style comfort food, this iconic eatery was founded by Jewish restaurateur Harry Rosen in 1950. With a full menu ranging from steaks to seafood and sandwiches to salads and cheesecake, there was a lot to choose from. I enjoyed their trademark beverage: the chocolate egg cream, a hot bowl of matzoh ball soup, a big latke and a Reuben sandwich.

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rants very high on our list for this trip was Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steakhouse (www.delfriscos.com). We had previously dined at this energetic, luxurious three-story restaurant, located at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, three years ago and we were anxious to return. The New York location can accommodate more than 500 people at a time. The 18,000 square foot restaurant boasts floor-to-ceiling windows with breathtaking views of Sixth Avenue, truly bringing midtown Manhattan to life for every diner as Radio City Music Hall's lights shine brightly in the distance.

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PATSY'S: A few years ago I made my first visit to Patsy's Italian Restaurant (<http://www.patsys.com>) and boy was I impressed. On the occasion of their recent 75th anniversary I was invited

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back to the iconic 235 West 56th Street location and I jumped at the opportunity. Only a few short blocks from Times Square, this legendary Midtown Manhattan spot had been known for years as Frank Sinatra's

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Mike Cohen's email address is info@mikecohen.ca. Readers can follow his travels at www.sandbox

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compulsion and did not prevent the husband from giving a get. He cited Britain's 2002 Divorce Act under which a husband can be prevented from obtaining a civil divorce until he provides a religious divorce.

Moher has said he will appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. The couple have three children and were married for 20 years.

Labour Anti Semite Sues Party

Labour MP Chris Williamson is suing the Labour Party over its decision to re-implement his suspension from the party over accusations of anti-Semitism. Williamson has been labelled a "Jew-baiter" for his involvement in the party's anti-Semitic crisis. He is a close ally of that paragon of virtue, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

Earlier this year he was suspended from the party for claiming that it had been "too apologetic" for its stance on Israel and its attitude towards British Jewry. He was allowed back in June but was suspended two days later following a backlash from the Jewish community and some of his fellow Labour MPs. Indeed, 60 Labour MPs voiced their opposition to his being permitted to rejoin the party. "There is no place for Chris Williamson in my Labour party. I think out of all the issues around antisemitism in the party he has been the biggest surprise and has caused me the most heartache," says Steve Lapsley, a lifelong Labour supporter, who adds that he will never be able to forgive the Derby North MP for the damage he has done to the party.

Last February Williamson told supporters in Sheffield that "in my

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opinion, we've backed off far too much, we've given too much ground. We've been too apologetic." Many Labour MPs would beg to differ.

Jews Stay Out of Hong Kong Protest

Hong Kong, the one-time British colony and now controlled by China, is home to some 5000 Jews and a number of Jewish institutions. There are seven shuls, a JCC, a school and a Holocaust Center. None of the organizations are located in the areas where the sometimes violent protests are taking place. Nor do many Jews live there.

"I went for Shabbat dinner on Friday night at a friend's house and of course we talk about it, but nothing at the moment - and this is a privilege", says Ben Freeman, A Glasgow native who has been living in Hong Kong for two years. "Nothing is happening to expats, so there is definitely a feeling of safety" says Freeman, who works as a teacher at an international school. And despite the bloody clashes with police, restaurants, malls and business establishments are

operating more or less normally.

David Zweig, professor emeritus of Chinese politics at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, has participated in a couple of protests but few Jews have joined him, "The safest general statement is that expats don't get involved. Some Jewish expats may be sympathetic to the young people...but there's a lot of people who simply will look at this from their business perspective and this hurts business", Zweig says.

Most of the Jews in Hong Kong work in banking, finance, law and business. The transitory nature of the community and the fact that few Jews speak Cantonese also help explain their lack of involvement in a cause they do support.

Orthodox Physician Loses Appeal

Dr. Youse Glassman, a Bergen County New Jersey geriatrician, has lost his attempt to block a measure forcing him to facilitate a patient's suicide or refer him or her to another doctor who would be willing to prescribe the end of

life drugs. Glassman argued that the Medical Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act violated his religious beliefs and professional ethics as a doctor. The law's demands on doctors, Glassman said in his lawsuit, present "not only a violation of the rights to practice medicine without breaching the fiduciary duties owing to those

patients ... but is also a violation of their First Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to freely practice their religions in which human life is sacred and must not be taken" for any reason.

On August 1 a state Superior court judge placed a temporary hold on the law
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pending appeals. But a state appeals court overruled the Superior Court saying that the latter "failed to consider adequately the interests of qualified terminally-ill patients who the Legislature determined have clearly prescribed rights to end their lives consistent with the Act."

Glassman immediately appealed to the state Supreme Court but the appeal was rejected allowing the law to go into effect. The law allows terminally ill patients who have been given six months or less to live to obtain life-ending drugs. The patient must self administer the medication.

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"Holocaust Classic" On Amazon

An Amazon advertisement sponsored by a company called RugzT was offering what it called a "Holocaust Classic" T-shirt which featured a Nazi poster for "The Eternal Jew", the name of both a Nazi propaganda film and a Nazi exhibit. The film by the same name was directed by Fritz Hippler and promoted by Joseph Goebbels and is generally regarded to be the most virulently anti-Jewish film ever made. It's depiction of "typical" Jewish physical features can only be described as disgusting. The T-shirt sold through Amazon shows, an "Eastern Jew" wearing a kaftan, holding gold coins in one

hand and a whip in the other. Under his arm is a map of the world, with a Communist hammer and sickle imprinted on it.

The ad told potential buyers that the shirt is "an ideal gift for teens, men, women. Suitable for casual, sport, outdoor, hip hop, especially for couples, girlfriend and boyfriend". The ideal everyday clothing item..."

At least the ad has now been removed from Amazon although it was

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AN ARCHIVE OF PERSONAL correspondence from Israeli military leader Moshe Dayan was auctioned off recently at Guernsey's Auctions in New York. The letters reveal his most inner thoughts of what was happening around him and his frustration at not being able to do anything, always believing that the British "will never treat us like the Arabs."

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Amazon has also removed a Holocaust Victim Tank Top T-Shirt, showing 'The Last Jew in Vinnitsa', a famous photograph taken during the Holocaust in Ukraine showing a Jewish man near the town of Vinnitsa (Vinnitsia) about to be shot dead by a member of Einsatzgruppe D, a mobile death squad of the Nazi SS.

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Swedish Imam Pays the Price

Samir el Rifia of Helsingborg, Sweden believes that Jews are the "offspring of apes and pigs". He made the comment in Arabic after Israel limited prayer at the Al-Aqsa mosque following the killing of two Israeli police officers.

"There is no prophet against whom those who are the progeny of monkeys and pigs have not made evil plans against. They did it to all prophets and to all nations. This has also affected our prophet, peace be upon him", el Rifia told the crowd at a demonstration organized by the Swedish-Palestinian Centre.

A Swedish court has fined the imam \$305 for hate speech. They rejected his argument that he was referring to the State of Israel and not all Jews. "We think it is clear from the speech in its entirety", said Yiva Norling Jonsson, the court's chairman, "that the statement referred to Jews with a view to their religion, not a government or military power."

British Composer Dies In Air Crash

Renowned composer Jonathan Goldstein and his saxophonist wife and their infant daughter were killed a few weeks ago in a plane crash in Switzerland.

Goldstein, 50, was flying a Piper airplane through the Simpson Pass in southern Switzerland.

Goldstein began his distinguished career for the Royal Shakespeare Company and the National Theatre. He assisted on the soundtrack of filmmaker Martin Scorsese's "Cape Fear" and the classic movie "Taxi Driver".

Goldstein was the founder of the Goldstein

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Music Group and he worked on numerous world-wide advertising campaigns for American Express, Lexus, Sony and Tesco.

His wife, born Marcinowicz, performed a solo at the BBC Proms in 2005 while studying at the Royal Academy of Music. She went on to perform with the London Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia Orchestra, BBC Concert Orchestra and Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

Eighty-Six Year Old Rabbi Arrested

Rabbi Arthur Waskow and his wife Rabbi Phyllis-Berman were arrested recently after blocking the entrance to the Immigration and Custom Enforcement agency building in Philadelphia. The longtime political activists were protesting Donald

Trump's treatment of migrant children. The Rabbi said that he believes it was "the first such event in American Jewish history when a large group of the Jewish community publicly and vigorously opposed a major policy priority of the U.S. government."

Rabbi Waskow, founded and is director of The Shalom Center and is the author or editor of some twenty books on US public policy and on religious thought and practice. He has also taken a vigorous part in public advocacy and nonviolent protest on behalf of peace, civil rights, full equality for women and gay people, freedom for Soviet Jewry, and healing for the wounded earth.

He has had two somewhat distinct (though overlapping and interwoven) life-careers. From 1959 to 1982, he worked

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in Washington, DC on public policy concerning military strategy and disarmament, race relations, nonviolent action, the Vietnam War, and renewable energy sources. From 1969 to the present, he has been one of the pioneers in the movement to renew the liturgical, intellectual, spiritual, and political life of the American Jewish community.

A Gift from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

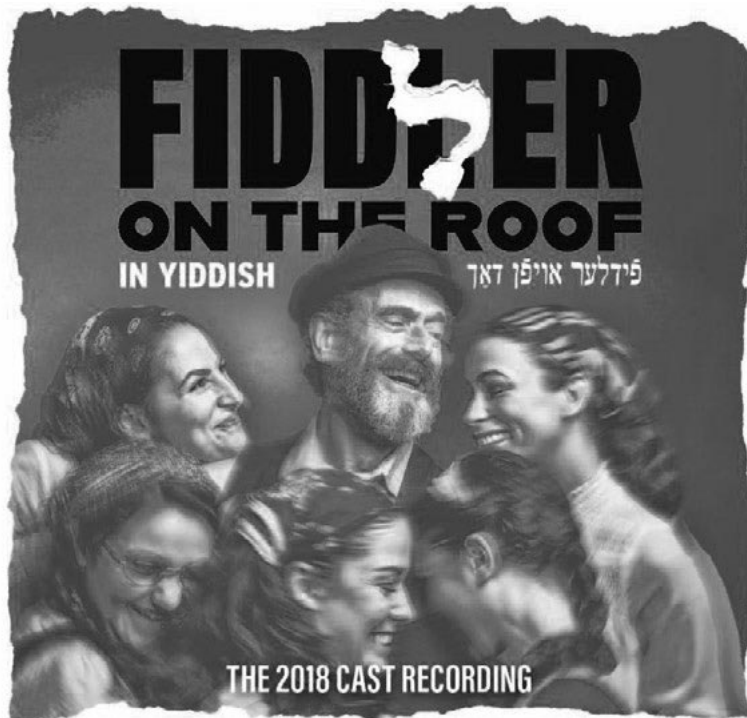
Employees of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette won \$15,000 and a Pulitzer Prize for their coverage of

the deadly anti-Semitic shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue.

But dividing the money among those who covered the shooting "just didn't seem right" to these journalists.

Publisher John Robinson Block suggested that the money be donated to the Tree of Life to help it repair the bullet holes and other damage. And so last month in the Post-Gazette newsroom on the North Shore executive editor Keith Burris presented a \$15,000 check to Rabbi Jeffrey Myers and Samuel Schachner, president of the congregation.

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Beaten But Not Embarrassed

Argentinian tennis player Diego Schwartzman may have lost to Rafael Nadal in the quarter finals of the U.S. Open but he put up a solid fight, making Nadal work for every point.

Schwartzman is Jewish and is the son of Ricardo and Silvana Schwartzman. The rising star was born in Buenos Aires after his family emigrated from Germany. He has two brothers (one a computer programmer, the other a travel agent), and a sister, who is a lawyer. He and his siblings all attended Hebrew school and celebrated their bar and bat mitzvahs.

As a youth, he played tennis at Club Náutico Hacoaj, a Jewish sports club that was established by and for Jews who were barred from joining Gentile sports clubs in the early 20th century.

AUSCHWITZ - NO PLACE TO CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY



A URUGUAYAN SOCCER player apologized for a birthday photo taken outside Auschwitz featuring celebratory emojis. Rodrigo Zalazar decorated a snap of himself outside the Nazi concentration camp and posted it to his Instagram. Zalazar, who plays for the Polish club Korona Kielce, has deleted the post. "It was not in my intention to insult concentration camp victims," Zalazar said. "I did not know where I exactly was standing when I was making this photo. I am ashamed of my act because now I know what happened behind this gate. I want to apologize to everyone who felt offended by my act."



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MORE THAN 250 NIGERIAN IGBO JEWISH YOUTH GATHER FOR AFRICAN COUNTRY'S FIRST JEWISH LEADERSHIP SEMINAR



MORE THAN 250 NIGERIAN YOUTH AND 20 adults gathered in August in Onitsha for a national week-long Jewish leadership and learning seminar organized by the Jerusalem-based Shavei Israel organization, activist and educator Danny Limor, and the Nigerian Jewish Youth Movement. The seminar included classes in Hebrew and Torah, lectures, Shabbat activities, singing and dancing. There are about 70 Igbo Jewish communities in Nigeria, founded at different times and under various circumstances, but the first and biggest Jewish community in Lagos has existed for more than 20 years. Most of the communities have at least one place of study or synagogue where members gather for daily and Shabbat services. The Igbo are one of Nigeria's largest ethnic groups, and among them is a minority of some 4,000 people practicing Judaism and defining themselves as the descendants of a Lost Tribe of Israel. "In recent years, a growing number of Igbo in Nigeria have chosen to embrace Judaism and seek to learn more about the culture, faith and heritage of Israel and the Jewish people," said Shavei Israel Founder and Chairman Michael Freund. "We decided to answer their call and we're working closely with the growing numbers of Igbo Jewish communities that are now flourishing in places such as Lagos, Abuja and Anambra state." Photo credit: Ron Manne, courtesy of Shavei Israel


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