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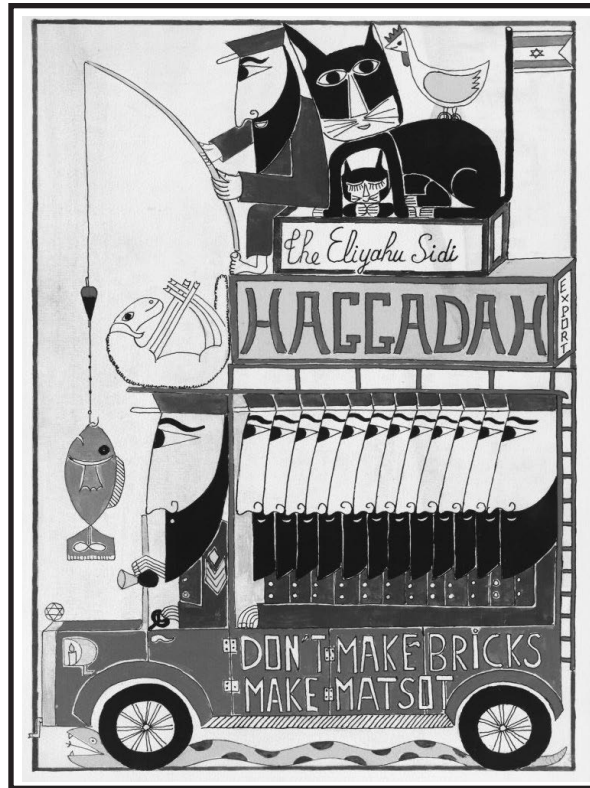
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ANITA SURMAM
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The Significance of Passover

Passover is, traditionally, a festival of joy. The customary salutation on the occasion refers to "a Joyous Passover", *chag sameach*. Time may have erased the precise details of the release of the Israelites from out of their bondage through the inhospitable desert to the Promised Land. But commemorating as it does the liberation of the Jews from the slavery of Egypt, it is the Jewish Festival of Freedom, an assurance that ultimate release from bondage, however long it takes, is certain. For centuries Jews have been turning to the Passover story, celebrating this victory of the Jewish spirit over those who sought to enslave and

destroy it. Passover is a time, moreover, when despite the current turmoil, some grounds for hope and optimism seem justified.

Whatever may be the historical or philosophical bases of Passover its observance creates a radiance and a warmth which is unique even in the Jewish tradition. The recollections of Seders past are among the most heart-warming memories of those whose minds can go back even a single generation. The Passover ritual has meaning which even the most secular of Jews can grasp. Jewish life is seen at its best when viewed from the vantage point of a seat at the family Passover table.

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THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Challenging Ilhan Omar

Dalia Al-Aquidi, a Muslim refugee from Iraq, has had enough of Ilhan Omar's identity politics. Al-Aquidi, who has over 30 years experience as a journalist, is seeking the Republican nomination in Minnesota's 5th congressional district hoping ultimately to "stop" the squad mate by "beating her at her own game".

Al-Aquidi, who is being challenged for the Republican nomination by five others, believes that in a race between her and

Omar, the latter would not be able to play on the sympathies of voters as a refugee from Somalia because they are "basically the same" in background. Al-Aquidi is particularly incensed at Omar's unabashed anti-Semitism. "Every time she opens her mouth", says Al-Aquidi, "she says something that is either anti-U.S. or anti-semitic." (Omar beat out finalists neo-Nazi and white supremacist Richard Spencer and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan in a public vote for anti-semitic of the year).

"We've seen up close the consequences of what radical Ilhan Omar is doing. Conflict. Division. Oppression. I escaped that world once, and I won't let it happen here. I'm running for Congress because we're not as divided as Ilhan Omar and the far-left would have us believe. I'm running to bring us closer together."

The Minnesota primary will be held in August. Of interest is that Omar is not going to be the Democratic nominee without a fight. Democratic community

organizer John Mason, one of two challengers, has made it quite clear that there is no room in the Democratic party for those who espouse "anti-Semitic tropes."

Two other squad mates are also in a fight to stay in Congress. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has opponents in both parties seeking to unseat her and Rashida Tlaib has no shortage of Republicans seeking that party's nomination. The three squad mates might yet get what they deserve.

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PASSOVER SEDER IN A DP CAMP

I.F. STONE CELEBRATED PASSOVER IN 1947 IN A DETENTION CAMP ON CYPRUS

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

I.F. Stone, the famed investigative journalist, probably took part in some interesting Passover seders in his time, but he never spent one with Jews who felt personally connected to the events in ancient Egypt--until 1947, when he was a guest at a remarkable seder with Holocaust survivors in a detention camp on the island of Cyprus.

"This is being written 3,000 feet up over the blue Mediterranean," began Stone's dramatic account in the pages of the New York City daily newspaper PM. "I am in a tiny four-passenger two-motored mosquito plane bound for Haifa from

(Dr. Medoff is director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies, in Washington DC, and author of more than 20 books about the Holocaust, Zionism, and American Jewish history.) - The Editor

Nicosia in Cyprus, where I have just spent the first two days of Passover in camps established by the British to intern 'illegal' Jewish immigrants seized in Palestine."

Those were turbulent times. Hundreds of thousands of Holocaust survivors crowded the Displaced Persons camps in Allied-occupied Europe, waiting for British permission to immigrate to Palestine. The British, bowing to Arab opposition, had almost completely shut the

gates to the Holy Land. Palestine itself was in flames, as Jewish underground forces waged guerrilla warfare against the British authorities. Meanwhile, in Washington, the Truman administration wobbled back and forth on Jewish immigration and statehood.

In a desperate race for the promised land, survivors were boarding *aliya bet* (unauthorized immigration) ships bound for Palestine. More often than

not, they were intercepted by British naval patrols and taken to Cyprus. That's where I.F. Stone's story began.

"There are two sets of camps on the sweet-smelling ancient Greek Isle of Cyprus for 11,300 refugees now held there," Stone explained. "Both are being enlarged to meet the expected Spring rush of Aliyah Beth boats which will probably boost the Jewish population to 20,000 before the end of June."

The detainees were living in Nissen huts, which Stone described as "the ugliest architecture known
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Have a joyous Passover!

Dear friends,

As nature starts to bloom and you honour your Jewish heritage with your loved ones, I hope that Passover brings you much joy and new beginnings.

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Marc Demers
Mayor of Laval



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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF RETURNS TO MONTREAL

By ELAINE COHEN





Evenko and Broadway Across Canada are bringing the Montreal engagement of the Tony Award-Nominated Broadway revival of Fiddler on the Roof to Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier of Place des Arts, from April 28-May 3, 2020. Now an entire new generation will be introduced to the beloved book musical from Joseph Stein and Pulitzer Prize winners Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. Stein's book is based on Yiddish writer Sholem Aleichem's stories about Tevye and his daughters.

It's ironic that backers hesitated to produce Stein's 1964 revival of Fiddler on Broadway. The producers felt it lacked broad appeal. On the contrary, Fiddler on the Roof was the first musical in history to surpass 3,000 performances and garnered multiple awards, including a Tony for best musical. The entire production continues to transcend generations and enlighten people of all faiths, here and abroad.

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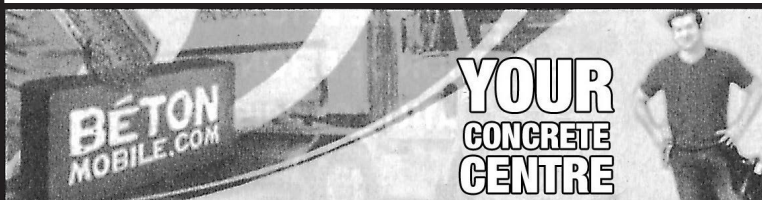
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TRAVEL TALES

HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE JEWISH TRAVELLER

By **MIKE COHEN**

DINING OUT IN NYC: New York City is indeed the place to dine, with an endless array of choices to please your palate. Needless to say, there is no shortage of kosher restaurants here either. I stopped by Kosher Deluxe (www.kosherdluxe.com) at 10 West 46th Street. You can order your food and take it to a table, feast upon the endless array of takeout items or order to your hotel by calling 212-869-6699.

TAO UPTOWN: We were elated to get a reservation at TAO Uptown (www.taogroup.com), an upscale Pan-Asian brand, located at 42 East 58th Street. There is also a TAO Downtown, as well as locations in Las Vegas, Chicago and Los Angeles. They will open at Mohegan Sun casino and entertainment resort in Connecticut this year. There are a number of Jewish partners at TAO, including Rich Wolf, Noah Tepperberg, Jason Strauss, as well as managing partners Paul Goldstein and Andrew Goldberg.

A 16-foot Buddha, which floats above a reflecting pool filled with Japanese carp, presides over the scene at Tao. A favorite destination for celebrities and athletes, this heavenly dining experience specializes in authentic Hong Kong Chinese, Japanese and Thai cuisines. Tao has three levels of dining including the prized "Skybox," which offers views of this former movie theatre unparalleled in New York. In addition to

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**Anybody
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In a recent survey released by the Jewish Electorate Institute two thirds of Jewish voters said that they would support any Democratic candidate over Donald Trump.

The survey, taken in the wake of Bernie Sanders' refusal to attend the annual AIPAC conference, showed that even though Jewish voters react more unfavourably towards the Democratic front runner, 65% of Jews said they would still vote for him.

A majority of those polled hold "President Trump at least partially responsible for the targeted attacks on synagogues in recent years" and almost

half said Trump had emboldened right wing extremists and white nationalists.

There was some good news for Trump. His disapproval rating among Jews had dropped from 71% last year to 61% now. And a majority of voters, Democratic and Republican, favoured Trump's overall performance on "U.S.-Israel relations". But this was counter balanced by the fact that only a third of pro Israel voters said that a candidate's stance on Israel would be the determining factor in how voted.


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PASSOVER IN A DP CAMP

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to mankind--a sort of tin igloo with cement flooring set in bleak rows on the level grassless plots near the sea, surrounded with barbed wire and a row of latrines." A typical hut housed three families in three rooms.

"Unexpected and unannounced," Stone and a friend, Alex Taylor of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, dropped in on the Efrati family on Passover eve. Moshe Efrati, 35, "a laundryman by trade"; his wife Rachel; and their children, 15 year-old Miriam and 12 year-old son Eliezer. Despite the lack of an invitation, the visitors "were at once made welcome."

"Father Efrati sat at the head of the table, re-

clining on a pillow as is customary for the seder," Stone's account continued. "On his right, sat his bright-eyed son of 12, already a student in the yeshivah organized by religious Jews in the camp." On the father's left sat his good wife and daughter. Alex and I were given hagadas and the seder went on."

"It was no hop-skip-and-jump affair, as is customary in most American Jewish homes," Stone noted. "Efrati left nothing out. We rose to drink our wine with blessings, partook of the bitter herbs and first matzohs. Efrati sang the parts with relish and explained and translated as he went along..."

Stone, himself a secular Jew, was deeply moved

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by the warmth and religious devotion of the family, especially in the midst of such difficult surroundings. "The mother looked on as if she didn't know how one man could be so bright," he wrote, "and the daughter was fascinated while the son's eyes shone."

What struck Stone the most was the connection between past and present. "The Passover has a

deep personal meaning for these Jews...For them the ancient cruel taskmasters were no fable: they had been in slave labor camps under German occupation. For them, the God who smote the Egyptians was the same God who brought the Third Reich low."

As he strolled around the camp the next day, Stone was impressed by the vibrant life he encountered among the Cyprus exiles. "Life flows on strong, and vigorous babies are being born at the rate of 30 to 40 monthly," he reported. "There have been almost 600 weddings since the camps were established last August, and there were 135 nuptials during the two weeks before Passover."

"There are schools and synagogues, camp newspapers, an art exhibition, and workshops," not to mention "several soccer teams which often play the British guards and boast they have never been beaten."

What did the future hold? The seder with the Efratis offered a clue. "Were [the DPs in Cyprus] not like the Jews under Moses?" Stone asked. "Moses went through one kind of wilderness or another to the promised land. And as Efrati explained in his own running commentary to the service comfortingly, 'We had to go down into Egypt for 400 years, but we need only be six months or so in Cyprus.'"

Stone thought Efrati's prediction too optimistic. Given the severe British restrictions on Jewish immigration, "it will take 18 months before the latest arrivals get their chance to go to Palestine."

But British rule in Palestine did not last another 18 months. That autumn, in the face of the Jewish underground's military assaults and sharply escalating international

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PASSOVER SEDER

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pressure, generated in part by sympathetic journalists such as Stone, the British surrendered. Seven months after Stone's Passover with

the Efratis, London accepted the United Nations vote on partitioning Palestine and announced it would withdraw. Four months

later, the first British troops began leaving, and two months after that, on May 15, 1948, the British withdrawal was completed.

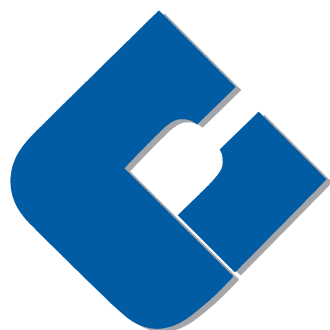
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in 1905, the story focuses on Tevye, the tailor's struggles to earn a living, tend to his overwrought wife, arrange husbands for three of their five daughters, and maintain traditional values amid the younger generation's opposition. Tevye relates his concerns and seeks God's guidance.

The recent Broadway revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* under the direction of Bartlett Sher (Tony Award-winner, *The King and I*) is embellished with Israeli-born choreographer Hofesh Schechter's energized dance movements inspired by the iconic Jerome Robbins. Music is directed by Ted Sperling; scenic design by Michael Yeargan (Tony Award-nominee); costume design by Catherine Zuber (Tony Award-winner, *The King and I*); lighting design by Donald Huber (Tony Award-nominee) and Sound design by Scott Lehrer (Tony Award-

winner, *South Pacific*); and wig design by Tom Watson.

Sher, an American theatre and film director, is hailed by *The New York Times* as "one of the most original, exciting directors, not only in the American theatre but also in the international world of opera." Therefore, audiences are bound to leave Place des Arts humming to the music, cherishing the lyrics and reflecting on the staging.

Among perennial favourites, audiences can look forward to are "If I Were A Rich Man", "L'Chaim! (To Life)", "Matchmaker, Matchmaker" and "Tradition".

The Broadway performers are preened to take the stage and lend ambience to the elegant Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier. Readers can order tickets for the Montreal revival of *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Place des Arts box office, by phone 1-866-842-2112 or

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has become the official test driver for the Williams Group, making him Israel's very first Formula One driver. Nissany was formally introduced at a press conference this past winter at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation, by the group's president Claire Williams and native Montrealer Sylvan Adams, who has supported Nissany's development in motor racing and serves as president of Nissany's management group. The 25-year-old, who began his journey in motor racing at aged 14, comes to Formula One, following two very successful seasons in Formula V8 3.5, where he secured 13 podium finishes and reached pole position seven times. We should see him here in Montreal in June for the Grand Prix du Canada.

MONTREAL NOSTALGIA

The following items were taken from the April 18, 1930 edition of The Jewish Standard.

Mrs. Moe Greenblatt of Quebec who was in town to attend the Waldman-Adelstein wedding has returned home.

Mrs. L. Paperman entertained at a linen shower at the Samovar Tea Rooms Sunday March 30th, honouring Miss Jennie Levine, a bride of June.

The marriage of Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Schwartz of Elberfeld, Germany, to Mr. Wolf Haltrecht of Montreal took place at the home of Rabbi S. Dubitzky, on Sunday, April 6th. The bride was given away by her cousin, Mr. A. Pipersberg, Miss Margot Pipersberg was maid of honor.



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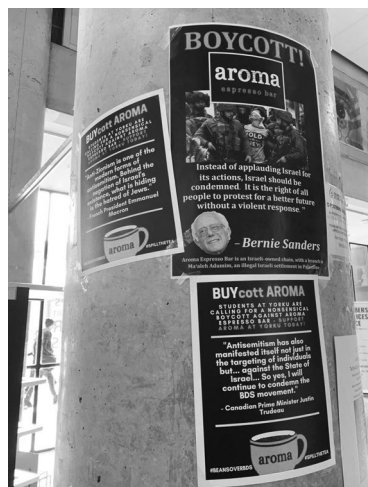
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first step towards removing books by for sale by several supporters of Nazi Germany.

Four books by Julius Streicher, the founder and editor of the Nazi newspaper *Der Sturmer* and executed at Nuremberg, were removed. The children's book *The Mongrel*, an essay on how to teach the "Jewish question" to children, along with Streicher's political manifesto were removed
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AT YORK UNIVERSITY the BDS movement continues to make life uncomfortable for Jewish students. A few weeks ago members of the Palestine Solidarity Collective urged students at York to boycott Aroma Espresso bar. The PSA asked administrators to shut Aroma down and forbid the opening of a second location on campus. In response Hasbara Canada mobilized a campaign encouraging students to patronize Aroma, suggesting students post selfies with their coffee and teas (hashtag #BeansOverBDS).

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TRAVEL TALES

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food and the show. Be sure to make reservations. We started off with a signature Tao-tini (Belvedere Mango Passion, Malibu Run, Cranberry and Fresh Lime), a glass of prosecco and a Bubbles and Berries (True Premium Vodka, Chandon Brut, St. Germain and Fresh Strawberries). We then moved on to various appetizers: The Peking duck spring rolls with hoisin sauce, the spicy tuna tartare on crispy rice and the salmon sashimi followed by miso glazed Chilean sea bass, grilled 12 ounce imperial waygu ribeye (served with crispy fried onions and wow this was beyond amazing!) and lobster and kim-chee fried rice.

BLACK TAP: What fun it was for me to experience a Black Tap (www.blacktap.com) restaurant for the first time and no less their new flagship 35th Street location (known as Black Tap 35th). Inspired by the old-school luncheonettes we grew up in, Black Tap is touted as the new take on the classic burger joint. Upscale, but not fussed-up, their award winning burgers have gotten a lot of well-deserved attention in a short amount of time.

A BRAZILIAN DINING EXPERIENCE: Fogo de Chão (fogo-dee-shown) is a leading Brazilian steakhouse, or churrascaria, specializing in the centuries-old Southern Brazilian cooking technique of churrasco – the art of roasting high-quality cuts of meats over open flame, all of which are carved tableside by Brazilian-trained gaucho chefs. There is Picanha (signature sirloin), Filet Mignon, Ribeye, Fraldinha (Brazilian sirloin) Cordeiro (lamb) and more. In addition to the main dishes, they boast a gourmet market table, authentic

Brazilian side dishes, and an award-winning wine list. Founded in Southern Brazil in 1979, there are currently 56 locations throughout Brazil, the United States, Mexico and the Middle East. I had a chance to experience this restaurant for the very first time at the beautiful West 53rd Street location in midtown Manhattan, just a short walk from Times Square and steps away from MoMA. I opted for the Full Churrasco Experience, which for \$69.95 includes the trained chefs coming to your table. Everything was so fresh and delicious. The beyond impressive market table and feijoada bar is included, featuring seasonal salads, soups, fresh vegetables, imported charcuterie, hearts of palm, giant asparagus, fresh buffalo mozzarella cheese, sun dried tomatoes, fresh cut and steamed broccoli, marinated artichoke bottoms, tabbouleh, smoked salmon, an assortment of fine cheeses and much more. Info: <http://www.fogo.com>

JEWISH CONNECTION: New York's landmark historic Jewish neighborhood, the Lower East Side was once home to the world's largest Jewish community. Covering the area between Houston and Canal Streets east of the Bowery,

this neighborhood is where New York's garment industry began. Today it is a bargain hunter's paradise, with great deals to be found on everything from souvenir t-shirts to menorahs and other Jewish items, especially along Orchard Street in the neighborhood's center. The overall New York Jewish community in the metropolitan area has remained stable at 1.4 million people; the population of New York City is just under a million.

The world-class museums found throughout Manhattan are not to be missed. The historic synagogues should be toured. But in New York City, Jewish life is just a walk down the street. The Jewish Museum (www.thejewishmuseum.org) at 1109 Fifth Ave. (northeast corner of 92nd St.) is dedicated to presenting the remarkable scope and diversity of Jewish culture. You can also visit the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan (www.jccmanhattan.org) at The Samuel Priest Rose Building (334 Amsterdam Avenue at West 76th Street). The Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust (<http://www.mjhnyc.org>) first opened its doors on September 15, 1997 at 36

Battery Place. The Museum differs from other institutions of memory by telling

the story of the Holocaust from the perspective of those who experienced it.

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So, too, was *The Poisonous Mushroom*, a Star of David. Karen Pollock, chief executive of Britain's Holocaust Educational Trust, welcome the move but expressed concern that a "plethora" of Nazi

materials remains for sale on the website.

Among the material apparently still available are the complete diaries of Joseph Goebbels, the *Protocols of the Elders of Zion* and books by SS Heinrich Himmler and senior Nazi official Alfred Rosenberg.

A spokesperson for Amazon said that while "Amazon take concerns seriously" and listens to feedback as a bookseller "we believe that providing access to the written word is important, including books that some may find objectionable".

"Judge Judy" Ends "Judy Justice" Begins

She's been on the TV bench for 25 years. "Judge Judy" is the top-rated daytime syndicated

program, with 9 million viewers every day. It was renewed by CBS-TV Distribution in 2018 through 2021 in a deal worth some \$47 million a year in salary for the "Judge" and gave CBS the right to her library for \$80-\$90 million.

But now Judy Sheindlin moving on, although she is doing anything but retiring from the judging scene. Sheindlin told talk show host Ellen DeGeneres that "Judge Judy" will end in 2021. But she quickly added that "Judy Justice" will premiere the next year, although she declined to say where the new show will be airing.

"CBS sort of felt, I think, they wanted to optimally utilize the repeats of my programs," Sheindlin told DeGeneres. "Now they (Please turn to page 22)

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have 25 years of my reruns. What they decided to do is sell a couple of years' worth of reruns. But I'm not tired," the 77-year-old said, "so Judy Justice will be coming out a year later."

Meanwhile, Judge Sheindlin has waded into the presidential campaign, making it clear that Mike Bloomberg was the best Democrat to take on Donald Trump. "Why risk it? Why risk it on a fantasy or on somebody who is just a really nice guy?" she asked, referring to Sen. Bernie Sanders and former Vice President Joe Biden. "You

want sentimental, turn on Sinatra," she said. "You want a president, you vote for Mike Bloomberg," she added. Clearly, most Democrats did not share her point of view.

Vatican Releases Documents

He's one of the most controversial Popes and the question of his role in the

Holocaust has been the subject of much debate. Now the Vatican has unsealed its secret archive relating to the Holocaust-era Pope Pius XII. The opening will not happen immediately. The archives will open on March 2, 2020, the 81st anniversary of the election of Pius XII in 1939.

The Vatican has always maintained that Pius worked behind the scenes to save Jews. Critics,

The Jewish Standard, April 2020
however, argue that Pius turned a blind eye to Jewish suffering and was actually complicit in the persecutions of the German regime.

Pius was Pope from March 1939 until Oct. 1958. Prior to becoming Pope Eugenio Pacelli served as the Holy See ambassador to Germany from 1917-1929. He witnessed first hand the rise of Nazism.

Scholars have long called on the Vatican to open its secret archives on Pius. Now, after taking 14 years to do inventory, the documents will finally be available, shedding light on Pius' wartime actions. The archives may put to rest the question of whether Pius XII record was, in the words of Bishop Sergio, a scholar of ancient manu-



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scripts who heads the Vatican Secret Archives, a “superhuman work of Christian humanism” and a “Saintly and Heroic Pontiff” or, as British author John Cromwell wrote, “Hitler’s Pope” who blackened the reputation of the Catholic Church.

Coronavirus Caused by Zionists - So Says Iran

Iran has come under fire for its mishandling of the coronavirus pandemic. And so the regime is looking for a scapegoat. Now it appears to have found one - it’s the Zionists of course.

Iran’s Press TV, the arm of the regime’s English language propaganda machine, has published several reports claiming “Zionists” were responsible for the virus. “Zionist elements”, Press TV told its

viewers, “developed a deadlier strain of coronavirus against Iran.”

Of course, it’s not just the “Zionists” who have caused the virus to spread from the holy city of Quorn to Tehran. US sanctions have “drained Iran’s resources needed in the fight against” the virus, according to foreign Minister Javad Zarif. It’s nothing less than “medical terrorism” he claimed.

What it all comes down to is that for Iran “the US and Israel are working together” in what amounts to “biological warfare.”

More Nonsense From Rashida Tlaib

Squadmate Rashida Tlaib never holds back her views on Israel and, by extension, Jews. Her anti-Jewish blood libel tweets have riled

even her own fellow Democratic party members.

Now Tlaib is at it again. While promoting a new book by another anti-Israel activist Linda Sarsour, she was seen wearing a T-shirt that erases Israel from the map.

The shirt shows the whole of Israel as Palestine enrobed with a black and white chequered keffiyeh, a

symbol of Palestinian nationalism.

Tlaib has repeatedly claimed that she favours a two-state solution. But Alex VanNess, a Research Analyst with the Clarian Foundation, sarcastically noted on Twitter that “Rashida Tlaib’s T-shirt doesn’t exactly scream ‘two-state solution’”.

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"When my father Jack turned 21, he signed up to canvass for Combined Jewish Appeal. Seventy-two years later, he is still going strong," notes Janie Etinson. "From him, I learned the importance of community and the joy of giving back. This commitment to philanthropy is a value that Michael and I are trying to pass on to our children and to our grandchildren. Thanks, in part, to the Jewish Community Foundation, we believe we are succeeding."

Kenny, the Etinson's son continued, "When I think about what we have learned from our parents and grandparents, the importance of giving back is a legacy that is being passed onto our children and, hopefully, to future generations of Etinsons."

Janie and Michael became active in community because of their exposure to the needs of the community. "It started," explains Michael, "with Janie attending a meeting at Federation and signing us up for a mission to Israel. On that trip, we learned of the challenges facing residents of Be'er Sheva as well as in our own community in Montreal. This, in turn, inspired me to become active at Federation. I was eventually named Chair of the Allocations Committee, where I got a bird's-eye view of the valuable work of our Jewish agencies and their impact on the daily lives of members of our community."

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Ryan, Janie and Michael's eldest son, says, "The comprehensive range of services that the JCF provides is fantastic, but the real reward is the joy in making a difference in the lives of people who need help." Kenny Etinson adds, "after meeting with the Foundation and visiting the MADA Community Centre, my family's eyes were opened to the critical need for food in our community. That is why we now carry a stack of Subway gift cards, which we distribute when any of us are approached for money on the street."

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