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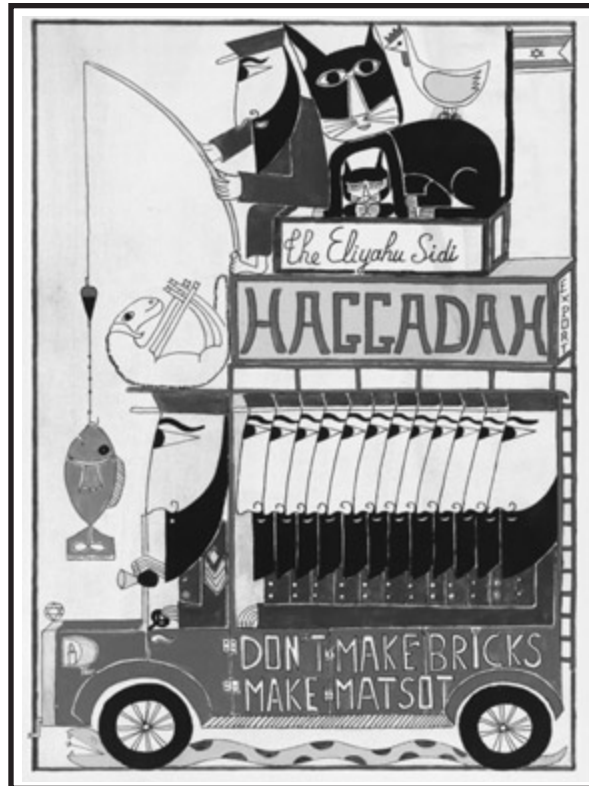
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### **Cover Story**

READERS PLANNING A visit to Washington, D.C. would enjoy a tour of The Museum of the Bible where they can view the special Exhibition "With a Mighty Hand: The Art and History of the Passover Haggadah." On display until May 16 is a selection of the most beautifully illustrated Haggadas from the past 500 years. On the front cover is an illustration from the Leipnik Altona Haggadah, 1738, showing the blessing over the first cup of wine at the Passover Seder. Shown on this page is The Eliyahu Sidi Haggadah, Jerusalem 2007, illustrating the exodus from Egypt taking place on a bright red bus surrounded by images related to Passover and unique personal symbols of cats and a rooster.

**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.



# 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 candidate without a fight.

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COMMUNAL AND SOCIAL LIFE

By ANITA SURMAN

*The Jewish Standard has been publishing since 1929. The following items are from various 1930 editions. - The Editor*

April 18th, 1930;

Mr. and Mrs. I. Polter of Toronto, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Triester, Mrs. Polter's parents, for the first days of Passover.

Mr. Jack Finkelman, barrister, and Mr. Henry Finkelman, attending Toronto University, are visiting their parents for Passover.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Minden and Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Minden visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Minden of St. Catharines, over the week end.

Mrs. M. Rubin, Main Street W, entertained at bridge in honour of her daughter, who is visiting from Detroit for the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Garshowitz spent the first two days of Passover with Mrs. Garshowitz' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg, Toronto.

The members of Ladies' Branch 12, J. N. W.A., to show their gratification at the recent recovery from illnesses of their fellow members Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. I. Levine, held a special gathering in their honour and presented them with silver flower baskets.

Mrs. A., Prussin, Detroit, is visiting Mrs. E. Goldberg, Tisdale Avenue.

Sidney and John, sons of Mr. and Mrs. B. Cohen, Barnesdale Ave., are visiting their parents during the holiday, from Buffalo, New York.

May 9, 1930:

Mrs. I. J. Minden has returned from a trip to Atlantic City and Philadelphia where she visited relatives.

Mrs. E. Smith and Mrs. O. Wigderson entertained Sunday evening in honor of their niece, Miss Celia Shapiro, bride-elect of June.

Misses Hortence Dubin, Phillis Cohen and Zelma Silverman will be confirmed early in June at the Anshe Shalom Synagogue,

Rabbi and Mrs. Arthur A. Feldman left for Pittsburgh, Penn., to attend the Bar Mitzvah of their nephew, Leonard Feldman.

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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 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 immigra-

tion) 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 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, reclining 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 (Please turn to page 8)

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# TRAVEL TALES

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By MIKE COHEN

## NORTH CAROLINA COMES CALLING:

Stephanie Freed-Burns is the Canadian public relations manager for Visit North Carolina ([www.visitnc.com](http://www.visitnc.com)), the official tourism organization for the state. Based in Toronto, she recently undertook a series of media sessions alongside regional representatives from Raleigh, Charlotte, Durham, Transylvania County, Johnston County and the Outer Banks. I took part in the event at Marcus Restaurant at the new Four Seasons Hotel in Montreal.

The State of North Carolina sure did come across to me as inviting. What does it have to offer? Professional sports teams in the NFL, NHL and NBA; college sport powerhouses like Duke and North Carolina State; world class BBQ and incredible southern fusion cuisine; funky and artsy Mountain towns; unique boutique accommodations; epic cycling routes all the way to the stunning Outer Banks beaches with unparalleled windsurfing and fishing; great art museums, music; and shopping in Charlotte and Raleigh.

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# PROVEN WRONG

VIOLENCE DID NOT ERUPT AFTER TRUMP PEACE  
PLAN REVEALED

By MITCHELL BARD

*Mitchell Bard is the Executive Director of The Jewish Virtual Library, a project of The American-Israeli Cooperative Enterprise (AICE) which was established in 1993 as a nonprofit and nonpartisan organization to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship by emphasizing the fundamentals of the alliance — the values the nations share, - The Editor*

Following the announcement of Trump's peace plan, we again heard prophecies of doom. What happened?

Unlike most other U.S. peace plans, the Trump plan won rhetorical support from most of America's Arab allies – Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Oman, and Egypt – despite condemnation by the Arab League. In fact, the ambassadors from Bahrain, Oman and the UAE attended the White House launch of the plan (Simon Henderson, "Trump peace plan attracts some Gulf states, but not consensus backing," The Hill, January 29, 2020). The mythical "Arab street" did not revolt against the leaders of those countries and the Palestinian leadership was unable to manufacture popular outrage.

Immediately after the announcement of the

peace plan, Mahmoud Abbas denounced it, threatened to dismantle the Palestinian Authority, vowed to end cooperation with Israel's security forces and called for mass demonstrations. The first pledge was phony and the second a failure.

Abbas has routinely talked about dismantling the PA, but that would mean he would lose his power and his reign of terror over Palestinians would end. It's an idle threat. Similarly, Abbas continues to work with Israel to stay in power. Without Israel's security forces operating in the disputed territories, Abbas fears Hamas would oust him from power as it did in Gaza. Fortunately for him, Israel shares that fear and works with Palestinian security agencies to prevent Hamas from taking over the PA.

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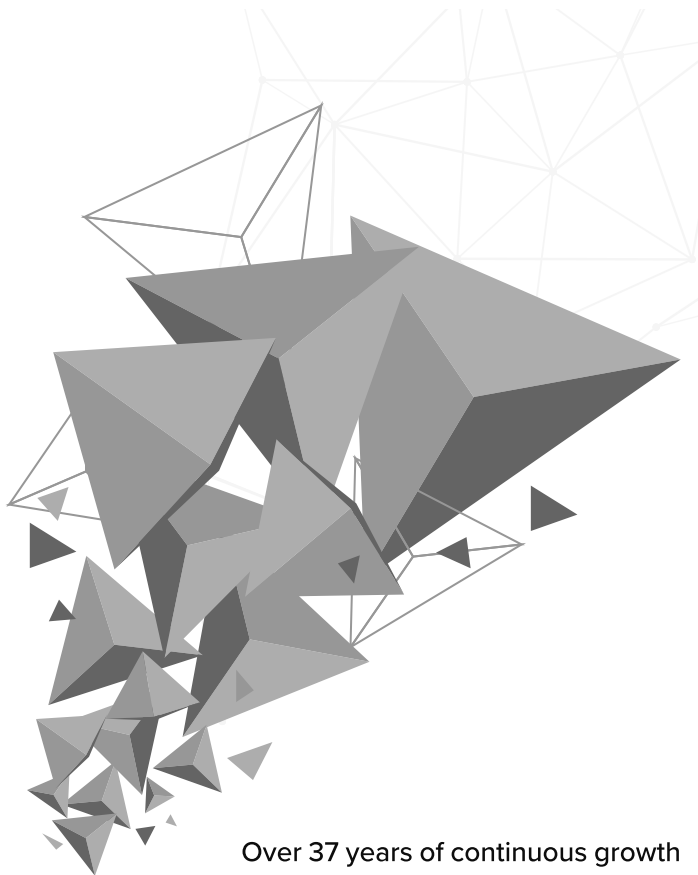


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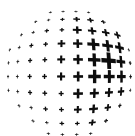
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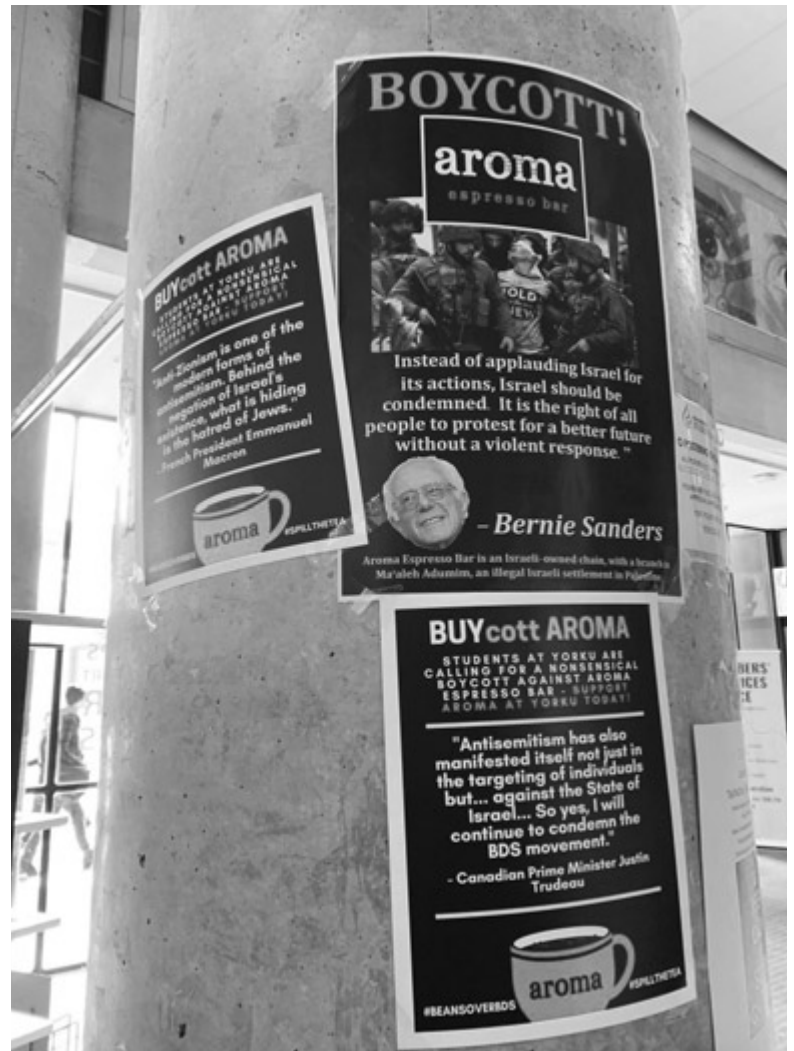
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haggadas and the seder went on."

"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 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



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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 those

18 months. That autumn, in the face of the Jewish underground's military assaults and sharply escalating international 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.

For the Efratis and the thousands of other DPs whose plight I.F. Stone helped publicize with his impassioned prose, the exodus was over and homecoming was finally at hand.

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Mrs. Louis Epstein and children, of Ottawa, are visiting Mrs. Epstein's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Levy, Hunter St., W.

Mrs. Irving Smith, of Montreal, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Epstein, John St, S.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Borovoy and baby daughter, of Toronto, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wasserman James St. North, last Sunday.

The members of the Shoshannan Chapter of Junior Hadassah were entertained at bridge at the home of Miss Stella Silverstein, following their meeting last Monday evening,

Mr. and Mrs. Honickman and son, Nathan, Mr. and Mrs. Bornstein and Mrs. A. Langer, of Toronto, were the guests last Sunday of Mr.

and Mrs. J. K. Borovoy, Bay Street South.

The Ladies' Auxiliarily of the Beth Jacob Synagogue entertained last Sunday evening at bridge. The proceeds of the evening were donated to the Synagogue Fund, The success of the evening was due to the efforts of the committee, consisting of Mesdames H. Kaufman, H. Cohen, O. Paikin, Z. Takefman, S. Needle, M. Lamberg, J. Grinblatt, S. Davidovitz and J. Rosenfeld.

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Mr. Jay Honickman, of Toronto, was in Hamilton last Sunday on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Borovoy.

Mrs. T. Epstein, John St. North, entertained last week in honor of her daughter, Mrs. I. Smith, of Montreal.

Miss Dorothy Kates entertained last week at two tables of bridge. Prize winners were Misses Shirley Wright and Betty Zack.

## **CELEBRITY COUPLE HAS BABY BOY**



**QUENTIN TARANTINO AND HIS ISRAEL MODEL and singer wife Daniella Pick, named their first child Leo, for Pick's maternal grandfather, Ari-Sehem-Or. Tarantino, 56, and Pick, 36, had a Jewish wedding ceremony in 2018 officiated by a Reform rabbi. They began dating in 2009 when the director was in Israel promoting "Inglorious Bastards." Pick is the daughter of Israel singer and composer Svika Pick. Photo (Karwai Tang/WireImage/Getty Images)**



**TRAVEL TALES***(Continued from page 6)*

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*Mike Cohen can be reached at [info@mikecohen.ca](mailto:info@mikecohen.ca). Follow his travels at [www.sandboxworld.com/travel](http://www.sandboxworld.com/travel).*

## DIRE PREDICTIONS PROVEN WRONG

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Most Palestinians may not have liked the terms of the peace plan, but they were not so angry they were motivated to protest. In fact, to mobilize a demonstration, the PA closed all the government offices and schools and bused people to Ramallah (Ma'an, February 11, 2020). Contrary to Ma'an's claim that "hundreds of thousands of citizens marched," the truth was that besides small sporadic protests, that one staged rally in Ramallah

with a tiny fraction of a hundred thousand demonstrators was all the outrage they could muster. Palestinians told *Al Jazeera* they could not get too excited over the plan because nothing had changed. "It's already our reality," one said (Arwa Ibrahim, "Anger in Palestine over Trump plan, but protests see low turnout," *Al Jazeera*, January 29, 2020).

Mariam Barghouti had a different explanation for the failure of Abbas to

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mobilize the masses. She blamed it on the PA's "repression of the Palestinian people" for the last 20 years. "Its attitude, rhetoric, and policies in the past and in the present have always been directed not at protecting the rights and wellbeing of the Palestinian people, but at maintaining power at any cost." Many Palestinians, she said, "stopped seeing a reason to take to the streets because their protest would either be brutally cracked down on or co-opted by political forces they see as illegitimate" (Mariam Barghouti, "Why is the Palestinian Authority unable to mobilize its people?" *Al Jazeera*, February 4, 2020).

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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 retain their seats. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has any number of opponents in both parties seeking to unseat her and the controversial Rashida Tlaib has no shortage of Republicans seeking that party's nomination.



#### Anybody But Trump

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 unfavourably towards the now unlikely nominee 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  
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white nationalists.

There was some good news for Trump. His disapproval rating among Jews has dropped from 71% last year to 61% now. And a majority of voters, both Democrat 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 they voted.

### **Amazon Actions Only a Start**

Amazon has taken what is regarded as a first step towards removing books 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. So, too, was *The Poisonous Mushroom*, whose front cover has a racist illustration of a mushroom made to look like a Jewish caricature of a bearded man with a large nose marked with a Star of David.

Karen Pollock, chief executive of Britain's Holocaust Educational Trust, welcomed 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 the notorious senior Nazi official Alfred Rosenberg.

A spokesperson for Amazon said that while "Amazon takes concerns seriously" and listens to feedback as a bookseller "we believe that providing access to the written word is im-

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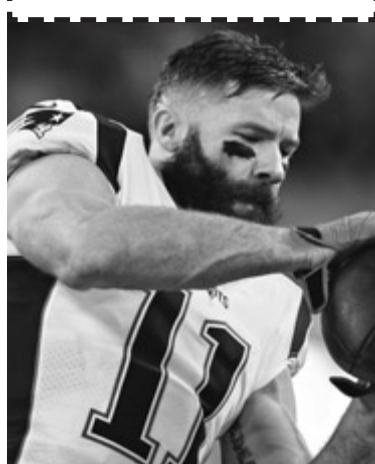
### **“Judge Judy” Ends “Judy Justic” Begins**

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.

The show 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 is moving on, although she is doing  
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### **STAR RECEIVER STUDIES FOR BAR MITZVAH**



NEW ENGLAND STAR Julian Edelman acknowledges that he was not brought up “Jewish”. His father is Jewish but his mother is not. But over the past few years Edelman has come to embrace Judaism and now speaks with a rabbi every Friday. In 2014 he wore a pin during a game featuring an Israeli flag. He went on a Birthright trip to Israel and has written a children’s book that references Theodor Herzl. Last December he wore cleats to show his support for the Israel Basketball Association. And now Edelman is planning his bar mitzvah, the culmination of his new Jewish pride.

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anything but retiring that “Judge Judy” will from the judging scene. end in 2021. But she Sheindlin told talk show quickly added that host Ellen DeGeneres “Judy Justice” will pre-

miere 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 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 in her view 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, I-Vt., and former Vice President Joe Biden. “You want to be sentimental, turn on Sinatra,” she said, “You want a president, you vote for Mike Bloomberg,” she added.

Obviously the good judge was disappointed that most Democrats did not share her opinion. We presume she will now join the “anybody but Trump” camp.

### 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 archives relating to the Holocaust-era Pope Pius XII. The opening will not happen immediately. The archives will become available on March 2, 2020, the 81st anniversary of the election of Pius XII in 1939.

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maintained that Pius worked behind the scenes to save Jews. Critics, however, counter 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 become 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 manuscripts 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.

### *No Sympathy for Madoff*

Bernie Madoff is now 81 and suffering from kidney failure. He claims that he has no more than 18 months to live.

Madoff has applied for release from prison under the First Step Act, a bipartisan law signed by President Donald Trump in 2018 allowing early freedom to some older prisoners due to health issues.

The U.S. government opposes the move. Prosecutors maintain that Madoff should continue serving his 150 year sentence to ensure that "one of history's worst fraudsters" is shown no leniency. "Why  
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Elena has been an educator and program facilitator with FSWC for the past four years and is thrilled to be expanding the organization's outreach in Ottawa and the surrounding communities. She graduated from McGill University with an M.A. in History in 2014 and has performed extensive research on topics including populist antisemitism in east-central Europe in the

early 20th century, slavery in the British and Ottoman Empires, and the lasting implications of Canada's Indian Act of 1876. She is passionate about making history accessible and engaging for everyone and helping young people make connections between our collective past and the world we live in today.

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should he be shown any compassion," said one of the

victims who wrote to the Manhattan federal court, "when he had none for his many victims".

While Madoff's lawyer, Brandon Sample, argues that his client "remains remorseful" for what he did, prosecutors are unconvinced. They argue, moreover, that Madoff has responded well to kidney dialysis treatment and could therefore live longer than the 18 months he is claiming.

Madoff's prospects are not promising. His fate will be determined by Circuit Judge Denny Chin, who called Madoff's crimes "extraordinarily evil" when imposing the 150-year sentence in June 2009.

### *Coronavirus Caused by Jews - 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 Jews 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 Jews 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."

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### ***Tree of Life Victims Receive Compensation***

Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue, along with Dor Hadash and New Light Congregation which rented space in the building, will distribute \$5.4 million donated in the months following the October shooting.

The committee overseeing the distribution of moneys collected announced that \$3 million would be given to the families of the 11 victims and to the two congregants seriously wounded. Another \$1.2 million will be directed towards the rebuilding of the Tree of Life structure. The remaining funds will go to support memorialization and honouring first respondents and to Dor Hadash and New Light.

The distributions were based on recommendations by Pittsburgh's Jewish Federation and are separate from the funds the Federation collected. "One of the principles that guided the committee's deliberations relative to the funds received by Tree of Life was 'shalom b'bayit - the need to arrive at recommendations that would foster healing in the congregations, among victims' families and harmony throughout the wider Jewish community", said Barbara Caplan, co-president of new Light.

### ***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 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, Research Analyst with the Clarian Foundation, sarcastically noted on Twitter that "Rashida Tlaib's T-shirt doesn't exactly scream 'two-state solution'".

### ***Kosher Food For British MPs***

Charlotte Nichols is an MP in the British parliament. She is also Jewish. Ever since she was elected in Warrington North (Labour) in 2019 she has been ordering vegetarian food. Some members of her staff are forced to bring their kosher lunches every day. lunches every day.

But now that is about to change. Nichols, and fellow MP Zarah Sultana and backed by 49 cross-party MPs petitioned to have the Bellamy restaurant serve

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kosher and halal food. Now the House of Commons restaurant will offer both foods in a three month trial which began on March 30.

"We've had Jewish MPs now for about 200 years", said Nichols. "I'm certainly by no means the first. Likewise we've had Muslim MPs for decades. It's something that is long overdue and there are people who have been pushing for this for a long time." Added Sultana: "In 2020, Parliament must be accessible to Muslim & Jewish MPs, Lords, staff & visitors".

We are not sure anti-Semite Jeremy Corbyn is equally thrilled.

### *Using a Kippah to Combat Coronavirus*

Beth Shoshanna synagogue in Raalte, Netherlands recently posted a message on its Facebook page urging male congregants to use their kippot as a face mask to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

In its instructional video a man is seen lowering his kippa, which is fastened around his ears with string, from the top of his head to cover his mouth. The video further suggested that women should "temporarily" wear kippot in the same manner.

The Conference of European Rabbis had previously advised Jews to avoid shaking hands and kissing communal ritual items such as siddurim, tallot, mezuzot and sefer Torahs.

### *Detroit Couple Sues American Airlines*

Yehuda Yosef and Jennie Adler, along with their 19 month old daughter, had just settled into their seats in Houston, Texas when a gate agent told them to leave the airplane. Once off the plane they were told that the pilot had asked them to be removed because of body odor.

There were, according to the Adlers, no complaints from other passengers. They also insisted that they had showered that morning. But, says the lawsuit, the "defendant's agent made disparaging and derogatory statements telling the Adlers that he knew that Orthodox Jews take baths once a week."

What made matters even worse is that the flight took off with all of the family's baggage, including a stroller and a car seat. While the airline put the family up in a hotel and they were flown home the next day, they nienced, treated as crim-

inals, humiliated, insulted, defamed, missed appointments and suffered trauma and emotional distress" the lawsuit claims.

The Adlers are seeking unspecified damages and all attorney's fees.

### *Not Kosher Enough*

Michigan prisoners, who won the right to eat meat and dairy kosher meals  
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in the U.S. District of Eastern Michigan, are being forced to eat foods certified by a Conservative rabbi. which counsel Daniel Manville claims, violates the terms of the settlement. Manville insists that only an Orthodox rabbi can provide the proper kosher certification.

"To plaintiffs' dismay, the defendant obtained illegitimate kosher certification of its prison kitchens by a Conservative rabbi", Manville wrote in his motion.

Kosher Michigan, which won the Michigan Department of Corrections contract, is owned and operated by a local Conservative rabbi.

### **Only Rabbi Ousted In Democratic Primary**

Rabbi Yehiel "Mark Kalish, the only rabbi to

ever serve in the Illinois state legislature, was defeated by a progressive candidate. Kalish, an Orthodox father of six, was appointed in January 2019 to the unexpired term when Rep. Lou Lang, who had served the district for more than three decades, retired to pursue business opportunities.

The district, which includes Skokie and Rogers Park, is about 30 percent Orthodox Jewish.

Kalish ran into trouble with many voters in June when he voted "present" on the Reproductive Health Act, a bill designed to commit the state to abortion rights. Kalish had indicated originally that hoped to support the bill but "as the legislation was developed it became clear to me that the Orthodox Jewish values and beliefs were not aligned with some core components of the legislation."

### **BILL GOLDBERG WINS WWE TITLE IN SAUDI ARABIA**



*BILL GOLDBERG, 53, IS THE GRANDSON OF Romanian and Russian immigrants, who had his bar mitzvah in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He played football in the NFL and CFL before becoming a professional wrestler. Goldberg recently won the WWE universal title for the second time in a match held in Saudi Arabia. According to reports hundreds of Saudi Arabian wrestling fans were on their feet cheering his name. The new champ was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 2018.*



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