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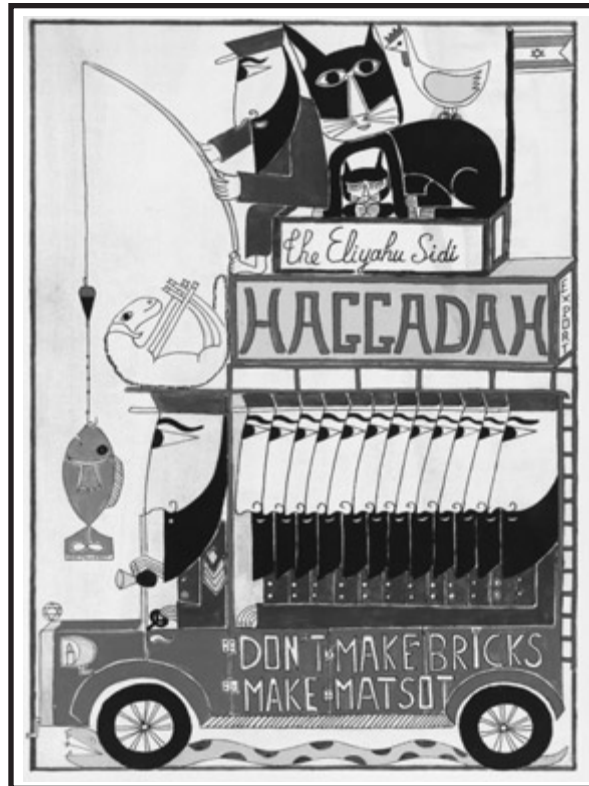
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READERS PLANNING A visit to Washington, D.C. would enjoy a tour of The Museum of the Bible where they can view the special Exhibition "With a Mighty Hand: The Art and History of the Passover Haggadah." On display until May 16 is a selection of the 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.

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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.

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 retain their seats. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has any number of opponents in both parties seeking to unseat her and 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 sup-

port 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 now unlikely Democratic nominee, 65% of Jews said they would still vote for him.

A majority of those polled hold "President Trump at least partially responsible" (Please turn to page 11)

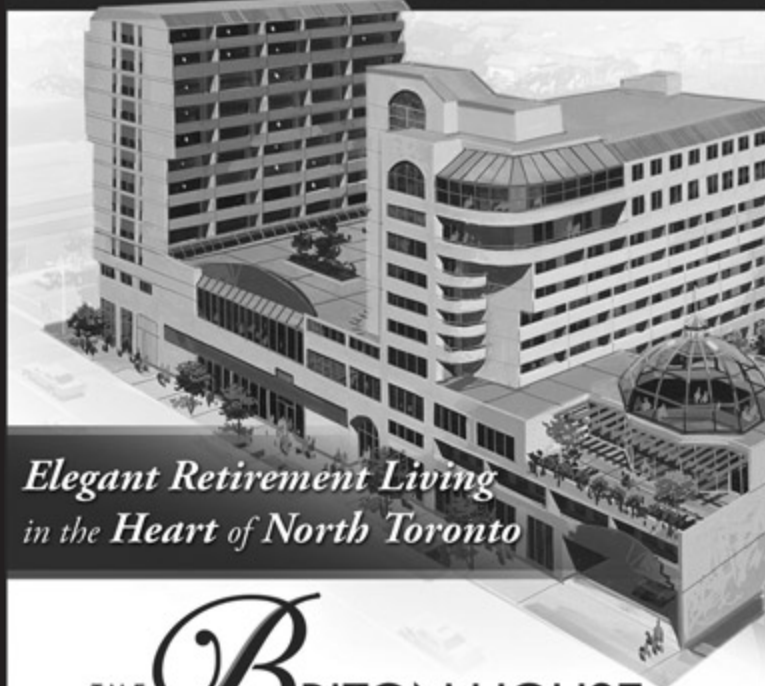
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I.F. STONE CELEBRATED PASSOVER IN 1947 IN A DETENTION CAMP ON CYPRUS

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

(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

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 desperate Holocaust survivors crowded the Displaced Persons camps in Allied-occupied Europe, waiting for British permission to immigrate to

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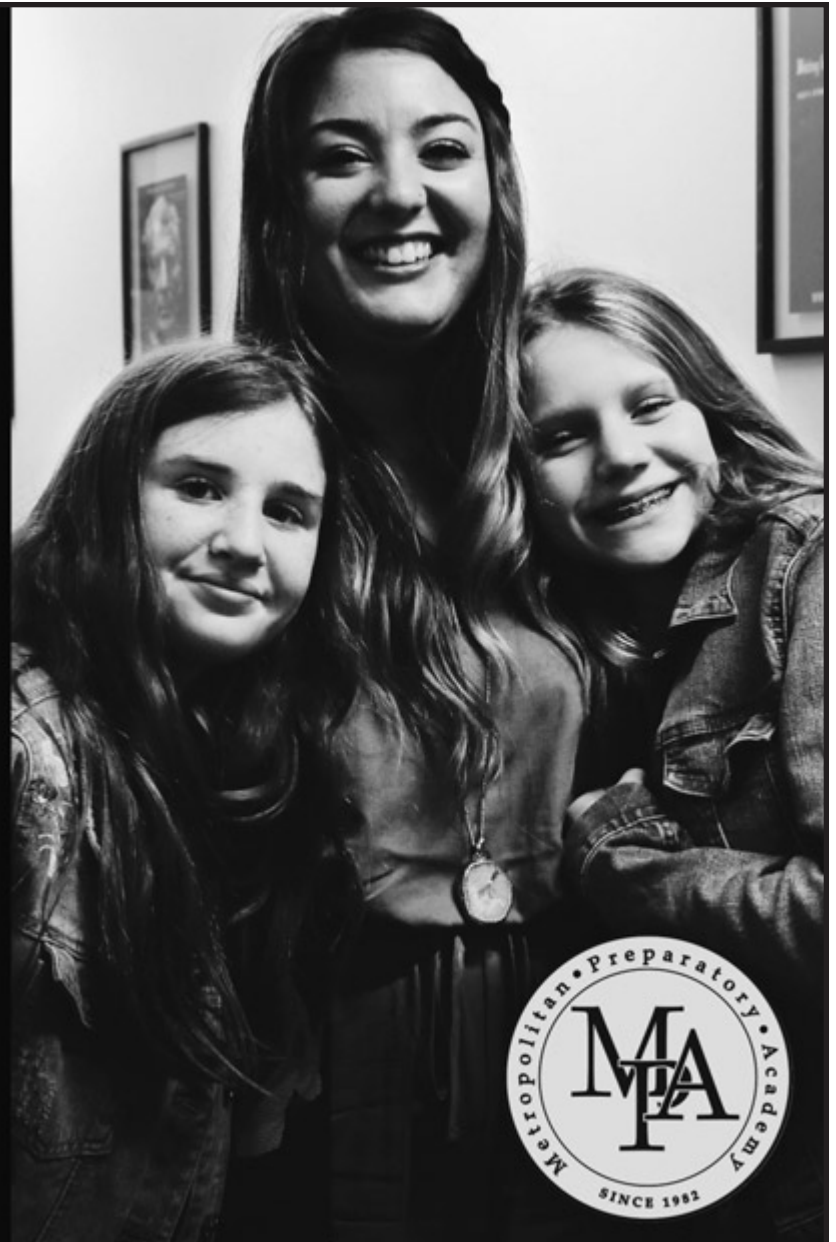
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DIRE PREDICTIONS PROVEN WRONG

VIOLENCE DID NOT ERUPT AFTER TRUMP PEACE PLAN REVEALED

By MITCHELL BARD

Frequently, when the United States government discusses taking action that may benefit Israel, which Palestinians and other Arabs object to, we hear dire predictions from Arabists and pundits that the “Arab street” will erupt, the reign of Arab leaders who are American allies will be threatened and U.S. interests will be put at risk. These warnings, meant to dissuade policy-makers from acting, inevitably prove unfounded.

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

The Arabist fears date to the 1930s. From that point on, these government officials predicted U.S. access to oil and relations with the Arab states would be jeopardized by support for the creation of a Jewish state and, later, strengthening ties with Israel. Instead,

as U.S.-Israel relations grew stronger, so did U.S.-Arab relations.

When President Harry Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and moved America’s embassy from Tel Aviv, the usual suspects warned that Muslims around the world

would erupt in anger, the Palestinians would riot, and Arab leaders would turn on the United States. It didn’t happen. We heard perfunctory condemnation from some Arab leaders and there were a handful of protests, but life went on in Jerusalem and American interests remained unaffected.

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

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CAROLINES ON BROADWAY: For years I have walked by Carolines on Broadway (<https://www.carolines.com>), promising myself that I would one day check out this world famous comedy club.

Well I finally did so, booking a dinner and show package on a Saturday evening. I arrived at 5:45 pm, checked in and was shown to a nice table in the club where veteran server Alfred took my order – some crispy fresh cut zucchini chips to start and a main course of grilled salmon and roasted potatoes. The menu has a nice variety of choices; appetizers such as calamari, nachos and onion rings and a selection of salads and sandwiches, pastas, chicken and steaks. Strawberry shortcake, apple tart and chocolate cake are just some of the delectable dessert offerings. Of course there is a full liquor and cocktail menu.

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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, despite its best efforts, was unable to manufacture any real popular outrage on the streets.

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 nothing more than an idle threat. Similarly, Abbas continues to work with Israel in order to stay in power. Without Israel's security forces fully operating in the disputed territories, Abbas fears his hated

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rival 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.

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 mobilize the masses. She blamed it on the PA's "repression of the Palestinian people" for the last 20 years. "Its attitude," *(Please turn to page 11)*

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puses across North America, the BDS movement
continues to make life uncomfortable for Jewish
student bodies. 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 cam-
paign encouraging students to patronize Aroma,
suggesting students post selfies with their coffee
and teas (hashtag #BeansOverBDS).

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rhetoric, and policies in the past and in the present have always been directed not at protecting the rights and well being 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).

WORLD IN REVIEW

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ble 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 has dropped from 71% last year to 61% at this point. 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 on 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

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

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Mrs. H. Langer, of Hamilton, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cadesky, Borden St., over the weekend.

Mrs. S.E. Lyons, Douglas Drive, entertained at dinner Sunday.

Miss Sylvia Dover, R.N., visiting from New York, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Samuels, Brunswick Av.

Mrs. N. L. Goldstein, 236 Keele St., has returned from Buffalo and Philadelphia, where she has been visiting the past nine weeks.

Dr. Ben Keyfetz, of Rochester, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr.

and Mrs. M.H. Keyfetz, Northcliffe Blvd.

Mrs. Lionel Fogler, Avenue Rd., has returned after spending the past two months in Miami.

Miss Cecil Ross, of Chatham, is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman, Melvin Avenue.

Mrs. H. Nathanson, Ridge Drive, entertained at dinner Sunday, in honour of Mrs. Rittman who is visiting from New York.

Mrs. A. Singer, Wells Hill, was hostess at a luncheon at the Georgian Room, and theatre, in honour of Mrs. I. Rittman of New York, the guest of Mrs. Harold Levy.

Miss Gert Finkelstein, Crawford St., entertained Saturday evening, at an informal dance for about twenty couples. A enjoyable evening was had by all.



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desk which was perfect for me to write my stories and good drawer and cupboard space. You can get a fridge and a microwave, depending upon availability and on request.

In the book *The Algonquin Kid: Adventures Growing Up In New York's Legendary Hotel*, author Michael Colby tells the story of his grandparents Mary

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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 guerilla 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 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 (Please turn to following page)

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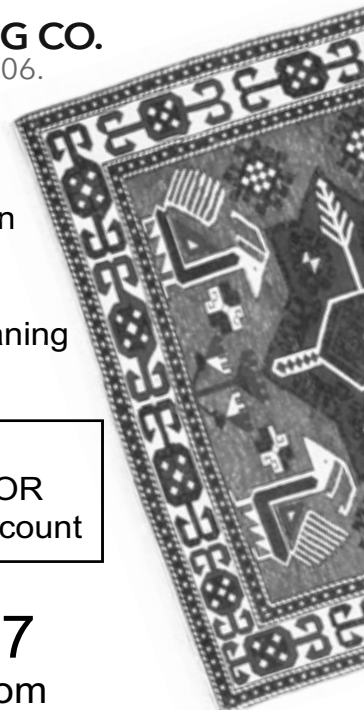
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PASSOVER SEDER

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ing 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 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 really 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 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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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.

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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 senior Nazi official, the notorious 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 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. 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 is 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

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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 she believed 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. Presumably 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

The Jewish Standard, April 2020

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, 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 manuscripts who heads the Vatican Secret Archives, a "superhuman work of Christian humanism" and a "Saintly and Heroic Pontiff"

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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 should he be shown any compassion," asked 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,

insists 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 easily 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 has 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

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viewers, that “Zionist elements 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.”

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 supporting memorialization and honouring first respondents and to Dor Hadash and New Light.

The distributions were based on recommenda-

tions 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 even riled most of her fellow Democrats.

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’



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