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The BDS Movement, Black Lives Matter, and the Abraham Accords

The recent normalization agreements between Israel and the United Arab Emirates, the Kingdom of Bahrain and Sudan have been hailed by most observers as “transformative”, a ground-breaking moment in the turbulent world of the Abrahamic faiths.

The enthusiasm, however, is not shared by one of Israel’s fiercest critics. BDS activists are watching in dismay as the Palestinian issue becomes no more than a territorial dispute. Never mind that the agreements might actually restore the potential of a path towards a two-state solution. The BDS movement sloughs off the Abraham Accords. No peace deal is going to derail these fanatics from their ultimate objective of obliterating Israel.

And so as the Palestinian issue recedes in importance BDS supporters are scrambling to find new partners to give them badly needed support. They hope to have found a “saviour” in the receptive ears of the influential Black Lives Matter.

Black Lives Matter was created in 2012 as “a call to action and a response to the virulent anti-Black racism that permeates our society”. But today it peddles the nonsense that the Black Lives Matter movement is “intrinsically tied to the Palestinians” and that the prevention of more George Floyd deaths will happen only if “apartheid” Israel stops committing “genocide” and is punished for offering training to US police officers like Derek Chauvin.

Today, across the United States and especially on university campuses and at anti racism marches, the BDS Movement has linked arms with BLM and M4BL in vilifying Israel. The two speak the same language. Both accuse

Israel of “murdering children.” Both believe that Louis Farrakhan was right when he said that Jews are “sending this nation to hell.”

But BDS will reap no benefit from riding on BLM’s coattails. It is a lost cause, having achieved little of what Omar Barghouti envisioned. Converting gullible university students will have no impact on what transpires between Israel and its neighbours more than 6000 thousand miles away.

What should concern Black leaders is that the BLM platform has led to a serious backlash among progressive Jewish organizations. “We were stunned and outraged by the erroneous and egregious claims of genocide and apartheid”, The Rabbinical Assembly of Conservative Judaism said. The Union for Reform Judaism told BLM leaders in a blunt message that it “rejected wholeheartedly the notion that effective anti-racism work can only be done by denouncing and excoriating Israel”. And in an even more ominous sign of the growing rift the Jewish Community Relations Council of Boston threatened to repudiate the whole BLM movement.

BDS followers have always had delusions of grandeur. But BLM has obvious staying power. We would hope that Black leaders realize the folly of cutting the umbilical cord that binds them to Jewish progressives. Far better to acknowledge that Blacks and Jews are on the same side of the anti-racist fence. Infecting BLM’s rank and file with the poison of hate for Jews and Israel is hardly a blueprint for increased support among those who can be strong, empathetic and dedicated allies.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Rabbi Warned - By His Own Shul

Rabbi Ariel Abel of the Princess Road Synagogue in Liverpool, England has been told in no uncertain terms by his synagogue to stop “bringing it into disrepute”.

Rabbi Abel’s “crime” was that he questioned “how it is possible to halachically allow anyone to fast” during a pandemic. “No one can possibly know how, if they catch it, COVID-19 will affect them. They would be playing God to decide on a 25-hour fast and allow the immune system to lower itself to vulnerability to this terrible plague. Where are...our great rabbis in respect to this?”

Rabbi Abel’s article, which appeared in *The Jewish Telegraph*, prompted senior warden Saul Marks to issue Abel a letter admonishing him over the “controversy it has caused in some circles”. Marks stated that while there was “no objection...to his right to publish halachic opinions”, the synagogue asks that he “write nothing that could reasonably reflect badly on the congregation”.

Rabbi Abel was further told to ensure that his columns are accompanied by a disclaimer that “the opinions expressed are his own and not necessarily those shared by Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation or its management”. The Liverpool Old Hebrew Congregation is popularly known as the Princess Road Synagogue.

The rabbi is unrepentant. He insists that

“we have no right in Judaism to disregard clear and palpable dangers... There is nothing holy about wading into a 25 hour fast in the knowledge that you could be dead within a fortnight because of the risk you took”.

Rabbi Abel first joined

the Orthodox synagogue in 1999 and since 2014 has been active on a part time basis. His dynamic leadership has helped give the congregation new life. As for Saul Marks...he expressed great enthusiasm when Abel rejoined the synagogue. “We’ve worked

with him for many years in different capacities and his move here means he’ll be able to provide us, and indeed the whole Liverpool Jewish community, with a more complete ministerial service.”

It remains to be seen how strained the relationship has now become.

REFLECTIONS ON CHANUKAH

Some two thousand years ago, the Syrian King Antiochus Epiphanes, seeking to Hellenize the people under his sway, ordered that the Temple of Jerusalem be converted into a house of pagan worship and that the Jews give up their religion for the polytheism and idolatry of the Greeks. Though some, preferring the security of surrender, yielded to Hellenization and knelt in prayer before the strange gods that Antiochus had placed at the Temple, an overwhelming majority were unbending in their stubborn allegiance to the faith of their fathers and sent forth such immortal heroes as Mattathias and his son Judas Maccabeus to turn the Syrian invaders back in defeat. For three years the stalwart Jews resisted until the armies that had been commanded to beat them into submission retreated and the Temple was one again dedicated to the worship of God.

It is this memorable defense of the Jewish faith that we celebrate in Chanukah, the Feast of Lights. Throughout the many centuries the Jews have lived in the Diaspora, the Chanukah candles have been a flaming torch proclaiming to an often hostile world about them that persecution and discrimination cannot destroy the Jews’ religious identity.

Up to the appearance of Herzl, the energies of the Jewish people were concentrated in defensive, passive acts of survival. Possessed by the indomitable spirit of Judeas Maccabeus, Herzl sought to re-establish the Jews in Palestine as the Maccabees had restored their religion in the Temple, thereby transforming a passive struggle for self-preservation into a positive movement for national renaissance.

In the story of Chanukah, in its legends and miracles and martyrdom, we Jews have throughout our history found the inspiration and courage to continue our painful struggle for our rights and traditions. The Chanukah lamp contains the essence of the perpetuation of the Jewish People.

Gal Gadot And Cleopatra

Israeli actor Gail Gadot is a superstar, one of the highest paid actors in the film industry. She earned \$20 million for the Netflix film “Red Notice” and reportedly has a net worth of over \$30 million. She is best known for her role as Wonder Woman.

Now Gadot has been cast as the legendary Egyptian queen Cleopatra. The announcement has been greeted with scorn from one angry source. Former journalist and beauty queen Sameera Khan complained that the role should have gone to a “stunning” Arab actress instead of a “very bland looking Israeli”. Khan wrote on Twitter: “Your country steals Arab land & you’re stealing their movie roles.”

When Khan asked what “Hollywood dumbass thought it would be a good idea to cast an Israeli actress as an Egyptian icon”, she forgot to mention that Cleopatra was actually of Greek Macedonian origin. Cleopatra was a descendant of Ptolemy I, a Macedonian Greek who established himself as king of Egypt after the death of his companion Alexander the Great. However, because her mother’s

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TIME TO REVIVE THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS

THE NAME AND THE MISSION OF THE CJC ARE MISSING FROM TODAY'S CANADIAN JEWISH LANDSCAPE

By JACK SILVERSTONE AND MIKE COHEN

Had it not been dissolved in 2011, the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) would have celebrated its 100th anniversary last year as an organization recognized and respected worldwide for its strong and successful advocacy role.

At a time when acts of intolerance in an unstable world seem only to grow worse, we believe there is an important role for a body like CJC. While existing Jewish organizations serve the community well, none

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can truly present itself as being democratically elected.

CJC stood out from the time of its founding in Montreal in 1919 for exactly that. Its officers were not appointed, but rather elected. Triennial plenary assemblies allowed for members of the Jewish community from coast to coast to register as delegates

and vote for representatives as well as on policy matters. Their work was vital. As historian and former CJC national president Professor Irving Abella stated in Toronto's *Globe and Mail*: "On March 16, 1919, 209 Canadian Jews gathered in the Monument National Theatre in Montreal to take part in the founding of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

This was, at the time, a country of quotas, restrictions and boycotts. It was and would, for most of the next 50 years, remain a nation blanketed by a stifling and seemingly impenetrable antisemitism and xenophobia."

The aptly named "Parliament of Canadian Jewry" had a unique structure that provided for Canada-wide representation. Delegates from national, regional and local Jewish

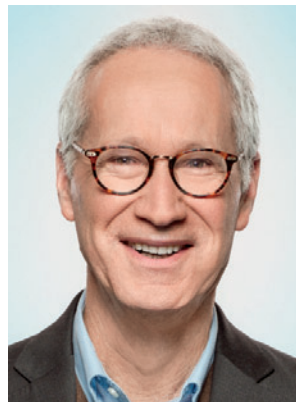
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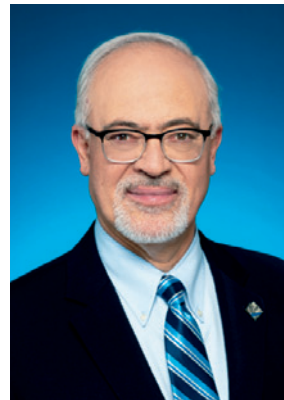
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JOE BIDEN, FDR, AND THE NAZIS

JOE BIDEN BRINGS ATTENTION TO A FORGOTTEN ISSUE IN AMERICA'S PAST

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

President-elect Joe Biden will have the distinction of being the first American presidential candidate to draw attention to the U.S. government's shameful record of friendly relations with Nazi Germany in the 1930s.

During the final presidential debate on October 22, President Donald Trump claimed that he has "a good relationship" with North Korea and argued that "having a good relationship with leaders of other countries is a good thing." The future President

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retorted that "we had a good relationship with Hitler before he in fact invaded Europe."

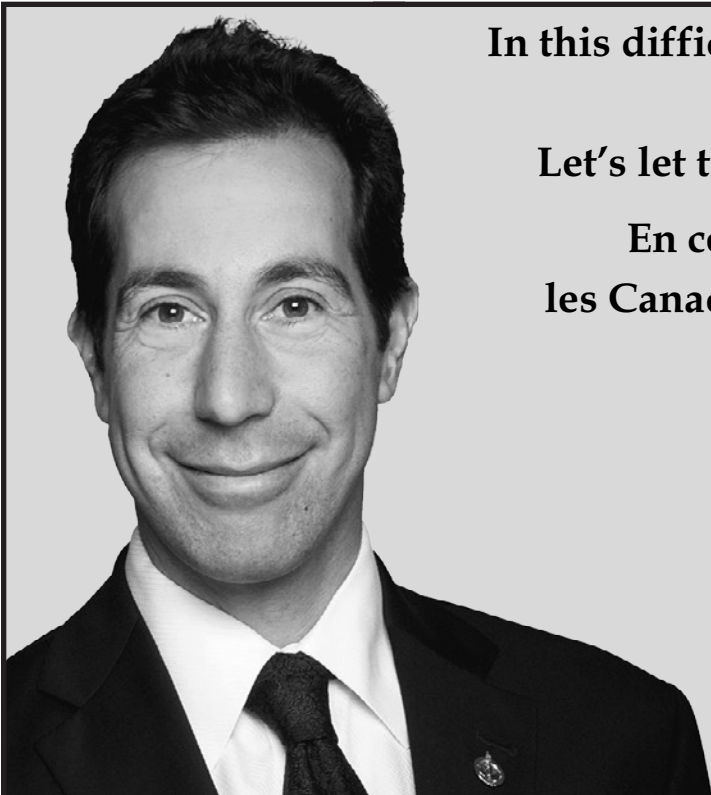
Biden's assertion must have surprised many viewers of the debate, who likely assumed that because President Franklin D. Roosevelt led America in a war against Nazi Germany,

he must have always been hostile to the Hitler regime. In fact, from the time FDR first took office in 1933, until America entered World War II in December 1941, the Roosevelt administration's policy was to pursue cordial, sometimes even friendly, relations with the Nazi regime.

Many Americans boycotted products from Nazi Germany. But the Roosevelt administration helped Nazi Germany evade the boycott in the 1930s by permitting goods from Germany to bear labels that misled consumers as to their country of origin. The administration halted this disgraceful practice only when threatened with a lawsuit by boycott activists.

FDR also sent Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper to address a

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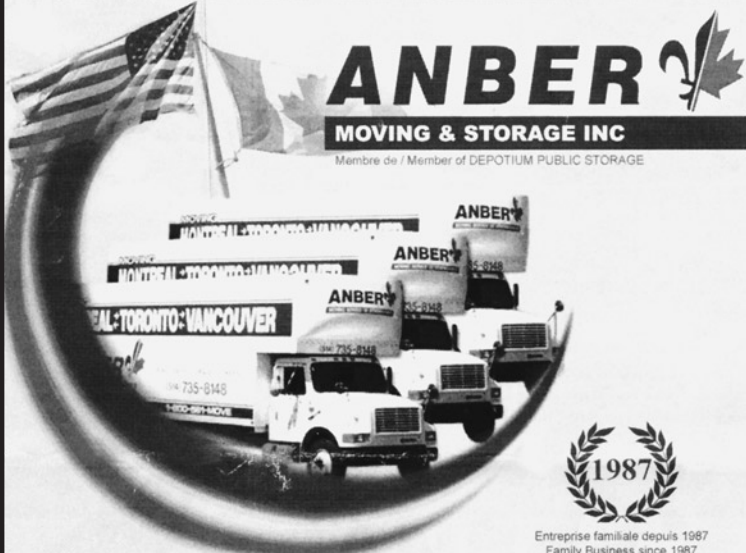
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NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By **MIKE COHEN**

MCGILL IBD RESEARCH GROUP TRIUMPHS: The McGill IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease) Research Group "Laugh Your Butt Off" fundraising event did indeed take place this year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic. International entertainer and mentalist Oz Pearlman (born in Israel) was brought back to present his always entertaining show via Zoom. And it worked superbly!

The evening also served as a tribute to the late Dr. Ernest Seidman, the renowned gastroenterologist who passed away shortly after last year's event. Dr. Seidman was a very special man. His death left an enormous void in the medical system.

There was a beautiful tribute video now available at www.mcgillibd.ca. You Tube channel. A moving slide show and words of appreciation from his many colleagues were poignant reminders of Dr. Seidman's impact on those he met. Patient Ryan Abrams spoke about how he had an attack a few years ago. He left a message for Dr. Seidman, not knowing he was ill, and got a return call in 30 seconds. "He felt like he was part of my family," he said.

Dr. Alain Bitton, Director of the Division of Gastroenterology at McGill University, said that an award will soon be introduced in Dr. Seidman's honour. Dr. Peter Lakatos, who has stepped into Dr. Seidman's research role, spoke about the importance

of the McGill IBD Centre's rapid access clinic and the fact that it remains functioning during the pandemic.

Back by popular demand: Oz Pearlman has been reading the minds of America's Got Talent judges, audiences everywhere, and now Zoom viewers. In addition to a 45-minute show, he did eight private meet-and-greets with some lucky sponsors.

Oz turned out to be just the right attraction, for this event exceeded some mainstream galas that normally take place in non-COVID times. Close to \$240,000 was raised and 175 people paid to be part of the live Zoom broadcast. Guests received branded IBD

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organizations as well as synagogues and service clubs from across the country were able to have meaningful input into national and regional policy through regular local meetings, regional conferences and annual consultations culminating in a plenary assembly every three years. Although this was a complex process, especially at the national level, given the vast size of the country, it provided for a truly valuable mechanism for discussion and policy-making on critical issues. With the advent of online meetings, it is easy to surmise that a continued CJC would have been able not only to maintain but also to expand its grassroots consultative role in the finest democratic tradition.

Largely for this reason, as well as for the excellence and professionalism of CJC's representations, the

doors of government officials of all political stripes—federally, provincially and across the world—opened widely for CJC delegations. The same was true for diplomatic missions and international organizations.

After its founding, CJC functioned for only about a year, during which time its major accomplishment was creating the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society before a lack of funding and administrative resources caused CJC to pause operations. As former CJC Ontario Region Chair Frank Bialystok explained in an article that appeared in the *Canadian Jewish News*, "Congress was reconstituted in 1934, at which point what are now local Jewish federations had already come to the fore." He added that the period between 1967 and 2000 was characterized by competitiveness and overlapping

mandates among the various Jewish organizations vying to serve the needs of Canadian Jewry.

CJC was constantly in the news with its proactive approach when it came to denouncing and combating anti-semitism, racism,

Holocaust denial, ensuring that Nazi war criminals in our midst were brought to justice, standing up for Israel, and reaching out to small Jewish communities scattered throughout the country. For decades CJC

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spearheaded advocacy for Jews who desperately needed help in the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Syria and elsewhere.

At the same time, CJC was very much a human-rights organization. This was perhaps best exemplified in its legal interventions in significant court proceedings and commissions of inquiry. In more than thirty major cases, the organization was able to assemble top legal talent from across most regions of the country to participate on its behalf.

CJC intervened in legal matters where the interests of the Jewish community and of all those in a free and democratic Canadian society were at issue. Participation by CJC in cases which might not at first glance have appeared to bear a direct link to its constituency ex-

emplifies the power and importance of outside party intervention and the value of solidarity among all Canadians in upholding the laws and principles upon which a just society is built. CJC's broad-minded approach resulted in the development of a solid and diverse history of participation in the Canadian judicial arena. CJC successfully utilized the role of intervenor to advance the interests of minorities for the ultimate benefit of all Canadians. Without the leadership and active participation of intervenors such as CJC, Canadian law and indeed Canadian society would not be what they are today.

As Professor Abella noted: "It began as an organization for Canadian Jews, but soon after its founding became an organization dedicated to the needs of

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all Canadians. Throughout its history, the congress was in the forefront of epic battles for human rights, equality, immigration reform and civility in this country. It stood arm in arm with Indigenous peoples in Canada fighting for their rights and dignity, with Canadian Sikhs demanding their right to wear turbans at their jobs and in Legion halls, and with a host of minority groups making their way in Canada to start a new life.

To each of them, the CJC has been a mentor, sharing its expertise and experience."

Today we believe that the name and, even more importantly, the mission of the Canadian Jewish Congress are missed. The void of its departure from the Canadian scene has not been filled. Over a century after its founding and a decade after its demise, perhaps the time has come to reconstitute this exceptional organization.

JOE BIDEN, FDR AND THE NAZIS

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pro-Nazi rally in New York City in 1933. At that rally, Nazi Germany's ambassador to the United States was the keynote speaker and the podium and hall were decorated with swastika flags. In 1937, the administration sent one of its senior diplomats to represent the United States at the annual Nazi Party rally in Nuremberg.

In some instances, the Roosevelt administration actually apologized for U.S. citizens' anti-Nazi sen-

timent. In 1935, the administration publicly apologized to Adolf Hitler after a New York City judge released protesters who tore a swastika flag off a visiting German ship. Then, in 1937, when New York mayor Fiorello La Guardia called Hitler a "brown-shirted fanatic who is threatening the peace of the world," Roosevelt's secretary of state expressed the U.S. government's "regret" over "utterances calculated to be offensive to a foreign government."

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Roosevelt repeatedly compelled Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes to remove critical references to Hitler from his speeches. For example, in the draft of his May 1935 commencement address at the University of Alabama, Ickes described universities in Nazi Germany as “mere bond slaves to a strutting and vainglorious Nazism” and those in Fascist Italy as “permitted to teach only what the government permits them to teach.” The White House informed Ickes that “it is the President’s request that the references to the foreign countries be entirely eliminated.”

Likewise, in early November 1938, Ickes sub-

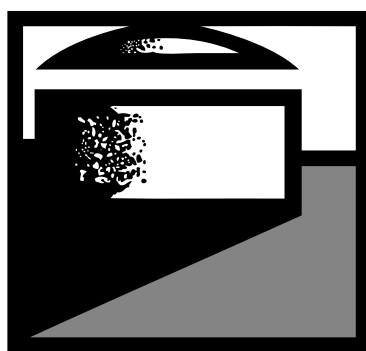
mitted to the White House a draft of his planned radio broadcast responding to the Nazis’ Kristallnacht pogrom against German Jews. “The draft as submitted was approved,” Ickes noted in his diary, “except that the President wanted us to cut out all references to Germany by name as well as references to Hitler, Goebbels, and others by name.”

President Roosevelt did not approve of Hitler’s anti-Jewish policies, but he feared that any U.S. criticism of the Nazi regime would harm American-German relations. In the 430 press conferences that FDR held from January 1933

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JOE BIDEN, FDR AND THE NAZIS

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until September 1938, he never criticized Hitler's persecution of German Jews. In fact, the oppression of the Jews was mentioned in just one of those press conferences — and only because a reporter, not the president, raised it. Roosevelt replied that he had no comment and quickly changed the subject.

According to the research of Professor Stephen Norwood, the Roosevelt administration welcomed Nazi warships to visit American ports in the 1930s. Two German navy cruisers, the Karlsruhe and the Emden, were sent to visit the United States on multiple occasions between 1934 and 1936, in order — as the captain of the Karlsruhe put it — to “carry into the outside world something of the spirit of the

New Germany.”

The Karlsruhe brought along 2,000 copies of Hitler's *Mein Kampf* to distribute in the United States. The Nazis hoped

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these friendly naval visits would “end once [and] for all the rumors and propaganda which had been spread abroad” concerning the persecution of German Jewry. The Nazi warships were greeted by senior U.S. military and naval officers and were often accompanied by a twenty-one-gun salute. The U.S. navy even provided

boats, personnel and equipment to assist the Nazis in carrying out military exercises off the Los Angeles coast.

Sometimes FDR’s pre-war policy of maintaining good relations with the Nazis directly interfered with the rescue of Jewish refugees. In 1940–1941, the American journalist Varian

Fry led an underground network in Vichy France that rescued more than 2,000 refugees — until Washington intervened. Responding to complaints by the Nazis and the Vichyites, the Roosevelt administration forced Fry to leave France on the grounds that he was “carrying on activities evading the laws

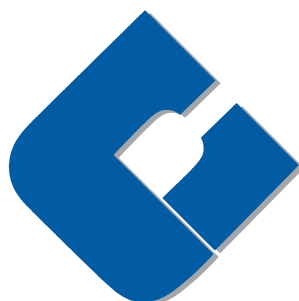
of countries with which the United States maintains friendly relations”.

Franklin D. Roosevelt’s troubling policy towards Nazi Germany in the 1930s has received too little attention. Hopefully, Joe Biden’s remark will stimulate a long-overdue national conversation about this important topic.

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identity has not been verified, Cleopatra's ethnicity remains a mystery.

Gadot is not the first white woman to play Cleopatra. Claudette Colbert, Vivien Leigh and Elizabeth Taylor have all portrayed the historical figure in previous movies.

Gadot has shrugged off the criticism. She says the Paramount Pictures biopic aims to bring Cleopatra's story "to the big screen in a way she's never been seen before",

The film is set for release on Christmas Day.

Fox Jewish Vote Analyst Angers Trump

Long before other networks called Arizona for Joe Biden Fox News "dec-

sion desk team" called the vice-president the winner.

The call surprised the network's anchors. It infuriated Donald Trump. In an early morning White House appearance he made it quite clear that he was not happy with "the gentleman who called it".

Well, that gentleman, surprisingly for Fox, was a registered Democrat from New York Arnon Mishkin who, despite his political leanings, is the leader of the Fox number's team. Both of Mishkin's parents were Holocaust survivors and he belongs to the Upper West Side synagogue B'nai Jeshurun.

At 12:30 a.m. he appeared on air and Fox host Bret Baier asked Mishkin if he was "100%"

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certain about this call. “Absolutely,” Mishkin responded. “We made it basically after a half an hour of debating ‘is it time?’”

Mishkin has gotten into “trouble” in the past for his early calls. In 2012 he called Ohio for Barak Obama. Host Karl Rowe disputed the call. Host Megyn Kelly walked off the set and stormed into the room where Mishkin and his colleagues were working. Turns out Mishkin was perfectly correct. Obama did, indeed, win Ohio.

**Kosher Price War
in Argentina**

Roberto Goldfarb is the founder and CEO of

Diarco, a large Argentinian hypermarket. Last month he started doing something unthinkable. His store began selling kosher meat for less than his competitors. He maintains that the country’s kosher supervision industry has artificially driven up costs for consumers. He has called the kosher supervision a “mafia” that charges way more than necessary with “excess of weight, fat, bones.” “I can sell a kilo of asado (a very traditional Argentinian meat cut used in barbecuing) for 290 pesos and then someone comes to tell me that the price for the kosher asado has to be 800 pesos...I’m not going to accept that.”

Diarco has received both criticism and praise for his willingness to cut the price of kosher meat. Some farmers in the country have stopped working with him. Samuel Levin, a rabbi who works with the Gorina supervision group, said “I work with 30 people, 10 schochatim, who are specialists. That’s why you pay.” Levin accused the businessman of “not following kashrut guidelines” and

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of being “rude” for calling those who sell kosher meat “mobsters”. “You can’t just go around supervising and certifying kosher meat. People buy from us because they know our meat is well supervised. He can sell flour or noodles, but he must stay out of our way,”

However, the Latin

American Rabbinical Seminary based in Buenos Aires, released a statement, endorsed by the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, titled “Kosher means suitable, not expensive”. “In recent decades”, the statement continued, “a brutal overpriced business

has been generated in Argentina, in flagrant violation of Jewish Law and reasonable practices based on the industry of rabbinical supervision of food. Rabbis have made people

hostage of their ‘halachic’ decisions...We support and encourage any new initiative that, within the framework of Jewish law, seeks to end abuses and help people.”

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BRIEFLY NOTED:

There is an attractive new school banner on the side of the Solomon Schechter Academy building on Côte St. Luc Road. Principal Emeritus Rosa Finestone showed up recently and gave her sign of approval... The JPPS Grade 6 class recently conducted an interview with Sandy Fainer. Sandy is the daughter of Fania Fainer, a Holocaust survivor who was the recipient of a birthday card in Auschwitz in 1944. The card, known as the

Heart of Auschwitz, was written by 20 other women who worked in the Union Factory in Auschwitz. The booklet’s eight pages are filled with birthday wishes for Fania, who received it on her 20th birthday...As part of the “All About the Body” study unit, the Kindergarten classes at Akiva School held their annual “Teddy Bear Clinic” in small virtual sessions through Zoom. They played “doctor’s office” in class throughout the week and all the stuffed animals were also checked by real doctors,

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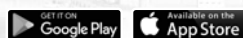
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