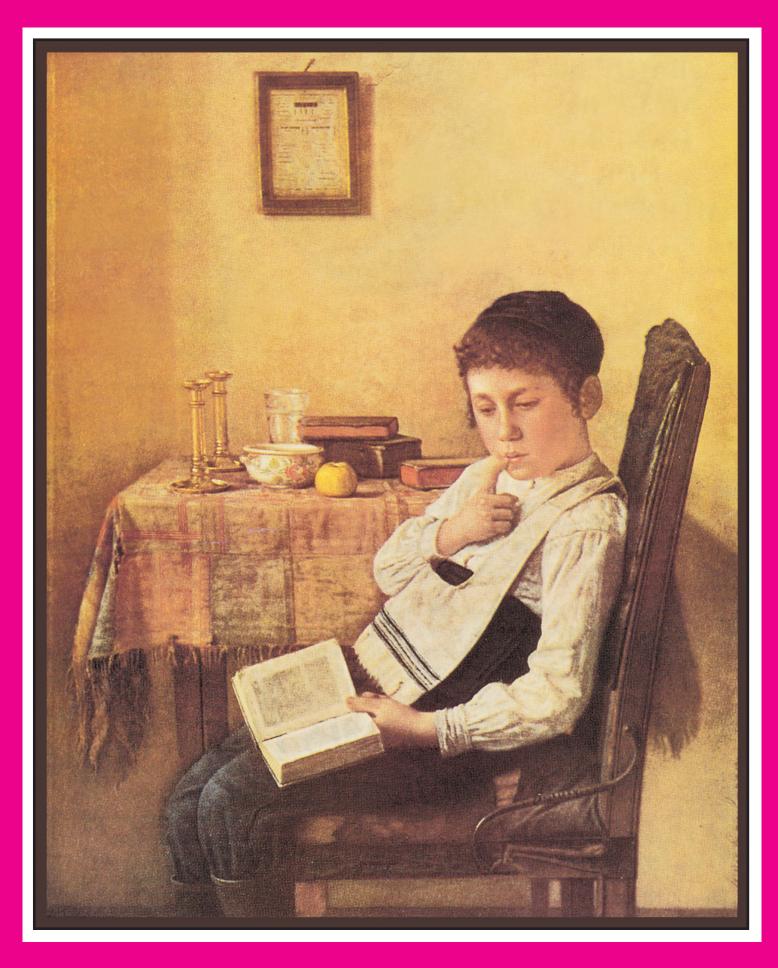
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## The Significance of Passover

Passover is the great Jewish Festival of Freedom. Only in a physical sense, however, can we regard ourselves as being fully free. We are, all of us, prisoners of fears and frustrations, tensions and anxieties, prejudices and suspicions, which deform our souls as surely as the whip of the ancient Egyptians and Pharoah's overseers deformed the bodies of our Hebrew ancestors. A corroding hatred corrupts us, as individuals and as nations, and limits our capacities to live full and meaningful lives. We strive endlessly for material and social success, dedicating ourselves not to the fulfillment of our potential for the pursuit of good but rather to the fulfillment of unworthy ambitions centering around public approval and personal prestige.

And yet, the message of Passover is one of optimism, both for humanity and for those individuals who comprise it. For Passover commemorates the escape of our ancient ancestors not alone from the physical bondage of their persecutors but from the chains which bound them to the superstitions and primitive animism of their neighbours. History tells us how completely in the thrall of demons and magic the prehistoric world was and how this resulted in spiritual pover-A myriad of gods infested the mountains and the deserts, the fields and the forests, the rivers and the streams, each of them requiring appeasement. Then, Moses gave the Jews a new concept of god, a God of love and morality and law and even if it failed to bring the millennium in its own day it was nevertheless a historic landmark in that "search for God" which goes on today and which will, we suspect, go on until the end of time.

That we were liberated from at least the most primitive superstitions of an earlier time, gives us reason to hope that in the fullness of time we may be liberated from the devastating impact of our present demons, that we will find a new prophet who will bring us an understanding of God as revolutionary at that which Moses brought to the Israelites many centuries ago.

ANITA SURMAN GENERAL NEWS EDITOR

## WORLD IN REVIEW

#### NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

#### By NOAH FREEDMAN

#### Could Simchas Soon Be Back in Britain?

One of Britain's top immunologists hopes that weddings and bar mitzvahs could resume this summer, although he stresses caution will have to be taken, especially with seniors.

Professor Danny Altman, who is part of a panel advising the government, says he does "feel less bleak about the future than some" because "amazing" vaccines are giving the country a "degree of headroom before protection is completely lost" against worrying variants. Не argues that "there's no

excuse for keeping full social distancing when we are immune and vaccinated". He does worry, however, that while he is "quite impressed with the efficacy of vaccines even in older people, this is the group where there will be most variability in the quality of the response."

What most concerns the doctor is the hesitancy among some to get the vaccine. He has tried to talk to Britain's strictly Orthodox Jews many of whom, like their counterparts in Israel, see no need to get the vaccine or to obey social distancing. Vaccine reluctance will not yield the high level

of herd immunity the variants will require, he warns.

And so if simchas can resume over the summer, when might life return to normal? Well, not that fast, says Altman. "If you ask me where we are heading out of this. We won't kiss goodbye to Covid. Will it be mild and come each year? Will we learn to live with a certain number of deaths a year? It's a harsh,

unforgiving virus. There's no room for anyone to gloat".

#### Sacha Baron Cohen Calling it Quits

Facing more lawsuits and afraid to show his face in public, Sacha Baron Cohen will no longer dress up as Borat Sagdiyev, the anti-Semitic Kazakh journalist that made him

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gogues across the United States, has replaced its entire executive board, sending a message that it no longer supported its pro Trump leadership. In 2019 23 member synagogues objected to the movement's defence of Benjamin Netanyahu's alliance with a far-right party. A synagogue in Atlanta actually left the movement. New council president, Rabbi David Warshaw, indicated the movement will now place less emphasis on political advocacy. The past few Israeli galas had the

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# HOW TO RESPOND TO MICHAEL CHE

WRITER SUGGESTS THE BEST APPROACH TO SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE CAST MEMBER

#### By RABBI SHMULEY BOTEACH

I love watching Saturday Night Live. It makes me laugh. It's been a godsend during the Coronavirus and I'm amazed they've been able to do so many live shows.

So there I was watching a few weeks ago. I saw Michael Che – the talented comic who along with Colin Jost does the satirical news weekly "Weekend Update" – as he did a news bit about how Israel has vaccinated half its population. Che deadpanned: "I'm

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, described by the Washington Post as "the most famous Rabbi in America," is founder of the World Values Network and the international best-selling author of 30 books, including "Judaism for Everyone."- The Editor

going to guess it's the Jewish half."

I raised my eyebrows at the joke and pointed it out to my wife Debbie. Hmm. That didn't seem that funny. I love Che. I find him vastly entertaining. I also love that he uses humor to eviscerate racists. But that joke sounded to me like... well, like maybe he meant it. Che was saying that Israel is not vaccinating its Arab citizens and cares more about its Jews.

I thought to myself, Che often does humor about inequities and racism in American society. So it looks like he's buying into a narrative that Israel looks after its "white" Jewish population but not its darkerskinned Arab and Palestinian citizens.

What a shame. How unfortunate that a good guy like him thinks that. Apparently, we Jews have done a poor job educating the world about how Israel has 3 million Arab citizens who enjoy greater freedoms

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## REVIVING THE CJC

#### ENTHUSIASM GROWS FOR THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS BRAND

#### 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 be growing worse, we believe there is an important role for a body like CJC. While existing Jewish organizations serve the community well, none 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 elect-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 newspaper: "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 so-called "Parliament of Canadian Jewry" had a unique structure that provided for Canada-wide representa-

tion. Delegates from national, regional and local Jewish 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.

CJC was constantly in the news with its proactive approach when it came to denouncing and combating antisemitism, racism and 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 spearheaded advocacy for Jews who desperately needed help in the former Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Syria

and elsewhere and it was the founder of The Jewish Immigrant Aid Society.

At the same time, CJC was very much a

human-rights organization. This was perhaps best exemplified in its legal interventions in significant

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#### RESPONDING TO MICHAEL CHE

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than in any country in the Middle East. As for the coronavirus, about 70 percent of Israeli Arabs over 60 have now been vaccinated. As for Jews in Israel being white. Israel has a large Black Jewish population which it brought to freedom in daring military operations from Ethiopia. And there are millions of Israeli Jews who hail from Arab and Muslim countries, like my father who was born in Iran and who came to Israel as a who enrich teenager, Israel's multicultural societv.

So how can we have failed to inform mainstream African-American personalities like Michael Che of these truths?

We can, of course, accuse Che of anti-Semitism. Many, stupidly, already have and even called for the firing of whoever wrote the joke. But is that fair? Does Che have history of Semitism? To paraphrase Abraham, will a just community not itself practice iustice?

What we in the Jewish community don't want to accept is that our natural allies and friends in the African-American community are increasingly being told that Israel is a racist country that practices apartheid. And rather than respond intelligently and factually, we're just assuming that we can't win these arguments in the marketplace of ideas.

I saw it with our 2001 Champions of Jewish Values Gala. were honored to hold an evening dedicated African-American and Jewish friendship, with celebrities like Steve Harvey and Dionne Warwick joining the festivities.

Linda Sarsour tried to publicly discourage some from participating in the

event. Evidently, the friendship between the Jewish and Black communities is not something she would encourage. But for the most part, she failed.

Because, the truth is, we have great friends in the African-American community who love and support us, just as we love and support them.

So why would we be silly enough to attack Michael Che as an anti-Semite when we can be far more effective respecting him and giving him the facts?

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Fact: The greatest American of the 20th century, Martin Luther King, Jr., used the Hebrew prophets -Isaiah, Jeremiah, Micah, Zechariah, and Amos - as the inspiration for countless speeches in the civil rights movement. He leveraged the Bible as a liberation manifesto to fight Jim Crow and segregation.

Fact: Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East, with the sole exception of Tunisia.

Fact: Israel's Arab citizens enjoy all rights that Jewish citizens enjoy, and in addition are not drafted into the military as Jews is This notable are. because during Vietnam Africanmany in the American community pointed out the inequity of Black Americans being drafted at a proportionately much higher rate than white Americans. In Israel. it's the Jews who are drafted and must fight.

Fact: 70% of Israeli Arabs over 60 have already received the coronavirus

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Fact: It is true, and acknowlshould be edged, that some of Israel's Arab citizens have questionable faith in the vaccine because they don't trust the government. Israel must acknowledge this and do its utmost through education to impress upon them the efficacy of the vaccine.

Fact: The 1995 Oslo Accords stipulate that the Palestinian Authority is responsible for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Even so, Israel has already transferred to the Palestinian Authority several thousand doses for its health employees and has agreed to vaccinate about 100,000 Palestinians who are employed by Israel.

None of this means that Michael Che has no right to criticize or question Israel. Of course he does. Israel is an open and free society where public criticism is the national pastime. It does mean, however, that Israel can respectfully respond to Che with facts, opening a dialogue that will hopefully bring these critical light to issues.

King Solomon famously said there is a time for war and a time for peace. The Jewish community has some real enemies, like Hamas, who have a charter that seeks our people's annihilation.

But why would we be silly enough to place all critics in the same boat and assume that they wish us ill?

I do not believe that is the case with Michael Che. He is not Louis Farrakhan who calls Jews termites. He is not the government of Iran which calls Israel a cancer and a tumor. He is a comic on one of America's most influential shows who probably is simply misguided about Israeli society.

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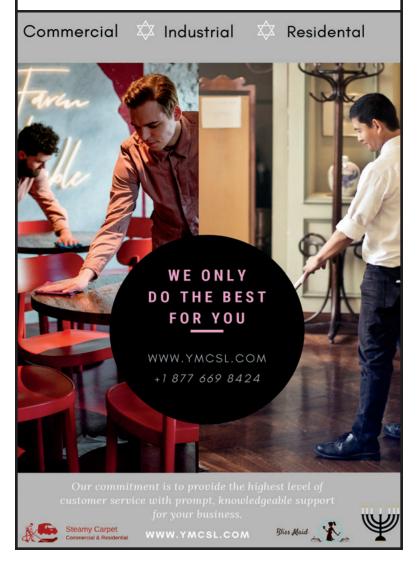
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petuates the false notion that Israel doesn't care about its Arab brothers and sisters. Nothing, it should be obvious, can be further from the truth.

Israel just signed historic agreements with the UAE, Morocco, Bahrain, and Sudan. Tens of thousands of Israelis are flocking to Dubai where they are openly welcomed by their Arab hosts. Likewise, Israel withdrew from territory three times its size in Sinai to have peace with Egypt and has peace treaties with Jordan and the Oslo accords with the Palestinian Authority. It did all this because it wants peace and goodwill with its Arab neighbors in general and its Palestinian brothers and sisters in particular.

Michael, I would say to him, you're a good man.

Every week on national TV, you fight racism, bigotry, and racial prejudice. And you do so with humor and good cheer. I'm impressed. Look to the Jewish people as your natural allies in that struggle. We too know what it's like to be maligned. We too know what it's like to be misrepresented. And we too know what it's like to have people make what would seem to be innocuous jokes but which often lead to situations that are anything but funny.

And if you've got time Michael for a coffee, well, a few weeks ago I was given a shout-out on SNL when they mentioned "Rabbi Shmuley." My kids loved it. So I assume you know where to find me.

One way or another, let's talk.

#### **REVIVING THE CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS**

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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.(see page 9)

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We originally wrote this article for the Toronto and Montreal editions of The Jewish Standard magazine and posted it online. The response was well beyond what we could have imagined. In fact, it has resulted in an extraordinary reunion of CJC leaders from the past two decades from coast to coast. We have already met via Zoom twice. Joining us for the second call were some leading recent university graduates who expressed great interest in a CJC revival. We had so many CJC alumni eager to be part of the second call, we had to establish a waiting list.

A blog (https://cjc

1919.blogspot.com) has been launched to document our exchanges. Initially the consensus is to focus our attention on organizing a series of lectures related to themes from CJC's decorated past. These can be organized virtually and we hope to roll some news out to that effect soon. CJC was an organization that truly had a voice in every corner of the country and we strongly believe that this is needed again.

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.

Ottawa resident Jack Silverstone served as national executive director and general counsel and then as executive vice-president of CJC from 1985 to 2003. Mike Cohen of Montreal was CJC's national director of communications from 1988 to 1999.

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#### NICKKI HALEY COULD BECOME JEWISH GOP FAVOURITE IN 2024



FORMER UN AMBASSADOR AND GOVERNOR of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, has acknowledged that Donald Trump "let us down". move is risky given Trump's still party loyalty and because Haley has designs on the Republican party nomination in 2024. now Haley has somehow managed to promote Trump's foreign policy while distancing herself from his outbursts. GOP Jews will be happy with Haley's break from her former boss. Her support of Israel at the United Nations has her very popular among Jewish Republicans otherwise uncomfortable with Trump. At the AIPAC's annual conference in 2019 she told Jewish delegates that "I wear high heels. It's not a fashion statement, it's because if I see something wrong I will kick it every single time".

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"At some point your luck runs out" Borat said in an interview on NPR. When filming a sequel last year to the 2006 "Borat" film, he was advised that he should wear a bullet proof vest to a gun rally because there was a chance he might get shot. "I was very aware that once the crowd realized that I was a fake, that it could turn really ugly and it could be really dangerous," he said.

Borat faced a lawsuit stemming from "Borat 2" when the daughter of a Holocaust survivor claimed that her mother, who died before the film came out, was "horrified" that Borat had tricked her into appearing in a comedy. Another lawsuit came from Roy Moore, the disgraced former candidate for the Senate in Alabama, who was a "guest" on Cohen's Showtime series "Who is America?" Cohen appeared as an Israeli terrorism expert who came with what he called a pedophile detecting device that beeped when it came near Moore, who has been accused of assaulting multiple women.

2019 In Cohen addressed the Anti-Defamation League conference and labelled social media "the greatest propaganda machine in history". He has been especially critical of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg accusing him contributing to growing spread Holocaust denial.

Ironically, Sacha Baron Cohen's new Borat film took top honours at this year's Golden Globe Awards. Borat's Subsequent Moviefilm, released nearly 15 years after the hit first installment, was named best musical or comedy film. Baron Cohen also won best actor for his role as the lead character.

### Retailer Removes Anti-Semitic Objects

Mercado Libre, the largest online retailer in Latin America, is removing books such as *Mein Kampf* and *The Protocols of The Elders of Zion* and Nazi coins, posters and memorabilia long listed for sale.

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Mercado Libre will implement the agreement in all of its 18 countries, where it is more popular than fele-commerce 1ow Amazon.

#### Blacks in Britain Suspicious of Jews

A poll in Great Britain has found that 21 percent of Black Britons believe Jews have a disproportionately high level of control over the global banking system, 15 percent over the global media and 16 percent over the global entertainment and music sector. For the rest of the population the percentages were 11, 6 and 7 respective-

Social integration was found to be a key factor. Black "bonders", Black people who say at least half, most or all of their friends are Black, were more likely to believe that Jews disproportionately controlled these industries than Black "bridges", Blacks who say few of their close friends are Black and that their social group was mostly made up of whites.

Rakib Essan, research fellow at the Henry Jackson Society, a think tank that fights extremism, and which commissioned survey, called the results "striking". "The unfortunate reality", he said, "is that British anti-Semitism is more prevalent in specific racial and religious minorities - especially their less integrated elements."

#### Carnival Cruise Says "Sorry"

Paul Manning chairs an organization that sells oil produced through pyrolysis from ocean and beach waste. He is based in Birmingham, England. Manning was enjoying a cruise with his family but environmental issues are never far from his mind. And so he made a suggestion to a Carnival representative that their ships convert waste into oil to fuel the company's giant cruise lin-

What Manning got in return for his suggestion wasn't exactly a thank you. The typo-ridden response from Dejan Kuzman, Carnival's environmental officer in Serbia and Montenegro, read: "Dear Paul, 1 ton of plastic can give you 800 litres of fuel only if you think the earth is flat and Sadam Husein[sic] really had nuclear bombs and that hitler is still alive and hidding[sic] in argentina."

A Carnival Cruise spokesperson "sincerely (*Please turn to following page*)

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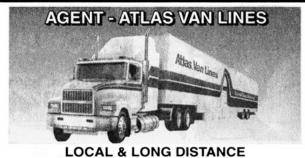
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apologized" for the response and assured Manning that "we are looking further into this situation".

US Political News

Congressional elections may be two years away but the political maneuverering has already begun.

Alex Lasry, the son of the Jewish co-owner of the Milwaukee Bucks of the NBA, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the senate in Wisconsin. Lasky has taken aim at incumbent Republican Ron Johnson, one of Donald Trump's closest allies in the Senate. "What we've had for the last 10 years," Lasky said, "is a senator who hasn't been representing the people of Wisconsin, who has been more interested in peddling in conspiracy

theories and appealing to our worst instincts and impulses". Lasry, 33, who is senior vice-president of the basketball team, highlighted how he joined the Bucks' players last year in anti-racism protests...While Eric Trump's wife Lara is seriously considering a run for the North Carolina senate, Ivanka Trump has ruled out challenging Marco Rubio in Florida. Rubio is up for re-election in 2022. Rubio and Ivanka's father were often bitter opponents during the 2016 primaries when both were seeking the Republican presidential nomination. But their relationship improved over the course of Trump's presiden-

Two Jewish supporters of Trump in Ohio are eyeing a political career. Max Miller, a scion of a philanthropic Jewish family from Cleveland, is consider-

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1 888-648-6020 www.treetechcanada.com ing challenging incumbent Anthony Gonzales who was one of 10 Republicans in the House Representatives who voted to impeach the former president. Miller says he will make a decision during the next few weeks. But Josh Mandel, a former state treasurer, and a Trump loyalist, is actively seeking the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate in the same state. And in New York Rep. Lee Zeldin, one of two Jewish Republicans in the U.S. House Representatives, is considering a run for New York governor in view of the scandals plaguing Andrew Cuomo.

Meanwhile the Lt. Governor of North Carolina. Mark Robinson, is in trouble because of past anti-Semitic comments. In 2018, Robinson, who is Black, attacked the creators of the Black Panther character, after a movie about the Marvel comics superhero was released. "It's absolute-AMAZING to me." posted Robinson Facebook, "that people who know so little about their

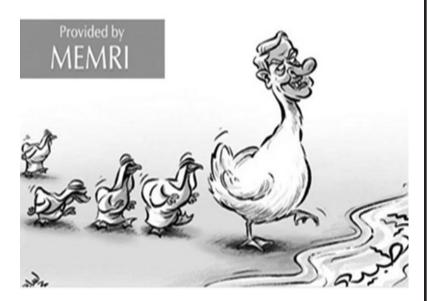
true history and REFUSE to acknowledge the pure sorry state of their current condition can get so excited about a fictional 'hero' created by an agnostic Jew and put to film by a satanic "How can this Marxist". trash, that was only created to pull the shekels out of your Schvartze pockets, invoke any pride?'

North Carolina's Jews reacted with indigna-Said Rabbi Lucy tion. Dinner of Temple Beth Or in Raleigh, "I believe that Mark Robinson's election in North Carolina is, as we would say Yiddish, a shanda". Robinson's "refusal to apologize is troubling and unacceptable to us", said Matt Brooks, director of the Republican Jewish Coalition.

#### Ultra Orthodox Jews Flaunt COVID Rules

Two more instances surfaced of ultra have Orthodox Jews thumbing their noses at COVID restrictions.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina a rabbi was among three people arrested (Please turn to following page)



CARTOONS IN SOME ARAB PUBLICATIONS vilify Israel, the United States and, with increasingly frequency those Arab nations entering into peace deals with Israel. In the above cartoon, reprinted in MEMRI, Arabs follow Netanyahu like blind ducklings to perish in the sea of "normalization" (Al-Quds Al-Arabi, London)

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for operating a mikvah, after authorities ordered all synagogues closed due to the virus. And in the North Hertfordshire district in England the Hitchin Yeshiva

was fined £10,000 for a large gathering described as a "service of remembrance event." North Herts Safer Neighbourhood Chief Inspector Jon Roche said that while "we sympathize with anyone who is grieving the loss of a relative...the lockdown rules are clear and we all have a moral duty to play our part and help save lives." "We will act and fine those who are blatantly breaking the law."

"Jewish Ideas Poison People"

"Jesus Christ came to save the whole world from the Jews - the founders of the original Anti-Christ religion, they who are the seed of the Serpent, that brood of vipers", wrote State Department official Fritz Berggren on a Christian nationalist blog.

Berggren has been sprouting this nonsense for many years and has been doing so under his real name. All this time he has been working as a mid-level civil servant at the State Department, working for a unit that handles special immigrant visas for Afghans.

Politco was tipped off of Berggren's writings by current and former

State Department employees.

As soon as he was outed Berrgren quickly published a new post which concluded with the words: "If you have not already surmised, my ideas are my own and not a reflection of any employer, company, agency, country, etc."

### Domestic Abuse On the Rise in England

The number of domestic abuse victims asking for support in Great Britain has surged by 12 per cent during the COVID pandemic. The Jewish Women's Aid(JWA) has been helping as many as 150 women every month since last April.

Part of the problem facing Jewish women is the inability to get out of the house during Shabbat and the Chagim because shuls have been forced to close. "Leaving an abusive relationship is probably the hardest thing anyone is ever going to have to do, particularly when you're finding it hard even just to get to the shop or home-school your kids", says Karen Lewis, client services manager for

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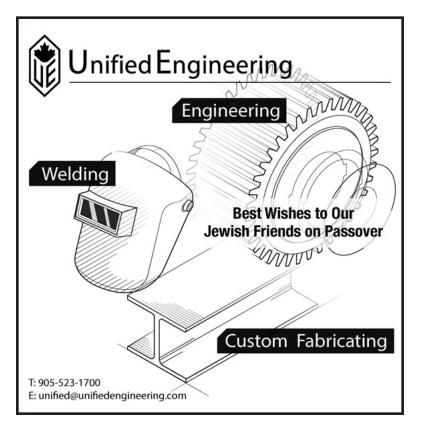
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JWA. "This is increasing the time that they're remaining in a dangerous or unsafe situation."

One woman, who actually had the courage to flee her home, said that she had been living with a "monster". She even feared for her life. Yet her abuser had a "very successful career" and was "held in high esteem amongst the Jewish community". ex-husband appears as a normal, well-groomed man, the social guy that would buy a round of drinks...a nice guy if you saw him in shul on Rosh Hashanah who would proudly wear a tallit on his back and shake your hand or wish you mazel tov on all your latest achievements and others."

JWA research indicates that Jewish women take about two years longer to report abuse than the

national average - some 11.5 years to about 9.5. Still the rise in domestic abuse in the Jewish community during the pandemic was in line with nationwide figures.

#### Mexico City's Jewish Mayor

Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo is not only the first woman to be elected mayor of Mexico City but when she assumed office in 2018 she was the first Jewish mayor of the city.

Sheinbaum, now 58, is the granddaughter of Jewish immigrants from Lithuania and Bulgaria. She holds a doctorate in engineering and physics and is a member of the leftist National Regeneration Movement party. Mexico City is home to around

50,000 Jews and over 8,000,000 people altogether.

Upon her election Sheinbaum remarked that "just because I might look like a skinny scientist doesn't mean I'm not going to crack down on crime here. I will".

In October of 2020 Sheinbaum tested positive for COVID but was asymptomatic.

#### Technion to Honour Dr. Albert Bourla

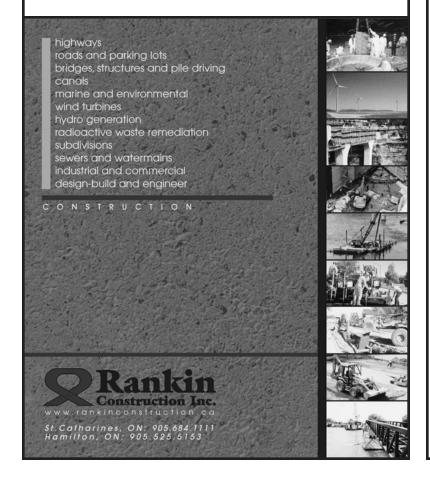
The President of the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Professor Uri Sivan, has announced that the Technion will award an honorary doctorate to Pfizer CEO and Chairman Dr. Albert Bourla, for his extraordinary achievement in (Please turn to following page)

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leading the record time development of the novel vaccine against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. The vaccine, which is helping to end the coronavirus crisis, is expect-

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MOSHEN RABBANI, A suspect in the 1994 bombing of the Buenos Aires Jewish centre, has denied any personal involvement in the attack or that of his country. Rabbani was the cultural attaché in Argentina at the time of the attack. He also claimed that the late Alberto prosecutor Nisman was murdered because he did not have evidence to prove that Iran was involved in the attack. killed Nisman? Why don't they let people in Argentina know the truth", he said in a radio interview from Tehran. Based Nisman's investigation six Iranians have been Interpol's most wanted list. Pictured above is a plague in the Buenos Aires subway stop closest to the Jewish centre with the names of the 87 people who died.

ed to serve as a model for the development of a wide range of future mRNAbased treatments.

### Anti-Semitic Homework Assignment

The seven-year old son of Joanne Bell was given a homework assign-His mother was ment. appalled when she noticed that the assignment involved learning about the part Jews played in the killing of Jesus. The sevenyear old was to watch a slide titled "The Trial of Jesus" which claimed that "the Jewish leaders wanted Jesus to be found guilty" and "paid people to lie about him". Jews, the slide continued, had Jesus taken to Pontius Pilate on charges of insulting God.

Bell, who is an activist against anti-Semitism, wrote on Twitter: "Got to love Britain, doing my child's RE home-school-

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ing today. Why not teach the Blood Libel, hey". She then added, sarcastically, "what harm has it ever done to portray Jews as blood-thirsty and solely responsible for the death of the beloved son of G-d, Jesus...I am in shock. This for seven-year olds."

Chris Spolton, who runs the Topmarks educational website. apologized for the assignment and pulled it offline. Explaining why the passage had been written, Mr Spolton said: 'I was young and naive. It was written circa twenty years ago based on books found in the local library, and the dated images were downloaded clip art." The teacher who gave the assignment also apologized to Bell.

Jewish groups in England slammed Topmarks for claiming that the question had been presented as a "factual education".

#### Banning Nazi Symbols

A Victorian government inquiry into anti-vilification protections has recommended that Australian state government make it a criminal offence to display Nazi symbols. "It is important to send a clear message to the community", said Caulfield MP David Southwick, "that the Nazi symbolism is not acceptable in any form, and has wide ranging, negative social effects." The Victoria police would be given enhanced powers to enforce the regulations that vilify targeted communities.

The committee also heard from witnesses who stressed that it is vitally important to prevent racism in schools. Targeting prejudice in early schooling, they argued, helps to ensure that it does not become entrenched and systemic in future years.

Ninety year old Holocaust survivor Irma (Please turn to following page)

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Hanner welcomed the development but lamented that "they should have done it a long time ago." Having read

of the neo-Nazi gatherings in the Grampians, Hanner said, "she couldn't sleep all night".

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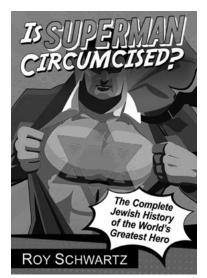


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the following decades Superman's mostly Jewish writers, artists and editors continued to borrow Jewish motifs for their stories, basing Krypton's past on Genesis and Exodus, its civilization on Jewish culture, the trial of supervillain Luthor, on Adolf Eichmann's and a holiday celebrating Superman on Passover.

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The Jewish Standard, April 2021 appreciation for the Mensch of Steel!

Superman Circumcised? The Complete Jewish History of the World's Greatest Hero will be released in May. May 17 is regarded as Miracle Monday, an imagined holiday in Superman's mythology that is actually based on Passover.

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