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Reflections on Chanukah

As Jews commemorate the epic victory of the Maccabees over Antiochus - actually the victory of Judaism over Hellenism - it is worth considering the constant struggle which is still being waged - and which could easily still be lost - against the inroads among Jews of non-Jewish thought. In our joyful emphasis upon the victory of the Maccabees we are too prone to forget that notwithstanding the limited victory won by the Hasmoneans, Hellenism captured the minds and the imaginations of hundreds of thousands of Jews - in Egypt, in Greece and indeed in all parts of the world. These Jews lost their identity among the non-Jews whom they imitated and they became easy and willing converts to Christianity.

The tendency among minorities is to follow the customs and ideals of the majority among whom these minorities live. Undoubtedly a considerable share of the importance which has been attached to the festival of Chanukah in recent years has been the result of the proximity of Christmas and the need to offer a Jewish counterpart to the growing influence which this Christian festival exerts upon Jewish children. But there is no need for Jews to develop out of Chanukah a sort of synthesis between the Jewish

holiday and Christmas. Chanukah, celebrated as a Jewish Feast of Rededication, is so rich in tradition, so colourful in its external manifestations, so perfectly developed to appeal to children that we should devote ourselves to the emphasizing the joys of Chanukah and just leave to the Christians the Christmas celebration, so full of meaning to them.

As Jews take pride in the achievements of the Maccabees and the great victories of the spirit which they won, we would do well to remember that we, too, are engaged in a crucial battle for survival. Our present enemy, and we recognize full well the current climate of anti-Semitism, is not an external one. Ours is an enemy within which bids us to yield up our Jewish heritage to the Moloch of acquiescence thereby diluting our Jewishness with the pabulum of conformity. Only if we resist the temptation to avoid the obligations which living as Jews impose on us and instead follow in the footsteps of those dedicated Jewish leaders of the past who created the matrix by which Jewish life has been shaped, will we measure up to the example set by the Maccabees in their heroic struggle which we commemorate in the Chanukah festival.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Religious Leaders Should Know Better

One would think that a rabbi and an archbishop would know better than to compare COVID restrictions and inaction on climate change to the 1930s in Germany. Apparently not.

Rabbi Tamarah Benima, a 71-year-old Reform rabbi at Amsterdam's modern progressive Beit Ha'Chidush synagogue, acknowledged that politicians, scientists and doctors dictating COVID-19 public health measures may "have the best intentions." 'But as a Jew', she quickly added, "what happened in Nazi Germany is a warning to me. Those in power all had the best intentions. Also, when they declared Jews a danger to 'public health'. Also when they declared a war against the 'virus' of those times. So don't play with fire by setting aside people in our society as a 'danger to public health'.

Jewish groups throughout the country have been quick to condemn the controversial rabbi's comments. The Central Jewish Board of the Netherlands, the country's largest Jewish umbrella group, said her comparison is "contrary to our values and shows a complete lack of realism." The Netherlands Association for Progressive Judaism "strongly rejects the irresponsible and offensive comparisons," the group said in a statement.

Then there are the comments by the Archbishop of Canterbury,

Justin Welby.

Welby told a BBC interviewer that failure to tackle climate change could be "possibly" more disastrous than leaders who ignored the warnings about the Nazis in the 1930s. The current leaders will be "cursed" if they don't act.

When asked about his use of the word "cursed" Welby responded "It was consciously a strong word. It will be: people will speak of them in far stronger terms than we speak today of the politicians of the 30s...because this will kill people all around the world for generations...It will allow genocide on an infinitely larger scale."

At least Welby had the common sense to "unequivocally apologize" for comparing inaction on climate change to the rise of Hitler. "It's never right", Welby said, "to make comparisons with the atrocities brought by the Nazis, and I'm sorry the offence caused to Jews by these words".

Greek Court Rules Against Kosher Slaughter

Last year the European Union's highest court upheld the ban imposed in parts of Belgium against slaughtering animals for meat without first stunning them. The European Jewish Association

warned about the "downstream consequences that the European court of Justice ruling carried with it" and now those fears have proven justified.

The highest court in Greece has ruled against allowing ritual slaughter. The court said that the country must find ways to meet the demands of animal rights advocates and the needs of Jews (and Muslims) to follow their traditions.

"The government should regulate the issue of slaughtering animals in the context of worship in such a way as to ensure both the protection of animals from any inconvenience during slaughter and the religious freedom of Muslims and Jews living in Greece", the court said.

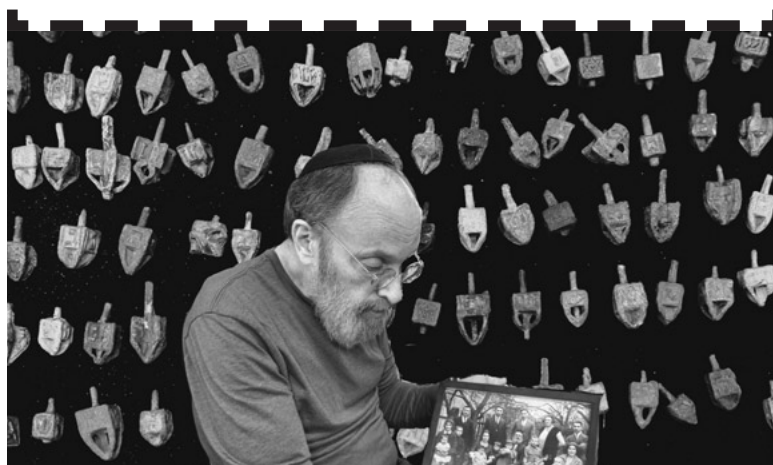
Rabbi Menachem Margolin, chairman of the EJA, said that "what we are witnessing is first-rate hypocrisy. When it comes to antisemitism, governments and institutions rightly stand behind us. But when our beliefs and customs are attacked right and left by laws, they are nowhere to be seen."

NY City Councilman Calls Them "Jewish motherf—ers"

Omari Shakur, a councilman-at-large in Newburgh, NY, was visiting a construction site to voice his concerns over safety protocols. The landlord asked Shakur to leave at which point Shakur "lost it". "You and these Jewish motherf—ers think you can come in here and take over our community. F—all y'all!" he responded.

Shakur was censured
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THE MAN WITH 4000 DREIDELS



ARTHUR KURZWEIL HAS BEEN WRITING BOOKS about various aspects of Jewish life for decades, among them, "Torah for Dummies". But he is also known for his passionate interest in Jewish genealogy and particularly his research into his own family's lineage. Among the treasures which sit in his Long Island home are 4000 dreidels, collected by Eastern European treasure hunters. "I look at them", says Kurzweil, "and I think, what's the history of this? And when's the last time somebody played that game?" "I wonder what this person's fate ultimately was". Photo Shira Hanau

KATIE COURIC WASN'T THE FIRST

JOURNALISTS AND HISTORIANS HID COMMENTS ABOUT JEWS MADE BY FDR AND TRUMAN

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

Controversy has erupted over the admission by journalist Katie Couric that she doctored her 2016 interview with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in order to “protect” Ginsburg from criticism of her opposition to athletes kneeling during the national anthem.

Couric joins a growing list of authors who have altered the unflattering words of individuals whom they admire, in order to shield them from embarrassment. Presidents Harry

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S. Truman and Franklin D. Roosevelt have been among the prime beneficiaries of such unilateral revising of history.

One instance involving Roosevelt concerns re-

marks he made in a private meeting on January 22, 1938, with Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the foremost American Jewish leader of that era. The only source for what they discussed is a

memorandum that Wise dictated shortly afterwards, for his private records.

According to historians Richard Breitman and Allan J. Lichtman, in their 2013 book, *FDR and the Jews*, the topic of the conversation was Palestine. Roosevelt believed the country was incapable of absorbing many more Jewish immigrants, so he urged Wise to look for “some large areas [elsewhere in the world] as a second choice for the Jews.” Wise disagreed

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“JEWISH NOSE” JOKES AREN’T FUNNY

JOKES ABOUT JEWISH FEATURES ARE ACTUALLY DANGEROUS

By MOSHE PHILLIPS

Moshe Phillips is a commentator on Jewish affairs whose writings appear regularly in the North American and Israeli press. His views are his own. - The Editor

Erbelding has never apologized at all. In fact, she hasn’t even acknowledged the public’s legitimate con-

cerns about what she wrote. Producers were right to oust Richards—and to (Please turn to page 10)

A political candidate in Virginia, a television game show host, and a Washington, D.C. historian seem to think that jokes about “Jewish noses” are funny. They’re not. In fact, they’re dangerous.

In Virginia, Hahns Copeland, a Republican candidate for the House of Delegates, last week mocked the size of a Jewish delegate’s nose. Earlier this year, Mike Richards, the now disgraced chosen host of “Jeopardy,” was revealed to have made a joke about a Jewish woman’s nose. And then there’s Dr. Rebecca

Erbelding, a staff historian at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, who tweeted in 2019: “At a talk today, I was asked about my personal background. I confessed that I’m not Jewish, but with a Hebrew first name, German last name, and my nose and hair, I ‘pass’.”

It’s instructive to see how each of these controversies played out.

Richards apologized—but was fired from “Jeopardy” anyway.

Copeland apologized—but denied his slur was anti-Semitic.



IN AN HISTORIC FIRST MEETING ISRAELI PRIME Minister Naftali Bennett met with Bahraini Crown Prince and Prime Minister Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa at the recent UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow. Photo credit: Haim Zach (GPO).

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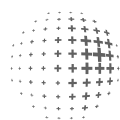


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The following items are taken from 1930 and 1931 editions of The Jewish Standard. They are an indication of the vibrant Jewish social and communal life of both communities in the early years of the 20th century. - The Editor

March 28, 1930

Women's Auxiliary of the B'nai Brith held a card party in the clubrooms in the David Building, Sunday March 23rd. Convenors of the affair were Miss. J. Beckers, Mrs. E. Bernstein and Mrs. M. Schott.

Miss Doris Brody entertained the members

of the Tu-E Club at her home on Victoria Ave.

Miss Esther Starkman and Miss Ray Gershon are entertaining at a bridge luncheon at the Lee Plaza, Detroit in honor of Miss Marjory Simkin, a bride-elect of the month.

Mrs. M Harris, her daughter Mrs. Avner Weingarden and granddaughter, Flora Joy, are returning to the city this week after spending an enjoyable winter in the South.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Gelber have returned from Toronto where they attended the Gelber-David wedding.

Mrs. Louis Greisman entertained on Tuesday evening at bridge and mahjong.

April 14, 1930

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Mossman, Parent Avenue, entertained at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue on Sunday evening March 23rd, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Sydney. Dinner was served to about 150 guests. A reception followed the dinner.

Mr. Maurice Nathanson, president of the Shaar Hashomayim, and his brother, Mr. Sydney Nathanson, were hosts at a smoker at the Prince Edward Hotel on Wednesday evening March 26th, in honor of Mr. Benjamin Brody, captain of a team which succeeded in bringing in the greatest amount of money for the building fund of the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, during the campaign last spring.

Mrs. M. Peterman entertained at several tables of bridge and mahjong on Tuesday evening.

April 25, 1930

Miss Ida Rubin of Ann Arbor, Mich, was the guest of Miss Rae Carp, Parent Avenue.

Miss Pearl Robbins has returned from Chicago, where she was the guests of her sister Miss Ruby Aranoff, for about ten days.

The Ladies' Auxiliary

of B'nai Brith sponsored a book review and musical at the home of Mrs. David Meretsky, Victoria Avenue on Tuesday evening, April 8th, for the purpose of raising money for the Passover Relief Fund. The program consisted of the review of the book "Jews Without Money", ably rendered by Mr. Morris Geller, selections by Miss Eleanor Lambert, pianist and vocal numbers by Mrs. I.B. Meretsky, soprano. The funds raised will greatly assist the ladies in their relief work and the committee in charge wishes to express its gratification to all those who attended, and particularly to Mrs. Geller and the musical artists who participated in the program.

May 2, 1930

A quiet wedding in the presence of the immediate family was solemnized

Sunday evening, March 30th, when Miss Marjorie Simkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Simkins, Dougall Avenue, was united in marriage to Mr. Sam Benson of Pontiac, MI.

May 23, 1930

Mrs. B. Schechter, Hazelwood Ave., Detroit, announces the marriage of her daughter, Rose, to Dr. Dennis Barkoff, Windsor, son of Mr. E. Barkoff, of Fort William.

Mrs. David A. Croll, Giles Blvd., entertained at bridge last Wednesday in honor of Mrs. B. D. Garfield of Toronto.

Mrs. E. Bernstein, Gladstone Ave., entertained at a bridge-luncheon on Thursday May 20th, in honor of her sister Mrs. B. D. Garfield, Kenwood Ave., Toronto, who will be her guest for several weeks.

Mrs. Saul Scher and her daughter Naomi, 4

California Ave., Sandwich, have returned home from Miami, Fl. where they spent the winter.

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FROM LONDON'S PAST

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April 25, 1930

A surprise supper and dance was given by Mrs. Wallace Weinstein, Huron St., North London, in honor of Miss Lillian Weinstein's nineteenth birthday. The table was arranged with spring flowers. Assisting were Mrs. S. Weinstein and Miss Betty Zimmerman. Among those present were the Misses Mary Leff, Sophie Richmond, Betty Siskind, Anne Hollit, Helen Newman, Goldie Hoffman, Adeline Gootson, Fanny Packer, Lilly Richmond, Betty Zimmerman, Ida Shepshean, Messrs. Arthur Burns, Milton Burns, Mike Kaplan, Tom Willensky, David Ruskin, Jack Vetts, Monty Fisher, Al Levine, Bill Weingarten. Out of town guests were Messrs. Albert State, Dave Applebaum, St. Thomas, Meyer Okun, Toronto, Tommy Roganim, Windsor.

May 2, 1930

The B'nai Brith Lodge held an Oratorical and Debating Contest. The successful candidates were: Junior Oratory, Sam Lerner and Miss Brinder. Junior debate, Mollie Weinstock and Esther Ginsberg. Senior Oratory, Sam Rubin and Maud Shapiro. Senior Debates, Clara Rotman and Ben Goldberg. The winners were presented with silver medals by the Lodge. Five of these medals were donated by Messrs. L. Wolf, J. Cohen, D. Wolf, S. H. Lyon and I. Siskind.

January 2, 1931

Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon and daughter of Hamilton, spent the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Wolf.

Mr. D. Zaidman and daughter, Betty, of Toronto, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. I. Jessel, Wellington St.

Mrs. A. Gessensway of Sarnia, who was visiting her father, Mr. Widenbaum and her sister, Mrs. Wassser,

has returned.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lipovich, a daughter on December 24th.

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and "parried" with FDR about Palestine, Breitman and Lichtman wrote, citing Wise's memorandum.

But Breitman and Lichtman omitted another part of the conversation, in which the president blamed Poland's Jews for the rising antisemitism in that country. According to the full text of the Wise memo, FDR claimed that "the Jewish grain dealer and the Jewish shoe dealer and the Jewish shopkeeper" had been

undercutting Polish Christian merchants, and it was this alleged Jewish financial subterfuge that was provoking Christian shopkeepers to demand that "the Jew should go."

According to the memo, Wise protested, "But, Chief, this is pure Fascist talk"—a surprisingly blunt remark, considering that Wise was a passionate supporter of President Roosevelt and his administration. But Wise's plea had no impact on the president. He wrote that Roosevelt's remarks were "very painful" and "like a blow in the face." Readers of the Breitman-Lichtman book, like readers of Katie Couric's interview with Justice Ginsburg, had no way of knowing what had been omitted.

President Roosevelt's image has also benefitted from another troubling omission, this one courtesy of the State Department. At the Yalta Conference, in February 1945, Roosevelt mentioned to Josef Stalin that he would soon be seeing Saudi Arabia's king, Ibn Saud. Stalin asked if FDR intended to make any concessions to Saud.

According to the transcript, "The President replied that there was only one concession he thought he might offer and that was to give him the six million Jews in the United States."

But when the State Department published the transcript in 1955, Roosevelt's unpleasant remark about Jews was omitted. More than fifty years later, a researcher discovered that then-Assistant Secretary of State Walter Bedell Smith had

crossed out the comment about Jews prior to publication, and had written in the margin: "Delete this--it is not pertinent history."

Censors have also lent a helping hand to FDR's successor. In a 1945 memo, President Harry S. Truman wrote: "The Jews claim God Almighty picked 'em out for special privilege. Well I'm sure he had better judgement. Fact is I never thought God picked any favorites. It is my studied

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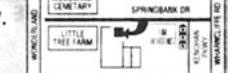
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opinion that any race, creed or color can be God's favorites if they act the part—and very few of 'em do that."

The most unflattering words in that passage ended up on the cutting-room floor. Journalist William Hillman was hired

to assist Truman in preparing his memoirs and other papers for publication. The first volume, *Mr. President*, appeared in 1953. It included the 1945 memorandum, but the wording was changed to read: "I never thought God picked any favorites. It is my studied opinion that any race, creed or color can be God's favorites if they act the part—and very few of 'em do that." The reference to Jews

was omitted, presumably to protect the former president's reputation. Hillman never revealed whether it was his idea, or Truman's, to rewrite the historical record.

Katie Couric, to her credit, has belatedly admitted what she did. Unfortunately, others who have done likewise have not been forthcoming about their own historical malpractice.

JOKES ARE NOT FUNNY

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replace him with a committed Jew, actress Mayim Bialik. That sent a message to the public that anti-Semitism can't be washed away with an apology.

The Virginia Republican candidate's "apology" was unacceptable. Saying you're sorry but then denying you did anything wrong is not saying you're sorry at all.

The Holocaust Museum historian's response has been the worst of all. Dr. Erbeling's

refusal to address the controversy, much less apologize, is an insult to the public which pays her salary. For a government-funded institution to have on its staff somebody who jokes about "Jewish noses" is an embarrassment. For a Holocaust museum—which is devoted to teaching about the horrific consequences of anti-Semitism—it's positively shameful.

The danger of the "Jewish nose" stereotype dare not be underestimated. The notion that there is a distinctive "Jewish nose" is one of the oldest anti-Jewish myths. Jew-haters invented it in the 12th century as a way to single out Jews for contempt.

Government propagandists in Nazi Germany often used the "Jewish nose" stereotype in their hate-mongering. A notorious Nazi film in 1940, called "The Eternal Jew," which claimed to expose the "real" Jew, focused again and again on "Jewish faces," zooming in on their noses to make Jews seem repulsive.

Images of big-nosed Jews appeared frequently in the Hitler regime's news media, cultural publications, and children's books. *Der Giftpilz*, an anti-Jewish children's book published by Julius Streicher (who was also the publisher of the Nazi newspaper *Der Stürmer*), featured a section

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called "How To Tell A Jew." It showed a 7th grade boys' class, in which "Karl Schulz, a small lad in the front row," stepped to the chalkboard and proclaimed: "One can most easily tell a Jew by his nose. The Jewish nose is bent at its point. It looks like the number six. We call it the 'Jewish six.'"

In much of the Muslim world today caricatures of Jews with stereo-

typical noses regularly appear in viscosly anti-Zionist / anti-Israel editorial cartoons.

Perpetuating stereo-

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Gary Barwin was one of six winners for outstanding works in Jewish writing. Barwin won for his fiction work *Nothing the Same, Everything Haunted: The Ballad of Motl the Cowboy* (Random House Canada). The awards are supported by the Israel and Golda Koschitzky Centre for Jewish Studies at York University, "The Canadian Jewish Literary Awards build pride, not only in the individuals being honoured, but in the creative achievements that reflect Jewish themes and ideas," said Edward Trapunski, Jury Chair. "The awards program enriches and promotes Canadian Jewish writing and culture, enabling a better understanding of our collective past, our shared present and the world of the future."

types such as the "Jewish nose" is not just offensive. It can have real-life consequences. Prof. Jonathan Kaplan of the University of

Technology-Sydney has pointed out that the perpetrator of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, Robert (Please turn to following page)

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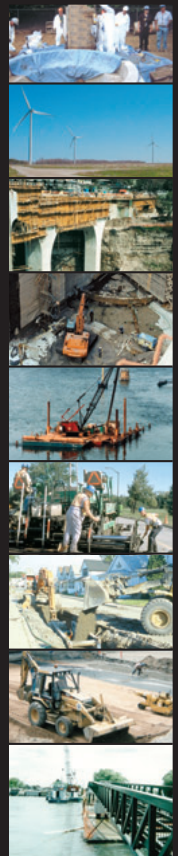
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JOKES ARE NOT FUNNY

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Bowers, echoed classic anti-Jewish stereotypes in his online ravings. "How we speak about and depict others in the media and social discourse perpetuates long-held stereotypes and ultimately emboldens

hate-filled individuals," according to Prof. Kaplan.

Whether told by a co-worker at the water cooler, a schoolyard bully, a

celebrity, or a museum historian, jokes about "Jewish noses" deserve the public's scorn—and there must be consequences.

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at a council meeting and Shakur even voted with the motion, in effect censuring himself. He apologized several times at the meeting. "When those words came out of my mouth, I regretted them", he said. "As a child and an activist in the '60s and '70s, the Jewish community has been allied with the Black community for the longest".

While several city council members told Shakur his frustration was legitimate, they were not about to excuse his anti-Semitic rant. "This is strictly about antisemitic remarks," said Councilwoman Karen Mjeia. "This is a community that does not tolerate that."

The Anti-Defamation League tweeted: "We commend the Newburgh City Council's actions in censuring him".

Shakur is no stranger to controversy. Also known as Raymond Bryant Jr., he was arrested two years ago for failing produce ID and exit his vehicle after he was stopped for running a red light.

Target and Barnes and Noble Remove Books

Following letters of protest by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre Target Corporation and Barnes and Noble have removed the book "Not Guilty At Nuremberg" by Holocaust denier Carlos Porter from their shelves. Online bookseller Walmart has also stopped selling the book.

"We assume these large online booksellers do not mass-market books promoting terrorism or pedophilia," said Rabbi Abraham Cooper, SWC associate dean and global social action director. "At a time of surging antisemitic hate crimes here in the US, it is beyond the pale that a book would be marketed by someone who insults the memory of six million Jewish victims of the Nazi genocide."

In addition to "Not Guilty at Nuremberg, other books removed include the

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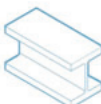
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The book shines a light on those who have dominated the comedy scene and brought joy to so many throughout their lives. Featuring a heartfelt and informative introduction by stand-up comedian Bobby Slayton, and a wonderful selection of one-liners and images edited by Tony Nourmand, this book offers a beautiful insight into the life and humour of the world's foremost Jewish comedians throughout the ages.

Featuring comedians including Larry David, Fran Lebowitz, Mel Brooks, Bette Midler, Garry Shandling, Buddy Hackett, Sid Caesar, Jackie Mason, Gilda Radner, Groucho Marx, Lenny Bruce, Rita Rudner, Rodney Dangerfield, Joan Rivers, Jerry Lewis, and George Burns, the book's wonderful portraits are accompanied by some of the finest and funniest observations.

The book is published in conjunction with the exhibition of Jewish Comedians at La Térmica Cultural Centre in Málaga, Spain, in November 2021. It is the first in a series of exhibitions and books celebrating Jewish culture in the arts. The series is produced and curated in collaboration with Reel Art Press.

The book is available at bookstores and at <https://www.reelartpress.com/catalog/edition/219/a-small-book-of-jewish-comedians>



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novel *Der Auschwitz-Mythos: Legende oder Wirklichkeit?* ("The Auschwitz Myth – Legend or Reality?"), by Wilhelm Stäglich, a former officer in the German army during World War II and a neo-Nazi party member, and Germar Rudolf's *Eine Zensur Findet German-language Statt!* ("A Censorship is Taking Place!"), written to protest German authorities' ban on

his antisemitism and Holocaust denial, and *Was Ist Wahrheit?* ("What is Truth?"), by the French Communist Paul Rassinier, one of the earliest Holocaust deniers.

Both Target and Barnes and Noble responded to the complaint by making it clear that they would not tolerate "offending titles" on their shelves or website.

US Election Notes

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy won re-election in a closely fought battle with Republican Jack Ciattarelli. What's interesting is that while Murphy could count on the state's Jewish progressive voters who routinely vote Democrat he made a concerted effort tap into the politically conservative Orthodox Jews. He even secured the endorsement of the Lakewood Vaad, the council of Orthodox religious leaders.

In Virginia Republican Glenn Youngkin defeated former governor Terry McAuliffe. He did so in part by making a concerted effort to attract left leaning Jews. His strategy seems to have paid off. Exit polls showed the new gover-

nor winning 37% of the Jewish vote, which translated into a drop of 10% among Jews who supported Joe Biden. With 170,000 Jews eligible to vote and the election so close the number of Jews switching appears to have been significant.

Jacob Frey won re-election as mayor of Minneapolis. Frey's opposition to replacing the city's police department with a Department of Public Safety resonated with voters. Frey is a Reform Jew and attends two Reform synagogues in Minneapolis, Temple Israel and Shir Tikvah, together with his wife, who converted.

Eric Adams was elected mayor of New York but despite devoting considerable effort to wooing the Hasidic Jews of Borough Park he failed to make the inroads he had hoped for.

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