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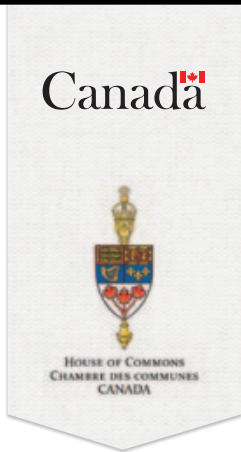
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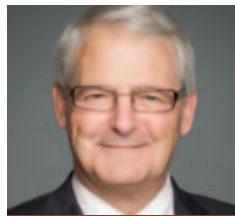
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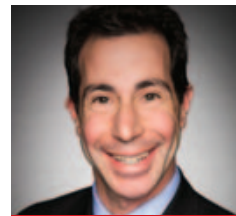
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Reflections on Rosh Hashanah

The annual High Holy Days stocktaking which is, theoretically at least, part of the religious tradition of Judaism, is really more a matter of form than it is of substance. Very few of us reflect seriously about where we have fallen short during a year in which we have been subjected to the strain and tension of getting along in so very complex a world. How many of us actually take the time to look back at the year and contemplate our regrets? And how many of us, in these secular days, have any real dread of God's judgement or hold any fear of incurring His wrath? Do even the pious among us really emerge from the High Holy Days with the conviction that it is our bounded religious duty to avoid, in the year to come, the sins of which we have been so obviously guilty during the year which has gone by.

It is the failure of the religious atmosphere of the High Holy Days to alter, in a meaningful way, the level of personal morality and social justice among us which robs these days of their true significance and purpose. There are, it is true, few Jews so detached from their Judaic past that they are unable to experience, almost in a physical sense, the strength of the bond which unites them to their Hebrew ancestors.

There are few Jews who, during this time of year, do not feel some kinship with those who have suffered so grievously for their faith. There are few Jews who, as they sit in shul, do not reflect on the grandeur and the glory of Jewish life - a life, to be sure, too many times under seige, a life filled with so much tragedy but a life no less of triumph. And yet despite the fact that all too often empty synagogues will for a brief time be packed to their doors, the critical observer will continue to wonder how many of these "worshippers" will emerge from these ten days with a full appreciation of our complex history and to ask whether all of this really means much in the day-to-day way in which they lead their Jewish lives.

Meanwhile, as nations, as peoples, as single human beings caught up in the struggle of life we know that we are never far from the impact of misfortune. Yet the more optimistic among us may hope that despite the foreboding weighing heavily upon the world, despite the obvious truth that "man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upwards", humanity will, in the year ahead, enjoy a measure of happiness and that our pursuit of untold riches is the spur which prods us to the better life for which, all of us hope, we are destined.

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WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS DISCUSSED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

Canadian Philanthropist Speaks at Basel

SYLVAN ADAMS (pictured below) was born in Quebec City in 1958. For 25 years he served as president and CEO of Iberville Developments, one of Canada's largest real-estate development companies. In late 2015 he emigrated to Israel. Since making Aliyah, Adams has

brought to Israel the first three stages of the Giro d'Italia Grand Tour bicycle race in 2018, Madonna to perform at the Eurovision Song Contest in Tel Aviv in 2019, co-founded the Israel World Tour cycling team and brought huge football matches and Judo Grand Slams to Israel. This past year he opened the Sylvan Adams Children's Hospital in Holon, and the world's biggest and most advanced

emergency room at Ichilov in Tel Aviv. Speaking at the anniversary of the 25th First Zionist Congress Adams talked about his vision of promoting Israel and took aim at its critics. "Calling Israel an apartheid nation is an affront to those who suffered under that despicable system. I am as capable as any to make the defensive case for Israel, based on our virtuous national principles and ancient Jewish values. But with my projects, I am not trying to convince the haters and the anti-Semites. Rather, I am speaking to the a-political silent majority, in their living rooms and on their mobile phones. I am on the offensive side of the field, and this is where we can score goals with the silent majority". Photo: Zvi Koren

Jewish mother to be recognized as Jews without having to undergo a formal conversion. The Reform movement approved the policy seven years ago but Edgware and Hendon chose to retain the previous policy of recognizing only the child of a Jewish mother as Jewish.

"It is truly a delight to help a young person claim their Jewish status where they have always lived as a Jew", said Rabbi Mark Goldsmith. "To call it conversion can be insulting to the commitment of the parents and they have made to their Jewish upbringing." Adds Rabbi Debbie Young-Somers: "As an inclusive and egalitarian synagogue within our inclusive and egalitarian movement, it makes sense that men and women are treated

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THE BIG STORY IN MY SMALL LIFE

By JUDITH KALMAN

Between 2009 and 2016, two Nazi war crimes trials would follow the ground-breaking prosecution of John Demjanjuk, the Ohio former autoworker who was deported from the United States to Germany in 2009 to stand trial as an accessory to the murder of 28,000 Jews in the Sobibor concentration camp located in occupied Poland. Demjanjuk died in 2012 before the court of appeals confirmed the guilty verdict found by the district court in 2011. Oskar Gröning and Reinhold Hanning, former SS officers at Auschwitz, would be tried on a similar

In 2015 a secular, non-practising Jew who has lived most of her life outside the Jewish community suddenly found herself in the front rows of a Nazi war crimes tribunal. The following is an excerpt from Judith Kalman's recently released memoir. Called to Testify is a beautiful, thoughtful memoir about the meaning of life in the wake of traumatic events, coming to terms with your identity, and understanding the magnitude of what can never be restored. - The Editor

charge. All three trials were due to the initiative of a retired judge, Thomas Walther.

On a morning in January 2015, my husband and I prepared brunch for two German guests: Thomas Walther who was representing many of the co-plaintiffs [in the German

justice system, individuals with a vested interest] at the Gröning trial, and Per Hinrichs, a journalist from the newspaper Die Welt. Thomas had come to interview me, as I was to be a co-plaintiff, attesting to the effects of second-generation trauma.

I had only once pre-

viously entertained a German national. Way back in the late seventies, when a distant cousin my age visited me in Montreal with a German boy she had met on her summer abroad, I was as hospitable to him as to anyone else. Yet I recall a walk on Mount Royal during which this cousin and I, both children of Holocaust survivors, spewed non-stop about the ordeals our parents had gone through at the hands of the Nazis. The family narratives of expropriation, deportation, murder, and loss poured out of us, a tsunami of blame im-

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PAUL HIRSCHSON LOOKS BACK AT WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED SINCE HIS ARRIVAL IN MONTREAL AND AHEAD TO HIS GOALS FOR 5783

BY CONSUL GENERAL PAUL HIRSCHSON

Rosh Hashana 5783, my 2nd in Montréal as I begin my 2nd year as Israel's Consul General to Québec and Atlantic Canada. My first year was a significant one as we emerged, re-submerged then emerged again from a global pandemic that upended our lives.

The Israeli Consulate returned to in-person work immediately on my arrival to Montréal but much of Québec remained slow, often shut, for months. We began "rebuilding", renovating the Residence and giving the Consulate a facelift - paint and new carpeting.

We also upgraded the team with new members with more energy and focus, a process almost completed, as we put Israel on the radar of Canada's wider society.

As we approach Rosh Hashana it is appropriate to look back at what we have achieved and to look forward to what we want to still secure. Not all the Consulate's conversations and activity is for public consumption but here's a snapshot of some of the milestones the year past:

Québec's government made a first Ministerial level visit to Israel with Economy Minister Fitzgibbon signing an agreement for joint Israel-Québec investment in research in the life sciences. The first call-for-proposals has been published and we anticipate

some exciting new joint ventures.

This was also the Québec government's first Ministerial level visit anywhere since the pandemic - a deliberate decision of

Québec's government, highlighted and stressed by Québec's Ministry of International Relations at the Consulate's Yom Ha'atzmaut, Independence Day event.

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The Bloc Québécois political party adopted the IHRA definition of anti-semitism just a few short months ago. Many people, mostly not from the Consulate, worked on this but it is still an important landmark for us.

The number of Israeli artists presenting and performing in Montreal and beyond is staggering and I can't begin to point out one or another without forgetting most of them, both those the Consulate worked on facilitating and others.

Academic exchange is impressive. We want to further increase ties between Israeli and Canadian universities and I'm thrilled to share with you that Québec is starting a scholarship program for Israelis studying at universities here.

Québec is very positively inclined towards Israel! A significant part of the reason for Québec's desire to upgrade ties with Israel is because of the hard work, the investment of time and effort, of Montreal's special Jewish community over many years. I do want to take this opportunity to thank you all for the special effort Montreal Jewry makes on Israel's behalf. Merci bcp!

The Consulate here is also responsible for Israel's relations with Atlantic Canada. With both pandemic related restrictions and staff shortages at the Consulate, we were limited to only three in-person visits,

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EYE ON MONTREAL

NAMES IN THE NEWS IN OUR CITY

By MIKE COHEN

DIZZ'S TO THE RESCUE: With news that General Mills will no longer be making Liberté cream cheese, bagel lovers in particular have gone into a bit of panic. Founded by the Kaporovsky family in 1936, Liberté — initially known as Liberty Dairy Products — was created in a building on the corner of St-Urbain and Duluth Streets in Montreal's Plateau-Mont-Royal borough, as reported by CBC. From there, according to Romanow, the Kaporovskys sold kosher dairy products such as cream cheese, cottage cheese and sour cream to the Jewish community living in the area. The company was eventually acquired by multinational yogurt producer Yoplait, and then by General Mills in 2021.

When I stopped by my “go to” Dizz's Bagel and Deli on Côte St. Luc Road, owner Steve Dizgun was telling customers they have nothing to worry about. Dizz's has been around for 28 solid years and recently expanded with a West Island location in Pointe Claire Village. They are so ready for the challenge that they have started to unveil their own line of cream cheeses for \$5.99 a container. Presently they come in regular, scallion, lox, truffle, garlic & herb and yes birthday cake. I can't wait to try that one. Steve says they are also working on a cottage cheese one as well. I walked away with a container of lox. The Manager Jeff Greenblatt

insisted I also take a smokng hot fresh bagel. I got back to my office, cut the bagel in half and put on the spread. It was beyond delicious! Bravo Steve and your company. You can go to <https://www.dizzsbagel.com/>

CMDA GALA: With more than 320 people in attendance at the Crowne Plaza Montreal, Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel held its Montreal gala recently. The evening honouring Canada's 22nd Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper, was filled with moving videos, touching testimonials, and an unforgettable keynote address from the former Canadian leader. The gala celebrated two major milestones for Magen David Adom (MDA): 90 years of saving lives and the inauguration of MDA's new National Blood Services Centre. CMDA had an important Israeli delegation present at the event, which included Professor Eilat Shinar, MDA's Director of National Blood Services. Cheers filled the room as Mr. Harper emphasized time and again his unequivocal support for the State of Israel. He related important facts about MDA and stressed how vital the national EMS organization is to the people of Israel. Mr. Harper even had a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) donated in his honour during the evening.

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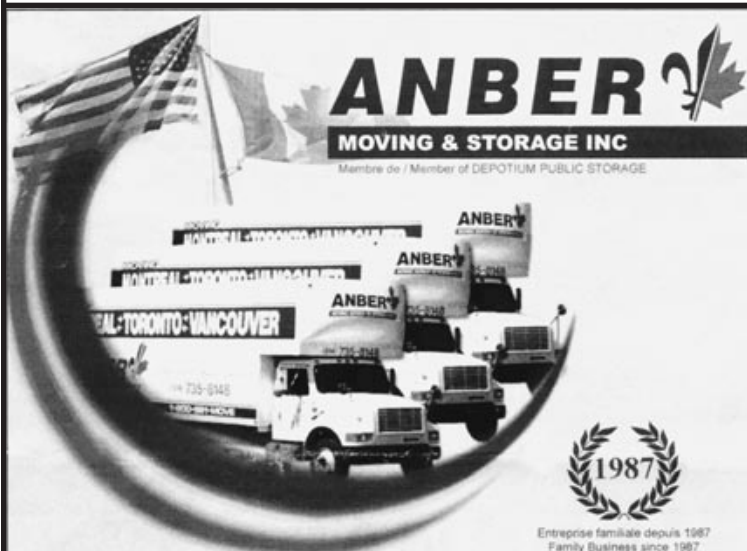
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PLICITLY levelled at this sole, next-generation representative of his kind. The German boyfriend did the only acceptable thing he could under the barrage; he remained silent.

Thomas Walther was born in northeastern Germany in 1943. Acutely aware that had he been born to a Jewish mother in those times, he would likely not have seen his birthday; he'd identified, like many Germans of conscience, with those his country had persecuted. Thomas's father had hidden the families of two Jewish colleagues on his own premises. In his attempts to bring the few living SS personnel to account while they were still physically and mentally fit to stand trial, Thomas Walther felt he was continuing the work of his father. He presented these facts as credentials while we broke bread.

Through the meal, Thomas's voice predominated. In laboured English, he outlined the miscarriage of justice precipitated by the Frankfurt Auschwitz Trials of the 1960s which had attempted to bring to justice all participants in Auschwitz who had implemented and facilitated, both directly and indirectly, The Final Solution. The law regarding aiding and abetting murder, however, had not been upheld. Instead, to arrive at a conviction, the court required the prosecution to prove the accused had a direct hand in a particular murder. The mass killings could only be proved by each individual case, an impossibility.

One could only speculate as to why the law was deliberately misinterpreted, Thomas said, but it was likely political: to prevent a wholesale indictment of all those who had carried out the orders of the National

Socialists, and to protect former Nazis who had found positions of power after the war, within the government, the judiciary, and as leaders of industry. Oskar Gröning, among others, had been interviewed by the Frankfurt Prosecutor's Office on numerous occasions between 1978 and



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1985 about his duties in Auschwitz. In 1985, the cases were abruptly closed for no apparent reason. It was hard to follow Thomas's detailed account because of the impediments of language on his part and contextual background on ours. What was most clear was that this was a man driven by the ticking clock: the advanced years of the defendant and co-plaintiffs, not to mention his own declining energies. Through my interjections, I sought common ground. We came from such different vantage points. He worked in the public sphere, whereas I was utterly private. What did I know of Germans today that was not based on stereotype? And how could he know that he shouldn't make assumptions about me as a Jew?

I had the impression that Thomas Walther meant to take on the broken justice system he had served

through his career. This may have been his primary aim, but I also guessed he wanted to give back in a restorative sense some tiny something of what the National Socialists in the name of the German people had stolen from the millions they had annihilated: six million Jews, and many millions of others.

Here at my table was the German baby born in 1943, blameless of the crimes of his elders. Just as I bore some of the trauma experienced by my parents, so had he, child of the perpetrating generation, internalized some of their guilt. Though unarticulated, we arrived at an understanding over breakfast. I came to see that he was giving me this interview, not asking for it. He was giving me the opportunity to testify, the fact of the trial itself, and what he hoped would be the verdict. It was up to me whether to

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accept it, and, if I did, what I would make of it. Thomas Walther with his video camera and Per Hinrichs with his notebook followed me up the stairs to the den where, I said, we'd get the most out of winter's pale light.

Since this writing Thomas Walther succeeded in bringing to trial a case against Josef Schütz, and

seeing this conviction confirmed on appeal. He is busy working on a new case to be presented next year.

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life-saving medical equipment and supplies for MDA in Israel. The gala chair was Arlene Madar Abitan. If you could not attend and would like to donate in support of Magen David Adom, please visit: www.cmdai.org/give.

NEW RABBI AT TBDJ: Congregation Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem in Côte Saint-Luc is welcoming a new spiritual leader in Rabbi Zolly Claman. He succeeds Rabbi Yechezkel Freundlich, who has taken a new post in the New York area.

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He and his wife Penina are the proud parents of three young children. TBDJ also has a new executive director in Stephanie Nagus.

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION PROGRAM: I am extremely proud to share the news that the English Montreal School Board will embark upon a vitally needed Holocaust Education program for the 2022-23 academic year, thanks to a generous grant from the Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal. A special podcast has already been launched, co-hosted by radio personality Mark Bergman (the grandson of Holocaust survivors) and Secondary III Westmount High School student Eliane Goldstein.

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Noted Jewish restaurateur Jonathan Dresner continues to expand his list of establishments. He owns the growing Notre Boeuf de Grace chain, Pigeon Café and now the vegan masterpiece called Burger Fiancé, with locations in Old Montreal and Dollard des Ormeaux. He created the latter with his partners Mark Kupfert and Daniel Suss from two other establishments, Hello 123 and Kupfert & Kim.

CINÉSTARZ ARRIVES: Jewish movie theatre owner Bruce Gurberg has run the Cinéstarz chain for some 20 years, with locations in Quebec and Ontario. However, over the summer he was thrilled to open the state of the art Cinéstarz Deluxe complex at Quartier Cavendish. The eight screen facility was totally redone after Cineplex pulled out. When I saw my first film there in July, the electronically controlled rotational soft seats were worth the price of admission alone. Jewish groups are welcome to contact Bruce or his team to book the place for fundraising activities.

A \$29-million gift from Quebec-born entrepreneur Sylvan Adams will launch an exciting venture for McGill University's Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education in the Faculty of Education, ushering in a new era of world-leading research and discovery in sports science, with the long-term goal of improving elite human performance, and promoting healthier living across the human lifespan. Through its support for the science of high performance, Adams' gift also promotes a new lens through which to conduct health research – one that focuses on learning from the study of optimal health, rather than disease.

The donation will support the creation of the Sylvan Adams Sports Science Institute (SASSI) comprising state-of-the-art testing labs, training suites, research offices, and meeting rooms, in a new facility neighbouring the Montreal Neurological Institute and adjacent to

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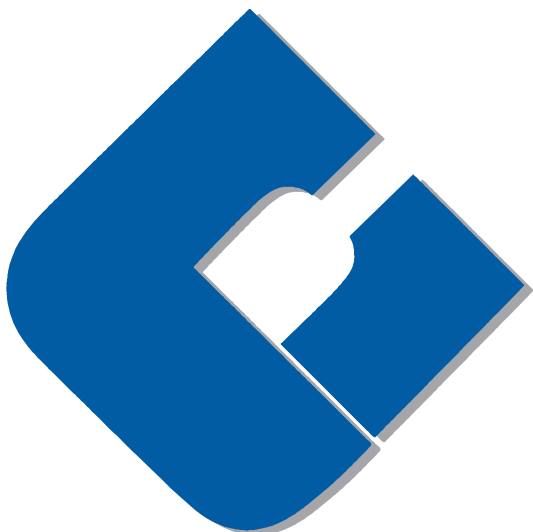
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the Sir Arthur Currie Memorial Gymnasium on Pine Avenue West. Approximately \$24.4 million will be used to build the facility and purchase equipment, while \$4.6 million will be allocated to the development of the Institute's sports science research program through the creation of research grants, scientific conferences, student fellowships, and international exchanges.

This gift represents the largest donation ever made to a Faculty of Education at a university in Canada.

"We are deeply grateful to Mr. Sylvan Adams for his generous gift in support of McGill's Faculty of Education and its Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education,"

said McGill Principal Suzanne Fortier. "This contribution will allow McGill researchers and students to develop new insights into sports science education, research and practice, elevate the performance of Canadian athletes and improve our understanding of human health."

"Sylvan Adams's extraordinary gift is a testament to his passion for sport and innovation," said McGill's Chancellor, John McCall MacBain. "Thanks to his vision and support, the Sylvan Adams Sports Science Institute will position McGill as a leader in academic sports science research in Canada and internationally."

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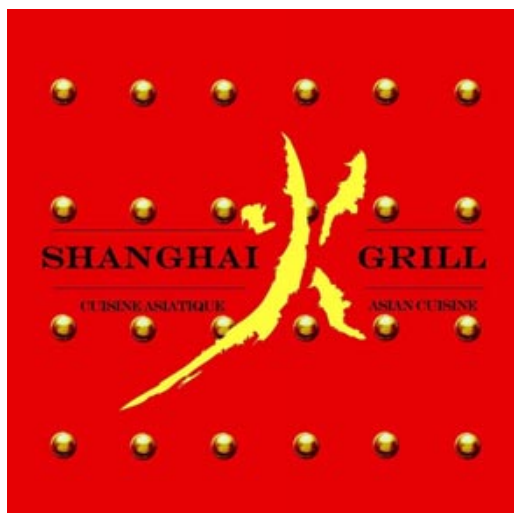
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two to Nova Scotia and one high in the Atlantic. A big to Prince Edward Island. Israeli business venture was Interest in Israel is launched in Newfoundland

and Labrador this year. I look forward to significantly increasing our engagement in the Atlantic over the coming year.

At the center of the Consulate's attention are the economic relations between Israel and Canada. It's not all about trade. There are also investments, joint ventures and tourism. Bilateral trade between Israel and Canada remains an area we seek significant growth. It is up but still far from reaching potential.

It was a special day,

just a few months ago, when the National Bank of Canada announced its first investment in an Israeli company. We're looking forward to more, from Banque Nationale and other local companies.

Particularly satisfying has been the recent visits to Israel of two student delegations, from Dalhousie and McGill universities, to participate in intensive courses in entrepreneurship and innovation, courses which gives significant credits towards their degrees.

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We're working on bilateral agreements which will hopefully come to fruition in the coming months. A new Deputy Chief of Mission is starting which significantly upgrades our functionality.

During the pandemic Israel was forced to shut its doors. It became difficult to secure entry permits as

we tried to beat the threat of covid. It came at a price, including a painful disconnect from friends and family across the Jewish world including here in Montreal. Israel is again open and we want you to return. Please do visit Israel. We're absolutely thrilled to welcome you back.

Shana Tova to all of you. Happy New Year and □□- an easy fast - as we approach Yom Kippur. May the year ahead be a year of peace, security and prosperity, in Montreal and in Israel.

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equally with respect to their Jewish status”.

Around one in five children at EHRS have one Jewish parent and a “high proportion” of these children attend Jewish day schools. “Inherited status”, says Rabbi Goldsmith, “enables who they truly are to be recognized and celebrated.”

Hungary Bans Spanish Hip Hop Band

Barcelona is one of Israel’s fiercest critics. In June Catalonia became the first European parliament to pass an anti-Israel motion calling on both the Catalan and Spanish governments to refrain from providing any “aid or assistance” to Israel and to use whatever political and diplomatic tools available to force Jerusalem to implement the recommendations of Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch.

Tribade is a Spanish hip-hop band that was performing at a Hungarian music festival. The three members of Tribade are virulently anti-Israel. They posted a video of themselves to Twitter in which they are seen writing “free Palestine” and “Israel does not exist”.

The band’s anti-Israel and what most would argue anti-Semitic views may be popular in Spain but the Sziget Music Festival organizers were not amused. A statement on Instagram read: “The actions of the group Tribade are against our cherished values of welcome and respect and we deeply condemn this hateful stunt. They will, of course, not be invited to our festivals in the future.”

It is doubtful that Tribade will cease its anti-Israel vendetta. The band’s views clearly reflect much of public opinion in Spain. The country has adopted several anti-Israeli motions

on the regional and municipal levels. In 2018, the City Council of the Spanish town of Sagunto voted in favor of joining the Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions campaign against Israel, declaring itself an “Israeli apartheid-free space.” Earlier in 2017 Valencia became the first Spanish region to implement

an official policy calling for a boycott of Israel.

Putting a Cork Into Hitler Labels

In 1995 Vini Lunardelli began selling wines featuring labels with (Please turn to following page)

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a picture of Benito Mussolini. Sales exploded and so Lunardelli, notwithstanding the controversy that accompanied the bottles, expanded his "historical collection". Now Hitler bottles, which included phrases such as 'Seig Heil', were produced in an effort to tap into the German market.

Germany asked Italy to stop Lunardelli but all that did was give the winery added publicity and sales soared across Europe. Bottles were seized by the

authorities. People attempted to sue him but Lunardelli escaped fines and jail time because no one could prove he was promoting fascism. An Italian judge ruled that the bottles were legal to sell. "Getting sued was the best thing that could have happened", Lunardelli said at the time. Today the company has 37 different labels featuring the Nazi dictator as well as those with Stalin, Lenin and Che Guevara. The wines cannot be sold in most European countries, including Germany and Austria, but they are readily available in Italian supermarkets and online.

Now, at long last, Andrea Lunardelli, who will take over the winery next year, says they are "sick and tired of all this controversy." Apparently, he has

come to understand that the wines do not represent a "nice joke" simply because Hitler was well-known as a teetotaler.

"Wrapping Tefillin" Used As Code

Elliot Adler, a San Diego attorney, and Chabad rabbi Yisroel Goldstein were both recently found guilty in what prosecutors called a "90/10" tax fraud scheme.

Adler made donations to Chabad of Poway, a California city near San Diego. Goldstein funnelled 90% of the funds back to Adler. Rabbi Goldstein pocketed the other 10%. The scheme began in 2010 and involved tens of thousands of dollars. Adler was accused of falsely claiming the donations as deductions

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on his tax returns, saving some \$500,000 over a seven or eight year period.

Adler and Goldstein communicated with code words such as “challah” for cash and the source of the money as “the baker”. The Chabad rabbi told his co-conspirators to “wrap tefillin” when he was arranging for deliveries of checks, cash and gold. Adler also received \$1 million back in gold coins from Goldstein in 2018.

Adler pled guilty and was forced to forfeit the gold. He can no longer practice law in California.

As for Rabbi Goldstein, best known at the time for having been shot in the hand at the 2019 terror attack at Chabad of Poway on the last day of Passover, he was sentenced to 14 months in prison. Both the prosecution and the defense attorneys had recommended a sentence of home confinement, given Goldstein’s leadership in the wake of the shooting. The now disgraced rabbi had even appeared at the National Day of Prayer in Washington and had condemned anti-Semitism at the United Nations. The judge, however, disagreed with both lawyers. The severity of the crimes and the rabbi’s influence in the community, concluded the judge, warranted a jail sentence.

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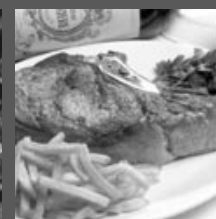
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Under 18 Brits Perpetrate Anti-Semitism

A new survey in Britain is raising concerns within the Jewish community. Hope not Hate, a non-profit mission dedicated to

working “tirelessly to expose and oppose far right extremists”, released its latest study that found that 34 per cent of Britons between the ages of 18 to 24 think it is “probably” or “definitely” true that Jews have too much influence over the

global banking and financial systems. The poll found that dissatisfaction with Covid policies, globalization and trans-right activism were among the reasons listed.

The report also concluded that distrust of the mainstream media leading to the reliance on online sources has led more and more young people to be exposed to conspiracy theories. “To some extent, young people’s low trust in political institutions explains their openness to conspiracies about a ‘new world order’ where a group of elites control events. This opens a clear route to more extreme beliefs.”

“We find that it is younger people who are far more likely to voice support for a reactionary right party that stands against ‘woke culture’, while the strongest opposition comes from older respondents,” the report stated.

Benjamin Gilbert, Programme Manager at Campaign Against Anti-Semitism, was “frightened” by the statistics, finding them “downright terrifying” and warning those who think these are “irrational fears.” “Even a fraction of these figures would serve to highlight just how widespread antisemitic conspiracy theories have become,” he warned.

A First For Bermuda

For the first time in its history Bermuda will have a full-time rabbi. The nation’s first permanent Chabad House will be led by Rabbi Chaim and Menuchy Birnhack. For decades Bermuda’s 500 Jewish residents have had to be satisfied with regular visits by Chabad Roving Rabbis.

Brett Lefkowitz, an Orthodox Jew who works

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for Bermuda's Ministry of Health, and who helped bring about the arrival of the rabbi, told the Royal Gazette: "It's a very nice way to help the community in Bermuda, and hopefully develop tourism and attract more and more people." The "win" for Bermuda could also improve access to kosher catering and food in Bermuda, which might attract Jewish couples seeking a destination wedding.

"We've never had a full-time rabbi or spiritual leader who could inspire the community and also attract new Jewish residents", said

Warren Bank, a lawyer who moved to Bermuda from Chicago in 2021. Adds Canadian Hart Freedman, an accountant: "It was very pleasant to have an actual rabbi visit."

US author and historian Deborah Levine spent part of her childhood in Bermuda. "It would have been very difficult back in the day to have supported an Orthodox Jewish community in Bermuda, since there wasn't anything kosher", she says. "There were limited opportunities to bring in a rabbi. We usually imported one for Passover to conduct the Seder, but other than that I do not recall - maybe for the High Holy Days."

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The municipality of Hogeveen, a city of 55,000 northeast of Amsterdam, has renamed Mayor Tjalma Park. Tjalma was mayor from 1928 until 1958 and was generally considered to have run an administration free of controversy. But in 2020 a local historian discovered that Tjalma was the first mayor in Nazi-occupied Netherlands to hand over a list of local Jews following the German invasion in 1940. Some 250 names appeared on the list. Almost all the Jews of Hogeveen arrested in the course of a single round-up in October of 1942 were deported to Nazi death camps, following detention at the Dutch transit camp at Westerbork. None of the deported returned alive. Several dozen Hogeveen Jews

managed to escape deportation and death by going into hiding but in 1951 Hogeveen had only 27 Jews left.

Several years after the War and under Tjalma's mayorship the city took over the Jewish cemetery and paved a road over a large part of it.

Brand van Rijn, a local politician belonging to the SGP party, initiated the research into Tjalma's wartime record. The SGP has for years been lobbying for a more critical examination of the mayor's actions during the war. Local historian Albert Metselaar confirmed the conclusions of the research undertaken.

The park, named after the mayor's death in 1985, will from now on be called Municipal Park. The cemetery was returned to the Jewish community in 2019.

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Still Commemorating The Blood Libel

Every September villagers in Santo Nino de La Guardia in Toledo, Spain

commemorate the alleged abduction and murder of a Christian child by Jews. Of course, no child was ever reported missing and the trial in 1491 was nothing

but a sham. But each September locals carry an effigy of the child to the church where it is blessed by the clergy over the course of a five-day festival. The child is venerated as a saint. In October in the basilica of Zaragoza another service is held in a small chapel dedicated to a child also supposedly abducted and tortured by Jews.

Now at least Spain's Catholic Church is investigating claims that some of its parishioners are still commemorating the "blood libel". The Archbishop of Madrid told local media that the church was revising "cults and rituals involving saints such as the Nino de La Guardia that refer to the legend that Jews killed Christian children in order to celebrate Passover."

It remains to be seen

how serious the investigation will be and what steps will be taken to convince villages to put an end to these annual services.

Swastika Mountain To Be Renamed

Swastika Mountain is some fifty miles southeast of Eugene, Oregon. It was named a century ago after the now defunct town of Swastika. A local rancher used to brand his cattle with the symbol. It should be remembered that the symbol was used long before the Nazis by followers of Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. For these religions the swastika meant good fortune and well-being.

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existence of the mountain in 2021 and immediately petitioned the volunteer-run Oregon Geographic Names board to change the name. The board has indicated that it supports the move and will call it Mount Halo, in honour of Chief Halito, who led the area's indigenous Yoncalla Kalupuya tribe in the 1800s.

Once the tribe approves the name change Swastika Mountain will become history.

The Conflict Between Synagogues Continues

Shearith Israel in New York, America's first Jewish congregation founded in 1694, owns the Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island. It

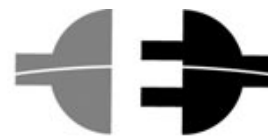
has been leasing the Touro building to Congregation Jeshuat Israel (CJI) since 1903. Touro is the oldest synagogue building still standing in the United States, the only surviving synagogue building in the U.S. dating to the colonial era.

The relationship between the two Orthodox congregations has been a rocky one for many years. In 2019 CJI tried to sell a set of Torah decorations but the New York synagogue's ownership of the building and its artifacts was confirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Shearith Israel recently filed suit seeking to install a new slate of officers at CJI, complaining that its tenants had hired con-

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tractors to install a grave-stone in the Touro cemetery for Ambassador John L. Loeb Jr., who dedicated \$12 million to create the visitors center at the synagogue. The suit would have for all intents and purposes evicted CJI. CJI called the suit a "power grab" by its New York landlord.

Now a Rhode Island judge, citing a legal technicality, has dismissed the suit. Judge Colleen Hastings agreed with the defendant that the eviction notice was improperly filed, citing a discrepancy in the designated date of eviction.

"We hope," says Louise Teitz, CJI co-president, "that our New York landlord will now choose to

finalize the terms for a long-term lease for Jeshuat Israel that will provide certainty and stability for our congregation going forward."

That, however, is not very likely to happen since Shearith Israel shows no signs of ending the long running feud. A statement from the defiant New York congregation read: "Shearith Israel is grateful that the Court gave us its time and considered the matter...The court confirmed that CJI has no rights to ownership of Touro Synagogue. The court sent a clear message to CJI that the technical defect the Court found in the notice of termination does not speak to future prospects."

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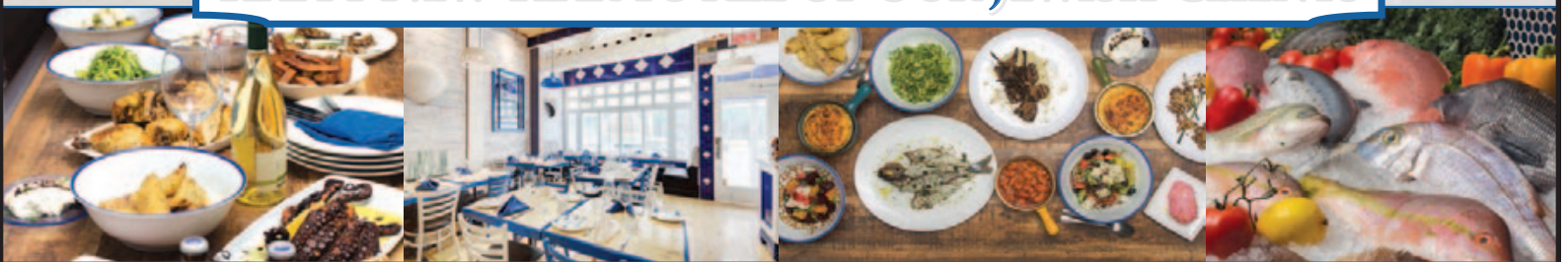
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