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Ottawa Joins Together to Fight Anti-Semitism (Cover story on page 6)

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Israelis Have Spoken And We'll Live With The Result - But

The outcome of the Israeli election has left many Jews in the Diaspora on edge. This unease is not because the "Fall of King Bibi" never happened and that he will be moving back to the prime minister's residence on Balfour Street. Most Jews will be comfortable with Netanyahu's foreign policy, backing him unconditionally when he confronts Iran and offering encouragement when he seeks to expand the Abraham Accords. And given the recent events in Jerusalem a harsh crackdown on the current wave of runaway terrorism will have widespread support across the Jewish world. Nor do we think Jews living outside of Israel care that Netanyahu's legal problems are probably behind him now that his brief stint as Opposition Leader is over.

What is troubling many Jews are the roles in his coalition of the firebrand and racist far right politicians Itamar-Ben Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich. Otzma Yehudit's Ben Gvir, the pistol packing disciple of Meir Kahane, a man who until recent years had a photo of Baruch Goldstein hung prominently on his wall, along with "proud homophobe" Religious Zionist leader Smotrich, who believes that only the ultra-Orthodox matter, speak for a group of knesset members who, despite their electoral success, will now exert far more influence on policy than their numbers justify.

Fifth on the Religious Zionist list is Otzma Yehudit's Yitzhak Wasserlauf. He argued in a recent interview that Reform Jews "make a mockery of religion...They celebrate bar mitzvahs for dogs and they have weddings with a rabbi and a priest simultaneously." Number 9 Amichai Eliyahu has no time for the LGBT community. "It is forbidden, it is the opposite of Judaism. it is against the will of (God), it is not natural, it is not normal..." It is these provocative comments, along with uncompromising stands on who is a Jew, conversion, the Law of Return and the egalitarian Kotel, that led the Anti-Defamation League to release a pre-vote statement that Ben-Gvir's role in a right-wing coalition "would be corrosive to Isreal's founding principles and its standing among its strongest supporters."

We join those who would have pre-

ferred a different election result. We worry that the enactment of the Override Clause would pose a threat to Israel's vibrant democracy. We do not appreciate it when non-Orthodox Jews are called "Christians in disguise" or when Smotrich labels Reform Judaism a "fake religion". Branding Reform and Conservative Jews as "illegitimate" and refusing to accept the reality that there is more than one way to be a Jew will only serve to further a deepening divide.

Elected officials have every right to implement the policies for which their constituents voted. And those of us who did not make aliya are in no position to question the decision of the almost 5,000,000 Israelis who cast their ballot. Likud, the Religious Zionists, Shas and United Torah Judaism now hold 64 knesset seats. Israelis did not vote for another "government of change." They voted in sufficient numbers for Netanyahu, Ben-Gvir, Smotrich, Deri and Goldknopf. And it's also worth noting that those on the winning side were ably assisted by Lapid, Gantz, Eisenkot, Galon and Michaeli who, we assume, are busy on their manuscript "How Not to Run an Election Campaign."

We would like to believe that Ben-Gvir means what he says when he tells worried Israelis and those of us in North America, that he has "grown up" and that he "would not seek to impose religious law nor curb freedom of dissent, and even if I'm not keen on the (Gay Pride) parade, I will ensure the utmost protection for the men and women marching". Maybe a frustrated Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union of Reform Judaism, is being overly pessimistic when he says that Ben-Gvir as public security minister is "like letting a pyromaniac run a fire station." But if Ben-Gvir insists on attending memorial services for Kahane, if he and Smotrich start to trample on the rights of those who do not fit their definition of a "good Jew", if they are not just posturing when it comes to unreasonable policy demands, we have to believe that Netanyahu will do whatever it takes to keep them in check. knows from his many years in office that no Israeli government can afford to slam the door shut on world Jewry.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

NEWS OF THE RECENT PAST IS REVIEWED

By NOAH FREEDMAN

British Labour Party's New Leaf

Two years in politics is a lifetime. The next election in Britain is not until the end of 2024. It is also too early to determine whether Rishi Sunak will turn the fortunes of the governing Conservatives around.

But at this point Labour Party's lead in the polls seems almost insurmountable. And so when party leader Keir Starmer addressed the Labour conference recently his words carried special meaning, not only for the party's Jewish supporters but also for the Jewish community of Great Britain in general.

It was not that Starmer told party members that they must "rip out anti-semitism by the roots". These were words he had been using since he replaced the anti-Semitic Jeremy Corbyn who three years ago had insisted that the Labour conference venue be illuminated with projections of the Palestinian flag and slogans supplied by the Palestine Solidarity Campaign.

But what was significant was the reaction to Starmer's remarks from the thousands of party faithful at the conference. Jews and non-Jews rose in a spontaneous standing ovation, led it should be noted by Starmer's Jewish wife Victoria who is originally from Poland and together with her husband are raising the couple's children Jewish. Friday night shabbat dinners at their home are a family tradition.

A few in attendance did sit on their hands during an address clearly aimed at Corbyn and his still loyal supporters but that did not detract from the overall support for his genuine words of praise for the country's Jews and Israel. Indeed, 400 Labour Friends of Israel packed a reception as shadow chancellor Rachel Reeves expressed her commitment to the Jewish state. Thanking LFI for "giving me the space" to show he was committed to eliminating anti-Semitism in his party, Starmer told the gathering that "when we go into government...you'll be inscribed on the foundation stone as Please turn to page 15)

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HARVARD'S JEWISH PROF SHOULD KNOW BETTER

DEREK J. PENSLAR CONTRIBUTES TO THE SPREAD OF ANTI-SEMITISM ON CAMPUS

By MOSHE PHILLIPS

Much has written about the recent endorsement of BDS by the editors of The Harvard Crimson, the Harvard student newspaper. But how do you suppose Harvard students got that way? Could it have anything to do with the professors who are teaching them about Israel?

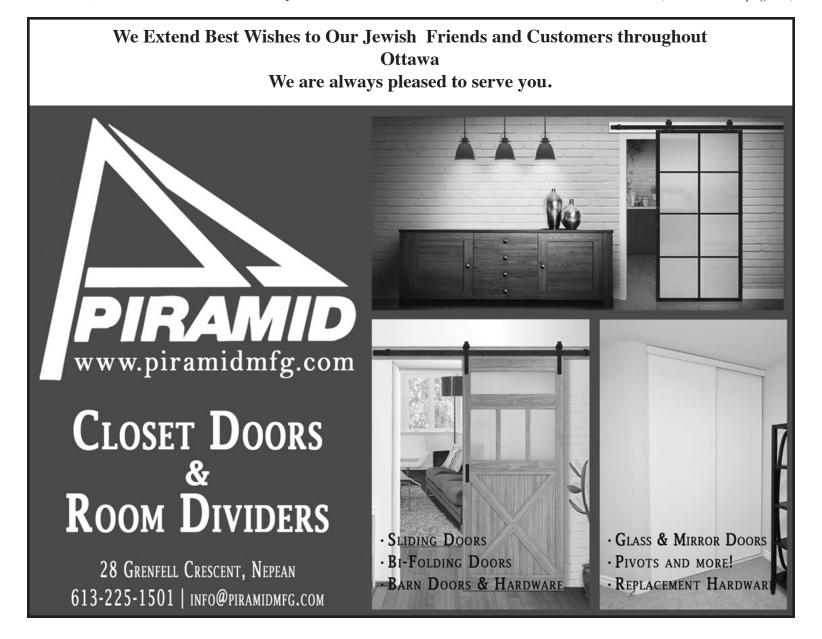
Let's consider Derek J. Penslar, who is Harvard's' William Lee Frost Professor of Jewish History. His areas of specialty are the history of Zionism and Israel, as well as related topics in modern Jewish history.

Penslar, who happens to be Jewish, has been very successful in his academic career. He has had a string of prestigious named professorships—first at Indiana University and then at the University of Toronto, before moving up to Harvard. He has published books with prominent academic presses, and articles in well-known scholarly journals. He serves on the editorial boards of several Israel-related academic journals. He is frequently interviewed by the news media and invited to lecture at various Jewish institu-

tions.

All these impressive credentials give us a sense of Prof. Penslar's prominence in his field. But what exactly does he think about Israel? What does he teach his students? What message does he convey when he speaks to the Jewish community?

— "Israel is guilty of ethnic (*Please turn to page 10*)



NBA LEGEND SPEAKS ON SOCIAL ACTIVISM, ALLYSHIP AT SPIRIT OF HOPE

KAREEM ABDUL-JABBAR RECEIVES FIRST ANNUAL ALLY AGAINST ANTI-SEMITISM AWARD FROM FRIENDS OF SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER

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NBA legend and social activist Kareem Abdul-Jabbar received the first annual Ally Against Antisemitism Award, presented recently by Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center (FSWC) in front of more than 1,200 Jewish community members and allies in Toronto.

Abdul-Jabbar was presented with the award at Spirit of Hope - FSWC's annual marquee fundraising event that raised more than \$3.2 million this year for the organization's education and advocacy programs - at

the Beanfield Centre in Toronto before he took centre stage to speak about his longstanding work in advocating for social justice and human rights, being a steadfast ally in the fight against antisemitism and building bridges between communities.

He began his remarks by echoing his recent blog post, strongly condemning the repeated antisemitic comments of US rapper Kanye West. He also addressed the reaction he has received for his criticism of West and of antisemitism

in general. "The principal lesson is we can never go to sleep, we can never stop being vigilant and let bad things to fester," said Abdul-Jabbar.

"I get condemnation from people who don't want to see any progress, and I get support from people who understand that what people like Kanye West have to say is intolerable," Abdul-Jabbar told the audience. "We can't have our people who set the standards and who everybody wants to emulate...talking like that ... That's not what we're supposed to be about, especially

in America where we say that all men are created equal."

He also spoke out about the delayed condemnations from celebrities and companies in response to West's antisemitism, saying, "Look what happened in the time it took for all the people who ended up condemning Kanye, look how long it took for them to get around to saying what they had to say. In the meantime, Jewish kids were intimidated and bullied and had to deal with a whole lot of violence or violent

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CANADA'S SPECIAL ENVOY ON PRESERVING HOLOcaust Remembrance and Combatting Antisemitism, Irwin Cotler, FSWC President and CEO Michael Levitt, NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Simon Wiesenthal Center Executive Director Rabbi Meyer May in front of FSWC's Tour for Humanity mobile education centre.



#ENDJEWHATRED HOLDS OTTAWA EVENT

GRASSROOTS CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT RALLIES OTTAWA COMMUNITY

In a historic first, the #EndJewHatred civil rights movement united the Jewish community at a special event in November called "Rise Up Ottawa!" at the Infinity Convention Centre.

Over the past year, Ottawa, and many cities in Canada, have experienced an unprecedented and terrifying rise in antisemitism. The fact that it's happening #EndJewHatred is an international grass-roots civil rights movement that unites ordinary people, activists, and organizations from around the world who support the cause that defines the movement: to end Jew-hatred in our lifetime. It does so by altering public discourse to make Jew-hatred unacceptable in society, while empowering Jews with positivity and strength to discover and enjoy their heritage in whichever manner they choose, without fear of attack or persecution. - The Editor

in schools cannot be ignored. Jewish children as young as three years old are

being harassed, gaslighted, segregated, threatened, and attacked as antisemitism is openly embraced in the education system.

"The continued rise of Jew-hatred across the world, and particularly in Ottawa schools, should be concerning to everyone," said Brooke Goldstein, Executive Director of The Law-Project fare and Co-founder of the #EndJew-Hatred movement. "I come from Canada and am shocked to see how Jew hatred has become so normalthroughout country. It is vital for the community to come together at this event to learn what they need to do to end Jew-hatred in schools and across Canada."

EndJewHatred partnered with The Lawfare Project, Canadian Antisemitism Education Foundation (CAEF), and Ottawa Against Antisemitism (OAA) create "Rise Up Ottawa!" This was the largest gathering in history dedicated to hearing directly from students', parents', and educators' first-hand experiences with the terrifying Jew-hatred they're facing in public schools. This crucial event brought together concerned members of the Jewish community with educators, elected officials, dignitaries, leading organizations, and activists. Attendees were shocked to hear how antisemitism has quickly become a global pandemic, while learning what they can do to feel safer in schools.

"As an educator witnessing and experiencing this unacceptable increase of Jewish Hate in school is awful. What's worse are the innocent Jewish children being targeted and therefore being made to hide their identity," said Lisa Levitan, Ontario College of Teachers public educator and recipient of the 2022 Prime Minister's Award for Teaching "With fewer Excellence. Holocaust Survivors than ever before, 'Never Again' is more than just a principled cause. It's a call to action against all hate. We are the next generation, and we have a responsibility to uphold. We do not hide. We do not run away. We do not combat hate with hate. But we belong, everywhere."

The event featured educational seminars and guest speakers including Brooke Goldstein; Lisa Levitan; the Israeli Embassy; Melissa Lantsman, Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada; Yasir Nagvi, Liberal Member of Parliament; Gerard Filitti, Senior Counsel at The Lawfare Project and EndJew Hatred; Shimon Fogel, CEO at the Centre of Israel and Jewish Affairs; Sam Goldstein, National Director of the David Matas Law Society and B'nai Brith; Mina

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By MIKE COHEN

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"We spoke loud and clear to Temple leadership that the much-needed and long-awaited rejuvenation and adaptation for accessibility of our synagogue building is a dream that has finally arrived," said Miriam Burke, president of Temple

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Israel. "This is our moment to make an investment in our shared future in Temple life – and in continuity in our liberal Jewish community."

For more details log on to https://templeisrael ottawa.ca. The Temple is located at 1301 Prince of Wales Drive.

OTTAWA COUNCIL:

There is a new mayor and city council in Ottawa. While Mark Sutcliffe won the competitive mayoral Jewish candidate race, Jacob Solomon gave it the old high school try. He came up with 432 votes. As for councillors, there is one member of the Jewish community, Ariel Troster in Ward 14. A Somerset Ward resident for 12 years, Troster is an advocate and professional communicator with a track record of taking action and getting results. She worked in the non-profit and labour sectors for more than 20 years, including the

Israel. "This is our moment last five at the Federation of to make an investment in Canadian Municipalities.

As а volunteer. Troster has helped sponsor and support refugees and asylum seekers, learning first-hand how hard it can be to find affordable housing and mental health resources in the city. She also helped hundreds of people book COVID vaccine appointments over the last two years and has been involved in LGBTQ+ activism for more than 20 years.

During the pandemic, she has been a frequent commentator on both TV and radio, largely focusing on the need for safe schools and the impact of the February anti-vaccine convoy on residents in downtown Ottawa. She lives with her wife, daughter, Corgi and tabby cat, in Centretown West.

Troster is proud of the role she has played as part of the Rainbow Haven, with many of her Jewish friends, to welcome and resettle LGBTQ+ refugees from the Middle East and Africa to Canada under the co-direction of Rabbi Elizabeth Bolton, who also heads up the local Reconstructionist synagogue. "I believe the fundamental root of Jewish social justice involves building a better city," she says.

CAREER MOVE:

Rachel Rappaport has joined national public affairs firm McMillan Vantage in Ottawa. A seasoned communicator and problem solver, she spent nearly a decade advising federal cabinet ministers and opinion leaders having served in senior communications roles for top decisionmakers, including the Attorney General of Canada, Minister of Labour, Minister of Heritage, and Minister of Indigenous Services.

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cleansing."

In an interview with London's Jewish Chronicle on March 14, 2013, Penslar said: "What happened to the

Palestinians [in 1948] wasn't genocide. It was ethnic cleansing."

That's a lie. Israel didn't commit genocide and

it didn't commit ethnic cleansing. There was no mass murder of the Arabs. There was no mass expulsion of the Arabs. There were a few isolated instances—as there are in every war-in which a small number of individuals were compelled to move a few miles down the road. That's not even close to "ethnic cleansing."

There is no internationally accepted legal definition of ethnic cleansing, so I'll use the one posted on the website of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: "The forced removal of an ethnic group from a territory...The practice of ethnic cleansing may constitute genocide, crimes against humanity, or war crimes." Israel didn't do any of those things. Not in 1948. Not in 1967. Not ever. — "Israel is partly to blame for the Arab-Israeli wars."

Penslar wrote last year that "Israel bears its share of responsibility for the creation of the Palestinian refugee problem in 1948 and for subsequent Arab-Israeli wars." Nonsense. Israel is not to blame for the refugee problem; the Arab regimes that invaded Israel in 1948 are to blame. Israel is not to blame for the Arab wars against it; the Arabs who launched those wars are to blame. Israel's preemptive strikes against Arab regimes that were preparing to invade it were not acts aggression; they were self-defense.

- "Israel perpetuates oppression, resistance, and hatred."

Penslar wrote last vear: "Israel and the Palestinian territories are a welter of ill-fitting political elements - statehood and occupation, autonomy and settlement enclaves - that perpetuate oppression, resistance, and hatred."

I know it's annoving when academics write like

this, using convoluted language that has to be deciphered like some code. Still, it's obvious that when Penslar is talking here about "oppression," he's not saying the Palestinians oppress Israel, he's saying that Israel them. oppresses When Penslar refers to "resistance," he's referring to Palestinian terrorism against Israel; why he labels it "resistance," which implies that it's justified, is a question worth asking. (I'll set aside his reference to "hatred," since in theory it could be interpreted either way.)

"Most PLO terrorism after 1967 was the work of splinter groups."

In a book review in The Forward on October 8, 1999. Penslar said the author of the book was "on firm factual ground when he argues that post-1967 Palestinian terrorism was waged primarily by splinter groups that were not part of the PLO mainstream..."

Could Penslar really be so ignorant as to believe such a blatantly untrue statement? Does he really not know now many post-1967 terrorist attacks were openly claimed by the "mainstream" PLO, under Yasser Arafat's leadership?

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Does he really still believe the pathetic fiction that "Black September" was not part of the PLO mainstream, even though its leaders all long ago admitted to it being a PLO front?

Ironically, not too long after Penslar's apologetics for the "PLO mainstream," the PLO mainstream—that is, its largest component, Fatah—launched a wave of suicide bombings against Israel, including the notorious Passover Seder massacre in Netanya. I find no evidence that Penslar ever publicly acknowledged his error or apologized.

So why do many Harvard students see Israel as a perpetrator of ethnic cleansing and an aggressor against the supposedly innocent and helpless Arabs? Why do many Harvard students see Palestinian mas-Israelis sacres of "resistance" instead of terrorism? Why do many Harvard students excuse mainstream Palestinian Arab terrorism by pretending that the mainstream PLO leadership is not to blame?

I'm not saying that Prof. Penslar is singlehandedly responsible for the spread of anti-Israel attitudes on campus, or the mindset that led to the Harvard Crimson newspaper endorsing BDS in late April.

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But it would be absurd to pretend that there is no connection between what Harvard professors teach and what Harvard students believe.

Academic freedom ensures the right of professors to teach whatever they want, including lies about Israel engaging in "ethnic cleansing." But parents have a right to know what their kids are being taught, so they can decide if that's the kind of professor who they want teaching their kids about Israel.

SPIRIT OF HOPE

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thoughts directed at them because someone like Kanye West says it's okay. It's not okay."

Abdul-Jabbar delved into some of his most prominent works – including his op-ed in The Hollywood Reporter, "Where Is the Outrage Over Antisemitism in Sports and Hollywood?," his book Brothers in Arms, and the documentary film, for which he was the Executive Producer, for the History Channel called Fight the

Power: The Movements that Changed America, which focused on the impact that key protests have had on the evolution of the United States.

Before presenting Abdul-Jabbar with the Ally Against Antisemitism Award, FSWC President and CEO Michael Levitt spoke about the organization's work in combatting antisemitism and hatred through education and advocacy as well

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as the importance of allyship.

"We know antisemitism is the proverbial canary in the coal mine," said Levitt. "For millennia, we've seen how if a society isn't safe for Jews, it's an early warning sign of the danger ahead for others. Antisemitism isn't a threat to just Jews but to our broader society. The hate that begins with Jews never ends with Jews."

He also issued a clarion call for all communities to join together in the fight against the growing tide of hate in Canadian society.

"Allyship is critical," Levitt added. "The fight against hate is an allhands-on-deck battle. To our allies, both Jewish and and non-Jewish in this room, to the organizations we work with in the Jewish community and the broader community across Canada, please hear this from me. We are here to work with you. We are here to partner with you. Knock on our door because we know we are stronger together. We know the importance of communities standing side-by-side in times of need, and that time is now."

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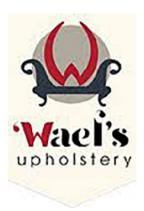
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Cohn, Chair of the Centre for Holocaust Education and Scholarship; Anita Bromberg, President of the Canadian Antisemitism Education; Andrea Freedman, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa; Penina Edery, Director of High Schools & CEGPcAffairs Stand With Us Canada; Daniel Koren, Executive Director Hasbara Fellowships Canada, and Corey Margolese, Founder Jteach and NCSY Canada. Organizers also welcomed Koolulam, the international social musical initiative aimed at empowering communities and strengthening the fabric of

society through inclusion. A full list of guest speakers, along with ways in which readers can show their support for the vital work being done, can be found at the Rise Up Ottawa! website.

The late Rabbi Reuven Bulka z"l remarked "there is nobody amongst us who can do everything, but there is nobody amongst us who should do nothing." Rise Up is "not willing to passively tolerate Jew hatred. We are proactive and resolute in standing up for justice for Jews." They support "peaceful direct action" as a means of having an impact.

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It must, of course, be remembered that Sir Keir was part of Corbyn's shadow cabinet and would likely have been a minister in a Corbyn government. And his voice did remain silent when Jewish MPs Louise Ellman and Luciana Berger were driven out of Labour by the party's antisemites(Ellman has returned). Said Lord Ian Austin, who stood down as an MP in 2019 out of disgust with the anti-semitism permeating his party: "It is good that Keir makes these comments now but it remains a shame that he did not do so during the Corbyn years. It is far too soon to claim Labour has rooted out antisemitism."

Still, Starmer is undeniably making progress in his efforts to ostracize party members who still be-

acy theories about Jews and Israel.

The King and Queen's House Guests

British Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis and his wife were invited to attend the coronation of King Charles on May 6, 2023. The problem is that May 6th is a Saturday and the new King knew he had to accommodate the Chief Rabbi in order that he could attend the coronation without breaking any Shabbat observances.

And accommodate the Rabbi and his wife King Charles will. The couple will stay with the King and Queen at Clarence House the night before the coronation which will mean the Chief Rabbi and his wife will (Please turn to following page)

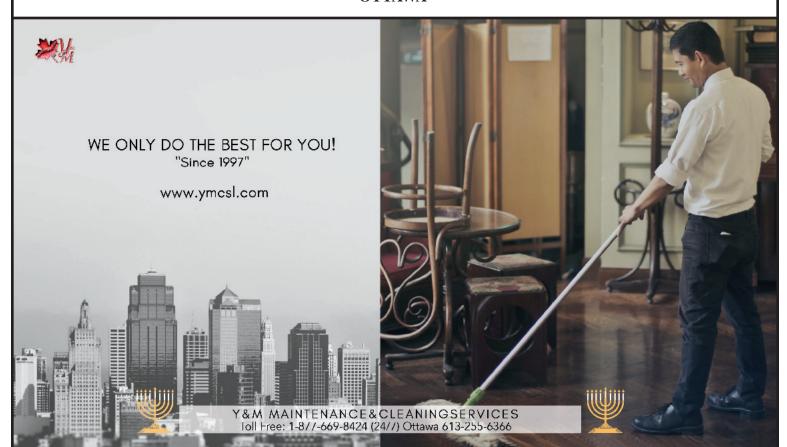
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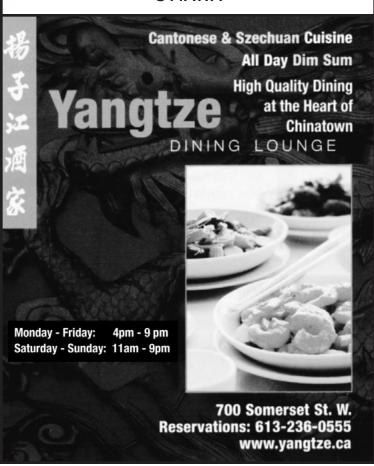
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death of his mother Charles moved the time of a Friday Palace event from 18:00 to 17:00. When they met at the ceremony the King said to the Rabbi: "Leave now. You'll have time to get home before Shabbat comes in."

Baseball's Barney Dreyfuss

With another World Series now in the books it might be worth remembering that it was a Jew who helped pioneer the Fall Classic.

At the beginning of the 20th century there were, as there are today, a National League and the junior circuit American League. When their seasons ended they went their separate ways. No one even thought of a post season.

But Barney Dreyfuss, the owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates, had seen his team dominate the National League for three straight seasons and was looking for a way to showcase his team. And so Dreyfuss wrote to Boston American owner Henry Killea proposing a postseason battle between the champions of the two major leagues. "The time has come for the National League and American League to organize a World Series" Dreyfuss wrote. "It is my belief that if our clubs played a series on a best of nine basis, we would create great interest in baseball, in our leagues, and in our players. I also believe it would be a financial success."

Killea agreed and in 1903 the World Series was born. While Boston took the series five games to three Dreyfuss donated his share of the profits to the "He was a players. mensch", says University of Pittsburgh's sports history professor Rob Ruck.

In the same year as

he broached the idea of a World Series, Drevfuss brokered a peace deal between upstart American the League, founded in 1900 and the established National League, which had been operating since 1876.

Names In The News

Gad Elmaleh, one of France's most well-known Jewish comedians, who never shied away from referencing his Jewish identity, has announced that he is converting to Catholicism. Apparently, "the Virgin Mary took him under her wing." ...Superstar Taylor Swift has reacted to the disappointment of her Jewish fans who would not be able to attend her concert on Friday or Saturday nights. The singer has now added eight more shows to the U.S leg of her tour all on week nights...Alan Strank is a non-entity. But during a football match in England he gave the Nazi salute. As a result he received a three vear football banning order, will have to undertake 50 hours of unpaid work in the community and pay a £189 fine.



MANDATING HOLOCAUST EDUCATION IN ONTARIO'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Minister of Education Stephen Lecce made the announcement during a news conference at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Toronto, where he unveiled a series of actions the government is taking to combat rising antisemitism in schools across the province.

"We are taking action to counter antisemitism and hate, because those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it," said Lecce. "With antisemitism on the rise, we are introducing mandatory

Holocaust education in elementary schools, expanding resources and strengthening anti-hate training for Ontario students, educators, and families."

Added Solicitor General Michael Kerzner: "We all have the right to feel safe in our communities, and a shared responsibility to stop hate. Our government is combatting antisemitism by updating the Grade 6 curriculum to include Holocaust education, so that future generations never forget."

The Ontario govern-(Please turn to following page)

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STEPHEN HARPER RECEIVES ISRAEL ALLIES AWARD



FORMER PRIME MINISTER STEPHEN HARPER SPOKE to over 600 Jewish and Christian supporters of Israel at the Israel Allies Foundation awards dinner at Canada Christian College in Whitby. The IAF works with the U.S. Congress and parliaments around the world to mobilize faith-based support for Israel. Israel Ambassador to the United Nations Gilad Erdan was also a featured speaker. "I am proud", said Harper, "to continue to use my voice in support of the State of Israel, while addressing and forcefully denouncing the ongoing and worrisome rise in anti-Semitism." Harper is ranked 3rd on IAF's top 50 Christian allies of Israel.

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ment will be revising the Grade 6 Social Studies curriculum to include mandatory learning about the Holocaust. Currently, students are only required to undergo Holocaust education in Grade 10.

The Ontario government has also outlined community resources it is investing in to further help students learn about antisemitism and how to address it, including FSWC's Antisemitism Classroom Toolkit (ACT). ACT is a resource guide that provides parents and educators the content and learning strategies necessary to guide young leaders through a curriculum-compatible introduction to the often complex topic of antisemitism.

"Recent studies amongst Canadian vouth have revealed an overwhelming lack of knowledge about the history of the Holocaust, the ultimate example of what happens when hate is left unchecked," said Michael Levitt, FSWC President and CEO. "We commend the Ontario Ministry of Education for taking this monumental step in ensuring that the lessons from the Holocaust and the legacy of survivors are never forgotten."

OTTAWA NOSTALGIA

The following items are taken from the June 4, 1933 edition of The Jewish Standard

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Freiman, Miss Queenie Freiman, Mr. Lawrence Freiman and Miss Gladys Freiman were in Hamilton to attend the Sperber-Epstein wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Caplan, who were in Hamilton to attend the marriage of the latter's cousin, Miss Gladys Epstein to Mr. Lawrence Sperber, have returned

Miss Ann Slonemsky spent the weekend in Montreal, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. William Gasvie.

Miss Faye Witen entertained at her home at a charmingly arranged bridge and tea in honour of Miss Dorothy Dover, whose marriage will be taking place shortly.

Mrs. Wilfred Galley has returned home having visited in Montreal where she was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Silver.

Miss Anne Carlofsky spent the weekend in Montreal as the guest of Miss Muriel Vineberg, Roslyn Ave. Mr. Frank Paskowitz, of Toronto, spent the weekend in Ottawa as the guest of his brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolfish.

Mr. Moe Slone, who was in Ottawa for a few days as the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. N. Slone, has returned to Camp Borden.

Mr. Robert Mayerovitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Mayerovitch, graduated as Bachelor of Science at McGill University, having specialized in electrical engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Liebman, of Toronto, spent a few days in Ottawa as the guests of the Chateau Laurier.

Miss May Riss has returned home after spending the weekend in Toronto.

Mrs. H. Dover entertained at an afternoon tea on Saturday in honor of her daughter, Dorothy, bride-elect of the season.

Miss Thelma Rivers, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. Sherman during her stay in Toronto, has returned home.

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