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Reflection on Passover

Stripped of the nostalgic warmth of the memories which it evokes, the ultimate significance of the Pesach festival is its position as the primal Jewish Festival of Freedom. Jews may date their history as a people from Abraham, the Father. But this history actually begins with Moses, the Liberator and the Lawgiver. It is the memory of their sojourn in Egypt as slaves under the Pharaohs which marks the beginning of their consciousness of themselves as a people, with its own unique role to play in the development of civilization. It is the escape from this slavery into freedom which has been the lodestar which has led the Jews through subsequent centuries. And it is the memory of this escape which has given them strength in their struggle to preserve their faith and their dignity during those sanguinary centuries during which they endured the bitter and bloody fury of medieval mobs, spurred on by theologians who saw Jews as deicides, worthy objects of persecution and condemned by their rejection of the Christian saviour to torture and death.

The modern Jew, even those who today live in relative comfort, has not escaped the traumatic effects of the experiences of our forefathers. The agonizing death of those who perished in the auto-de-fe's of Spain, in the massacres of the Crusades, in the repeated sackings of the ghettos of Europe, in the savage pogroms of the Chmielnicki era, in the ultimate horror of the gas chambers and crematoria of Auschwitz, have left scars upon us deeper than we perhaps know. Future generations will add October 7 to the seemingly never ending list of those who have sought vengeance simply because of our religious beliefs.

If Jews are inclined to be insular, mistrusting the non-Jewish world about them, if we are not entirely free of the fear of again having to suffer the stinging lash of the non Jewish whip, there is ample reason for it. Conversely, if we are somewhat more compassionate that we might otherwise have been, if we may be counted among the "social revolutionaries" who are most deeply involved in the burdens of persecution and deprivation others bear, surely it all begins with the collective memory of our slavery in Egypt and our experiences as a people over the past millenia.

Yet the Festival of Passover, despite our difficult journey and the current wave of antisemitism, provides a glimmer of hope. For in the inspiring story of our redemption is implicit the promise that deliverance will come today as it came to our forefathers millenia ago, that there is justification for the hope that in the darkness of the present is the promise of light for the generations to follow.

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ARAB BOOKSTORE SEEKS TO INDOCTRINATE CHILDREN

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

The Israeli police recently arrested the proprietors of an Arab bookstore in Jerusalem that was selling books promoting hatred of Jews and glamorizing terrorists. One was a coloring book, a fact that prompted much mockery on social media. Big, strong Israel is afraid of a little children's book!

The book is called *From the River to the Sea*, an old Palestinian Arab slogan calling for replacement of Israel with an Arab state of Palestine. Intended for six to ten year-olds, the book features color-by-number pages that demonize Israel and honor terrorists and terror-supporters.

Dr. Medoff is founding director of The David S. Wyman Institute for Holocaust Studies and author of more than 20 books about Jewish history and the Holocaust. His book The Road to October 7: Hamas, the Holocaust, and the Eternal War Against the Jews will be published on October 1, 2025, by The Jewish Publication Society / University of Nebraska Press.) As published in the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles - February 13, 2025 - The Editor

There's Ghassan Kanafani, senior official of the terrorist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, best known for its airplane hijackings in the 1970s, its murder of an Israeli cabinet minister in 2001, and its massacre of rabbis in a Jerusalem synagogue in 2014,

There's Refaat Alareer, the "poet" who called the October 7 attack "legitimate and moral," denied the

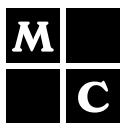
Hamas gang rapes, and joked on social media about whether baking powder was used in burning Israeli babies to death. In the coloring book, Alareer is flanked by a large flaming kite, the kind Hamas has used to torch countless acres of Israeli farmland.

There's Ahed Tamimi, the teenager who rose to fame when she was arrested for assaulting Israelis, and then later arrested again for writing on social media following October 7: "Come on settlers, we'll slaughter you. What Hitler did to you was a joke. We'll drink your blood and eat your skulls."

The coloring book also features a page devoted to the Intifadas, the waves of mass Palestinian Arab violence in which more than

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with what happened and who it happened to.

"The Lawfare Project Canada is proud to bring the Nova Music Festival Exhibition to Toronto. While the Exhibition honours the victims and survivors of the terrorist attack at the Nova Music Festival, it also fosters allyship as it educates and highlights the importance of defending human rights and reaffirming our democratic values," stated Brooke Goldstein, Director of The Lawfare

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THE BIBAS DENIERS

A NEW TYPE OF DENIER HAS EMERGED AFTER OCTOBER 7TH

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

There are Holocaust-deniers, who claim that accounts of the Nazi genocide are all a hoax. There are October 7 deniers, who say that Hamas did not commit any atrocities during its 2023 invasion. Now it seems that a new type of denier is emerging—the Bibas deniers.

Killers and their cheerleaders hope to obscure their crimes in a mass of impersonal statistics. It's hard for the public to identify with millions of victims. But focusing on one or two individuals, with names and faces, dramatizes their suffering in a real and imme-

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diately. That's why the story of Anne Frank is so compelling. And that's why the murders of four year-old Ariel Bibas and his nine month-old brother, Kfir, by Palestinian Arab terrorists has become such a problem for Israel's enemies.

"Anne Frank's baby brothers," as the human rights scholar Thane Rosenbaum has aptly described them, are no longer part of an anonymous body count. The brutal murder of the two little boys in Gaza has come to symbolize the hor-

rors of October 7 the same way the story of the young girl hiding in an attic in Amsterdam has come symbolize the Holocaust.

Haters of Israel understand that publicizing the truth about the Bibas murders generates sympathy for Israel and undermines the Palestinian Arab cause. That's why they are trying to deny, or at least minimize, the Bibas killings,

The denial campaign is being led by Hamas itself—at least in its state-

ments to the outside world. Hamas spokesman claim the boys were killed in an Israeli air strike. Israeli forensic experts who examined the children's bodies found that in fact they were murdered with the terrorists' bare hands. Afterwards the bodies were mutilated in a transparent attempt to disguise what had been done.

Who to believe? On the one hand, there are medical professionals who were trained in respected educational institutions. On the other hand, there is an international terrorist group

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The CCR aims to help the OU, and beyond, to better understand and serve the Jewish community through both qualitative and quantitative data. In the winter of 2023, the CCR team, together with Dr. Moshe Krakowski, Director of Doctoral Studies at the Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education, conducted the first of a two-part study, and collected qualitative data via interviews with 29 "religious switchers" — 15 women and 14 men, ages 18 to 43, who left Orthodoxy. Participants

came from Modern Orthodox, Yeshivish, Chabad, and Chasidic backgrounds, and live in the U.S., Europe, and Israel. The interviews averaged over an hour in length.

In an effort to strengthen Orthodoxy and to better support community members who have left, or are considering leaving, the study, "Attrition and Connection in American Orthodox Judaism: Journeys Within and Out of Orthodox Judaism", explores the experiences of individuals who leave or shift within Orthodoxy, how people's social connections impact attrition, and at

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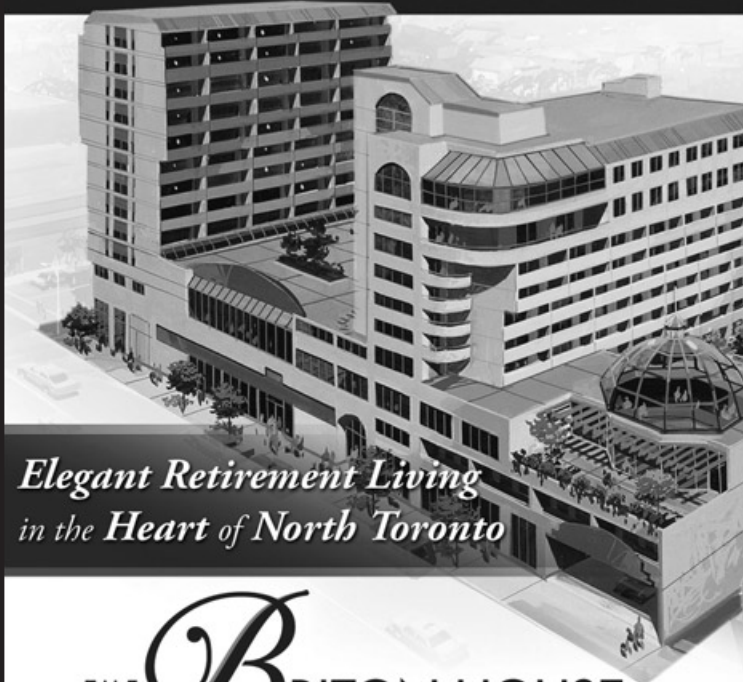


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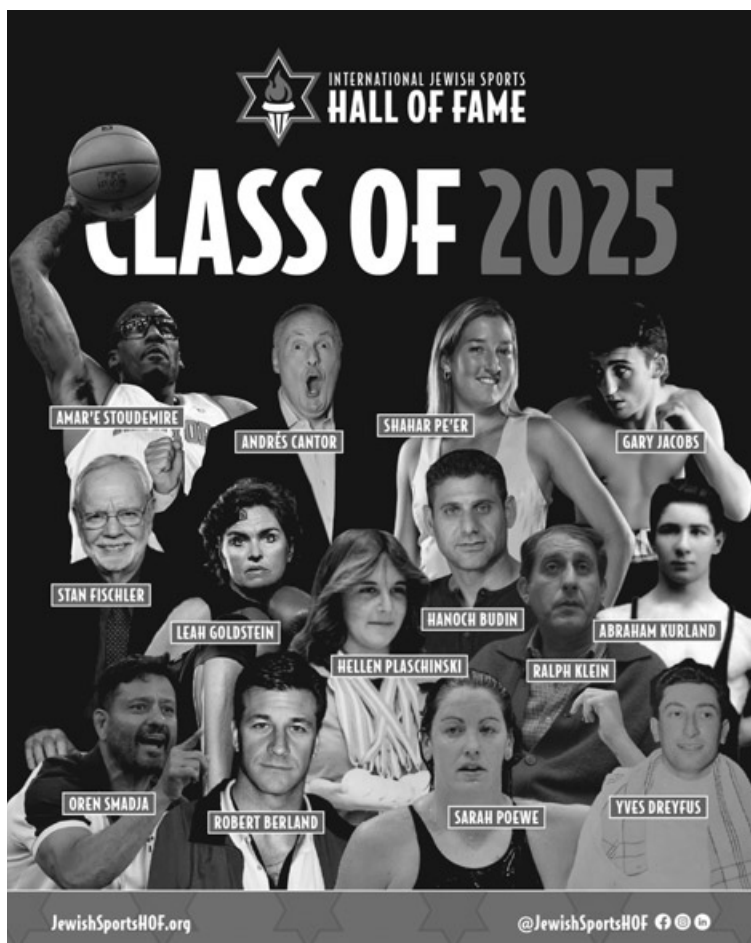
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Among this year's class were Vancouver born and Israeli raised boxer Leah Goldstein, basketball legend Amar'e Stoudemire and Andrés Cantor, he of the famous "gooooooooooooool" in soccer. Among the Canadians in the Hall are Stan Fischler, Hyman "Hy" Buller, Ellen Burka, Mike Cammalleri, Red Fisher, Julius "Goldie" Goldstein, Sidney Halter, Cecil "Cece" Hart, Lew Hayman, Fanny Rosenfeld, Fred Oberlander, Ben Hatskin and Sherman Greenfield.



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DISMANTLE THE IRANIAN REGIME

READING IRAN'S CONSTITUTION SHOULD LEAVE WEST WITH NO OTHER CHOICE

By **ITAMAR MARCUS AND BILL SIEGEL**

Itamar Marcus is the director of Palestinian Media Watch. Bill Siegel is the author of The Control Factor: Our Struggle to See the True Threat - The Editor

This PMW op-ed is not about the Palestinian Authority, but it follows the principles of years of PMW's research and arguments—emphasizing that leaders must take their enemies' words seriously and believe what they say among themselves.

This analysis of the Iranian Constitution follows the same principle: rather than relying on Western in-

terpretations of Iran's objectives, it directly cites Iran's own constitution to demonstrate its goal of imposing Islamic rule over all of humanity. It underscores why dismantling Iran's nuclear program is not enough—the regime itself must be removed.

While the recent defeat of Iran's proxies Hamas, Hezbollah, and Assad's Syria has brought a sense of relief to many, especially in Israel, it is premature to celebrate.

Iran's goals have not faded simply because of the demise of its proxies. The

threat the Islamic Republic continues to pose to all humanity lies in plain sight in its foundational document, its constitution.

Adopted in 1979 and amended in 1989, the Constitution of the Islamic Republic is a clear articulation of a future world order that Iran believes it is destined to impose, first on the Islamic world, and then on
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that calls the Holocaust a hoax and claims The Protocols of the Elders of Zion is genuine. The Protocols is actually quoted in the Hamas charter, a fact which illustrates Hamas's fealty to the truth.

For the emerging class of Bibas Deniers, the truth doesn't matter. All that matters is how to absolve the killers and harm Israel.

The French politician and European Parliament member Rina Hassan tweeted that the Bibas children actually were killed by the Israelis. She reiterated that claim in a radio interview, in which she added that "Hamas has a legitimate cause."

Omar Dajani, a law professor at the University of the Pacific, in California, recently retweeted a message asserting it is "unclear" whether Israel or Hamas killed the Bibas children.

That's like saying it is "unclear" whether the Nazis killed Jews, or they died from other causes.

Another way to help Hamas escape responsibility is the "everybody does it" approach. Zaid Tyam, who is stationed in The Hague as the representative of Fatah, the Palestinian Authority's ruling faction, said on Egyptian television's last week that Israel is in no position to accuse Hamas of abusing hostages such as the Bibas children, because Israel itself has "abused" the families of imprisoned terrorists by not releasing them sooner.

Meanwhile, Whoopi Goldberg, co-host of ABC Television's The View, disrupted comments by one of her colleagues about the Bibas children. Goldberg asserted that while many people say "Hamas is the bad guy," that is not the

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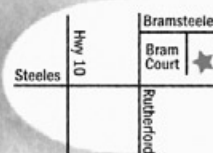
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BIBAS DENIERS

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whole story. "But what happened to Russia?," Goldberg asked. "Is Russia not bad with all they've been doing?"

Challenged by her co-hosts, Goldberg continued: "My point is, when do we stop saying it's these folks or these folks?...This is what the enemy does to children. This is what the enemy does to children in Africa. This is what the enemy does to children all over the world because they're the enemy...What's

happening, y'all?"

Others have different ways of trying to distract attention from the Bibas children. At the University of Michigan, students painted a large boulder in orange with the names of Ariel, Kfir, and their mother, Shiri. Pro-Hamas vandals promptly used spray paint to cover their names with the words "Free Palestine" and Hamas symbols.

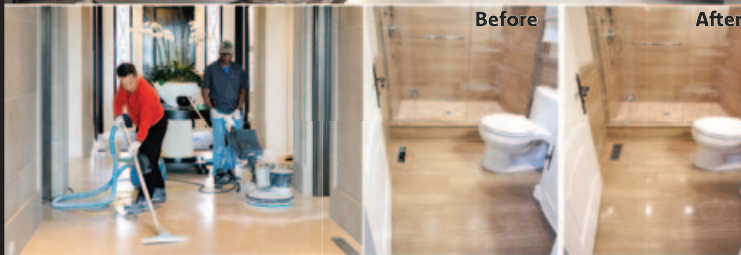
Ironically, many average Gazans are not de-

nying the Bibas murders—they've been celebrating them. Hamas held a public ceremony in the town of Khan Yunis, at which the Bibas children's little coffins were displayed, just before they were handed over to Israel (in exchange for the release of killers of other Israeli children). Large, joyous crowds gathered at the scene. Families relaxed on lawn chairs, played music and sang songs. Sweets were distributed, hookah pipes were puffed. Fathers lifted their children for a better view of the coffins, in a scene eerily reminiscent of the crowds that cheered the lynchings of African-Americans in the old South.

Like other Holocaust deniers, the Bibas deniers come in different varieties but they are all part of the same team: the killers, the cheerleaders, the deniers, the minimizers—they all share the same agenda: they aim to inflict pain on all the Jews.

The appropriate way to deal with the Bibas deniers is the same way decent people deal with Holocaust deniers: ostracize them. The Constitution protects their right to engage in hate speech. But it does not obligate anybody to offer them platforms on which they can express their hatred of Jews.

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NOVA MUSIC FESTIVAL

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Project Canada.

On Friday, October 6, 2023, thousands of music and arts fans gathered for a celebration of life, peace, and music in Re'im Israel for the Nova Music Festival. At 6:29AM on Saturday October 7, the peaceful festival was savagely cut short when thousands of Hamas terrorists invaded Israel, killing 1,200 people, including 370 from the Nova Music Festival, four of whom were Canadian, and abducting more than 250, including 44 innocent civilians attending the festival.

"The story of the Nova Music Festival is one of strength, survival, love and community," said Jesse Brown, Lead Canadian Representative, Nova Exhibition. "This exhibit is to honour and remember the victims while also hearing the heart-wrenching stories of survivors who remind the world that we will dance again."

The exhibit is interactive, experiential, immersive, and educational. Visitors will embark on a full sensory journey through the timeline of the Nova Music Festival, reliving the harrowing events of that fateful day. Moving through the re-created festival grounds with real artifacts and evidence on display and to interact with, attendees will witness first-hand footage from the attack and hear powerful, emotional testimonies from festival survivors and bereaved family members who will be onsite daily at the exhibit. Surrounded by the actual artifacts from the festival—charred vehicles, bullet-ridden bathroom stalls, abandoned merchandise stands, and scattered personal belongings left behind in the aftermath—visitors will experience the raw, lingering impact of the attack.

The exhibition honours more than the tragic events of October 7, 2023, it celebrates the resilient spirit of the Tribe of Nova community in the immediate aftermath of that day, transforming profound loss into purposeful action.

"The Nova community is centered around light, and now more than ever we need to continue to spread that message," said Ofir Amir, Founder and Producer of The Nova Music Festival. "It is important, as part of our core values, that we take care of our community, help lead in the rehabilitation of the Nova survivors, and make our voices heard to the whole world."

Toronto is the third-largest city in North America and home to the world's third-largest Jewish community outside of Israel. With hate, intolerance, and antisemitism on the rise in Canada, Nova's impact in Toronto will go far beyond the exhibit, sparking awareness, education and inspiring all human beings to stand together to ensure such an atrocity never happens again.

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"This is not a political statement. It is a reflection of what happened at a festival dedicated to love and peace. It could have happened to you, your son or daughter or friend. Come meet the survivors, meet the bereaved families, and hear about the moment music stood still," said Evan Zelikovitz, Canadian Representative, Nova Exhibition.

The Nova Music Festival Exhibition was created, curated, and directed by Reut Feingold. Since its opening in Tel Aviv in 2024 and runs in New York, Los Angeles, Buenos Aires and Miami, the exhibit has attracted over 300,000 visitors, including thousands of students, educators, political, faith-based and community leaders and members like the mayors of New York, Los Angeles and Miami, and the Archbishop of New York. Members of the music, sports and entertainment industry also attended the exhibit including Diplo, SIA, Usher, Jessica Alba, Will Ferrell, Kristen Bell, David Schwimmer and Cindy Crawford, to name only a few.

The exhibit will be held in Toronto at a venue to be announced at a later date, utilizing 60,000+

square feet of space, making it one of the largest exhibitions in Canadian history.

For tickets and information on the location visit: novaexhibition.com

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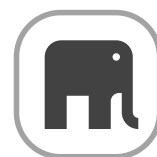
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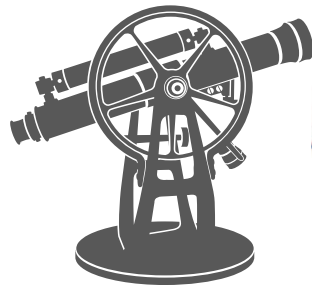
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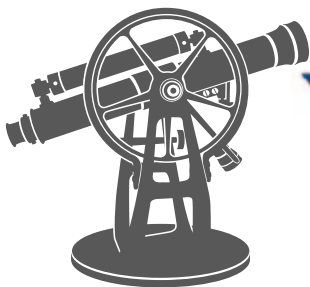
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LANDMARK STUDY

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what life stage people start considering leaving.

"The phenomenon of attrition from the ranks of Orthodoxy raises many questions about the extent to which our families, schools, and communities are succeeding in meeting [the] goals [of assuring] Jewish identity, engagement, and continuity," writes OU Executive Vice President Rabbi Moshe Hauer, in the study's foreword.

"These questions," he adds, "are essential to the work of every one of the OU's programmatic departments, all of which focus on enhancing the current religious experience of Jews and supporting the education and engagement of the next generation. They are also the questions that preoccupy parents, educators, and communal leaders seeking to understand our successes and failures."

Rabbi Hauer expressed gratitude on behalf of the OU to the study's participants, whose insights, he hopes, will raise communal awareness.

Although an in-depth qualitative study of this kind cannot demonstrate how common any factor that impacts religious trajectories may be, Dr. Kra-

kowski notes that the interviews do allow us to see the mechanics of leaving in a way that a more superficial survey would likely miss.

"Our deep dive into these participants' lives allows us to build a range of 'models' of leaving, unpacking their disparate experiences to better understand how those experiences shape their lives," he says. "This gives us something called 'analytic generalizability' — a way to gain a conceptual understanding of the phenomenon of leaving Orthodoxy that can be applied to a wide variety of contexts and cases."

Dr. Krakowski adds, "For example, most of our participants began questioning Orthodoxy before completing high school — some as early as middle school. Because we understand how and why this was the case in our subjects' lives, we can identify other people and other contexts where it makes sense to assume early questioning is present."

Among the concerns participants frequently raised were their perception of Orthodoxy's insularity, rigidity, and intolerance, concerns about feminism and Orthodoxy, and the consequences meted out for

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social and religious deviations.

"I will never forget the conversation I had with my mother," one participant shared. "I said to her, 'I don't think you have to have a beard and wear a white shirt to be a good person.' I asked her, 'If I would come to your house wearing jeans, would you still love me?' She said 'No.'"

Many participants experienced conflicting parental beliefs or rapid religious changes during their childhood. Dr. Krakowski explains, "One parent might have been charedi, while the other didn't keep Shabbos, or parents changed their religious orientation quickly, leaving other members of the family scrambling to keep up. For example, a family might

barely keep kosher one day and keep Chalav Yisrael the next."

Dr. Krakowski adds, "These types of religious misalignment, which are not just on a more-or less-religious scale, but also on a differently-religious scale, destabilize and create dissonance for people, leading them to explore other types of religious possibilities and ways of living."

Participants largely felt different from their peers socially, religiously, or financially, leading to a sense of exclusion. Many switched communities or schools, which either contributed to, or exacerbated, their sense of isolation.

One participant recalled the community's response when her children (Please turn to following page)

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switched schools: “We ended up putting our kids in public school, and that completely changed how the community responded to us, connected with us... people wouldn’t let their children play with ours. People were not inclusive... [they] stopped saying good Shabbos...they didn’t want to socialize with us.”

Dr. Krakowski notes that although he didn’t ask about religious authority figures, almost all participants touched upon experiences with religious leaders that significantly impacted their connection to Orthodoxy.

“They spoke about both uplifting and deeply negative experiences, primarily with rabbis, but also with female religious leaders, which had a lasting effect on them,” he says.

Negative experiences included rabbis who bullied, belittled, or excluded them due to perceived deviance. Some participants also cited unethical or inappropriate behavior from rabbis, which often intensified their negative views of

Orthodoxy. Some rabbis were dismissive or reluctant to address participants’ religious inquiries.

One of the study’s main takeaways for rabbis and educators is the imperative to identify those who are questioning as far in advance as possible.

“Questioning starts early,” says CCR Principal Researcher Dr. Rachel Ginsberg. “Waiting until the end of high school to evaluate whether students are connecting is too late. Listening, validating concerns, and offering space for exploration is critical.”

The findings suggest that supporting families with religious misalignments, especially Ba’alei Teshuva and converts, may also prevent attrition. As for how these families may be supported, Ginsberg notes that the study is the first step in a broader communal conversation. One of the primary goals of the study is to provide data that can inform our understanding of why individuals leave the Orthodox community”, she

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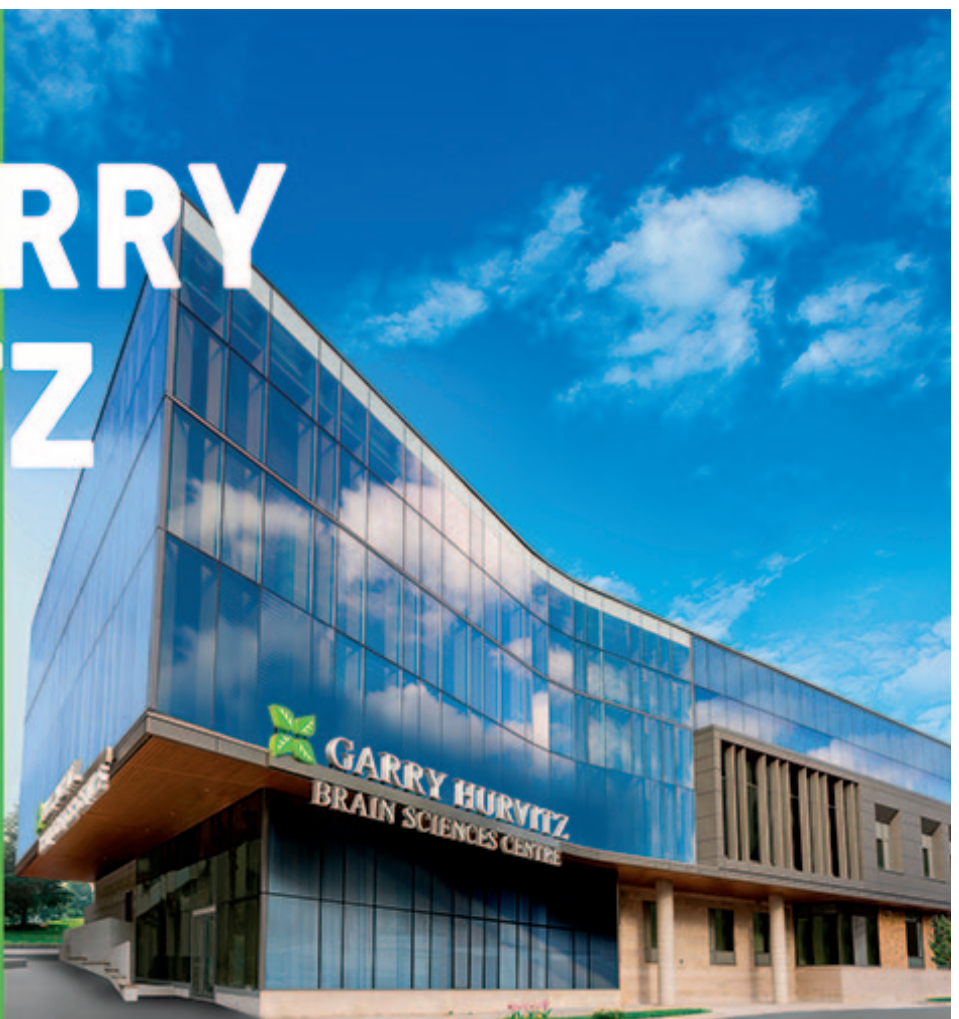
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says. "Sharing this critical information with the Jewish community and shining a light on the issues that need addressing is a critical step in advancing communal solutions. The data points us in the right direction, but it does not leave us with concrete, detailed solutions; for that, we look to the entire Jewish community to partner with us to develop innovative, and effective programming and support to ensure Orthodox continuity and a thriving Jewish future."

Despite its sobering findings, the study also reveals promising news: of the 29 participants, some returned to Orthodox observance and many maintain strong ties with Orthodox family members, friends, Jewish traditions, and texts despite leaving Orthodoxy. Some continue to keep Shabbos, daven, and attend Orthodox shuls. Others wish for their children to pursue an Orthodox lifestyle, should they be inclined, and some even send their children to Orthodox schools.

"The fact that many who leave the Orthodox community still feel connected to Orthodoxy is an important insight," says Dr. Ginsberg. "It has the potential to reshape the way we

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engage in discourse around this topic. Talking about attrition in a much more inclusive and sensitive way could keep people closer, as opposed to pushing them further away."

The study recommends that Orthodox institutions, like shuls and schools, adopt a more inclusive mindset and foster tolerance for others' differences, welcoming those who leave and keeping the door open for their return.

Rabbi Hauer emphasizes that the question the Orthodox community

must address is: What are we prepared to do differently?

"If we truly want to make meaningful, positive change regarding American Orthodox Jewish attrition, our community will need to pursue the data that will inform that change and commit to act based on what we find," he says. "All of us will do well to read this report, study it, and take a long and honest look in the mirror."

To read the CCR study, "Attrition and Connection in American Orthodox Judaism: Journeys Within and Out of Orthodox Judaism," visit <https://research.ou.org/research/>

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all humanity. The preamble is unequivocal that the raison d'être of the Islamic Republic is global, to assure "the development of man in accordance with the noble and universal values of Islam." Iran believes it has the divine mandate to be the agent for the fundamental reordering of the world and all its people under Islam.

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The constitution explains that its first target is the Muslim world. Article 11 cites the Quran: "This your community is a single community, and I am your Lord so worship Me" (21:92), and then explains that it means Iran's role is to impose the "political, economic, and cultural unity of the Islamic world." For Iran, this "unity" means forcing its Shia ideology on the Sunni Muslim population, which constitutes 85-90% of the Islamic world.

However, the regime's aspirations don't stop there. Its fundamental goal is to impose Islamic law

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DISMANTLE THE REGIME

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on every human being on the face of the earth: "The Constitution will strive with other Islamic and popular movements to prepare the way for the formation of a single world community."

Whereas attempting to spread Islam via education or diplomacy could be legitimate, Iran assigns imposing Islam to its military. The preamble: "The Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps... will be responsible not only for guarding and preserving the frontiers of the country but also for fulfilling the ideological mission of jihad in God's way; that is, extending the sovereignty of God's law throughout the world."

For Iran's faith-driven regime, the collapse of its proxies and the resurgence of Sunni power in Syria will never change its mission, but that has created the need for a change in strategy. Iran can no longer depend on slowly expanding its sphere of influence. Fulfilling its mission of world subjugation now depends on possessing overwhelming force – the kind that can be achieved only through weapons of mass destruction.

Even before the defeat of its proxies, Iran was behind in its timetable. The constitution expressed with assurance: "[T]his [20th] century will witness the establishment of a universal holy [Islamic] government and the downfall of all others." Iran understands that possession of weapons of mass destruction as the means to impose Islam is now even more urgent.

Tragically, the West has failed to recognize that it has been at war with Iran for decades. This was made clear again immediately after Israel delivered a crippling blow to Iran's air de-

fenses.

Instead of that being the trigger for it to follow up and destroy Iran's nuclear program, the West, led by the US, pressured Israel to be satisfied with the great but limited achievement.

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Hopefully, the Trump administration will recognize the dangers and seize the unique opportunity to reverse this policy.

However, even destroying the nuclear program will not change Iran's fundamental goals expressed in its constitution, nor the threat it presents to humanity. Weapons of mass destruction today come in various guises, including biological, chemical, and radiological, and the Islamic regime would pay any price to acquire them and for other proxies to deploy them. Blackmailing humanity with the choice of submission to "God's law throughout the world," or

facing mass casualty events would become the foreign policy of Iran, should it ever possess a weapon of mass destruction. Iran will cease to be a threat only after the tyranny of a minority of Islamists is replaced by the rule of the majority in a free and democratic Iran.

Preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons followed by dismantling the regime are both urgent priorities, for the Iranian people and the free world. Both objectives are achievable.

Significantly, unlike other countries where the toppling of one dictator has resulted in the liberated people choosing another

worse tyrant, the Persian people prior to the Islamic Revolution had a record of moderation and even had good relations with Israel. A liberated Iranian people today would immediately dissolve the Islamist constitution and seek harmony with their neighbors and the world, thus removing the greatest threat humanity

faces.

Since weapons of mass destruction are now coming in smaller packaging, and Iran's defenses have not yet been rebuilt, there will never be a better time to impose regime change and to send Iran's constitution and dreams of world subjugation into the dustbin of history.

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IRANIAN JOURNALIST TESTIFIES AT MURDER PLOT TRIAL



IN A HUSHED MANHATTAN FEDERAL COURT, Iranian-American journalist and human rights activist Masih Alinejad relived the moment she came face-to-face with an alleged hit man. Khalid Mehdiyev had been recruited by two Azerbaijan nationals, Rafat Amirov and Polad Omarov, to assassinate Alinejad on behalf of foreign interests hostile to her activism. Alinejad has long lived a life in jeopardy since fleeing Iran in 2009. Mehdiyev said he is cooperating with prosecutors but faces a minimum of 15 years in prison for the attempt on Alinejad's life and separate racketeering charges. He pleaded not guilty to murder-for-hire charges in February 2023, but the status of his case is unclear. Prison records show he was released from U.S. custody on May 19, 2023

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ories while cooking together. Download the free recipes today and bring some extra joy to your Passover table. pjlibrary.org/passover

Banana Bread
Granola Inspired by the Minimalist Baker / Recipe by Lori Hoch Stiefel

Ingredients

3 cups matzah farfel, or broken up pieces of matzah,
1 cup walnuts (or any nuts that you like)
1/2 cup pecans (or any nuts that you like).

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3 tbsp sugar (any type, white works well)
 1/2 tsp sea salt
 1/2 tbsp cinnamon (you can add in other warming spices like ginger and numeg)
 1 tbsp flax seed
 1/4 cup coconut oil
 1/3 cup + 1 tbsp agave syrup (maple or honey work well too)
 1 tsp vanilla extract
 1 medium ripe banana, mashed (~1/2 cup)

Instructions

Preheat the Oven: Set your oven to 350°F (175°C).

Prepare the Dry Ingredients: In a large mixing bowl, combine the matzah, cinnamon, sugar, salt, flaxseed, and nuts. Stir well to evenly distribute the ingredients.

Make the Wet Mixture: In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, warm the coconut oil, maple

syrup (or agave/honey), and vanilla extract. Stir occasionally until fully melted and combined.

Incorporate the Banana Puree: Remove the saucepan from heat and whisk in the banana puree until smooth and well blended.

Combine Wet and Dry Ingredients: Pour the warm liquid mixture over the dry ingredients in the bowl. Stir to ensure everything is evenly coated.

Spread and Bake: Evenly spread the mixture onto one or two baking sheets, making sure it's not overcrowded to allow for even crisping.

Bake to Perfection: Place in the oven and bake for 23-28 minutes, or until golden brown. Keep an eye on it, as the coconut oil helps it crisp up but can cause it to brown quickly.

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IDF SAYS HAMAS SENT FOUR YEAR-OLD TO IDF POST IN GAZA



HAMAS RECENTLY SENT A 4-YEAR-OLD BOY toward an IDF post in the Gaza Strip, the military claims, IDF soldiers returned the child in coordination with international organizations. In a tweet, the army says that troops spotted the kid nearing them in a Gaza security zone. "The child said that he was sent to the post by the Hamas terrorist organization," said the spokesperson. "Hamas does not hesitate to use any means to cynically use and exploit civilians and children to advance its terrorism." Photo IDF

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Passover-Friendly Egg Noodles *march-2025/noodles-for-passover-yes-its-possible*
<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/> Passover can be

tricky at mealtime, especially with picky eaters who love pasta and pitas. But if noodles are a staple in your house, you don't have to skip them for the holiday. Make protein-packed, egg-based "noodles" with this recipe that work in soup, with tomato sauce, or topped with cheese and butter. They're a great way to keep a favorite on the menu while adding extra protein during the holidays (or year-round).

Charoset

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/holidays-for-kids/passover-hub/articles/charoset>

One of the items on a Passover seder plate, charoset (pronounced chah-ROE-set) symbolizes the mortar Jewish slaves used for making bricks in Egypt. It may look a bit like mortar, but it sure doesn't taste like it. Every family has a special take on charoset — some add a little spice, some include nuts, and

others mix in pears or crab apples. At the link above, you'll find two delicious recipes from different Jewish cultural traditions.

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COLOURING BOOK FOR FUTURE TERRORISTS

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one thousand Israelis were murdered and thousands more were injured and maimed.

The text accompanying the coloring pages teaches children that Israel has no right to exist, since it is “a military outpost of Western imperialism” that “was created on the land of Palestine”; that Israel is an evil, oppressive, genocidal monster; and that those who give their lives for the Palestinian Arab cause are “martyrs—heroes who have a special place in Palestinian society.”

The book’s author, Nathi Ngubane, explained in recent interviews and a Tiktok promotional video that he wants to inspire children to action. He hopes “to educate them and let them know that they can also join the fight for freedom...It is important for children to get to the truth as much as possible in order to lend a hand of solidarity.”

From the River to the Sea fits in perfectly with the books that the Palestinian Authority and Hamas have been using for decades to educate Palestinian Arab children.

The PA textbook Mathematics, Vol. 1 teaches addition to third graders by counting the number of “martyrs” and the number of “prisoners in the Occupation prisons.” Fifth graders study from Arabic Language, Vol. 2, which extols the “hero” Dalal Mughrabi, leader of the Coastal Road massacre of 37 Israelis. “We are proud of them, sing their praise, learn the history of their lives, name our children after them, and name streets, squares, and prominent cultural sites after them,” the book says of Mughrabi and her comrades.

Eighth graders learn from Arabic Text and Reader that they need “to exterminate the Zionist germ and thrust this evil out of the Arab homeland” and that “the time has come for jihad and martyrdom” against “the oppressor.” In ninth grade, Islamic Education, Vol. 1 explains how Allah offers believers opportunities for “fighting against infidels” to “honor them by martyrdom, to forgive their sins and raise their class in Paradise.”

In General Sciences for tenth graders, Newton’s laws of physics are explained through the example of “a young girl using a slingshot towards a specific target,” with a photo of an Arab child whipping a rock with a homemade sling. The calculation uses variations in the length of the sling and

the rock’s release speed to determine its rate of acceleration.

In the twelfth grade, Islamic Education teaches “the virtue of jihad in Islam,” especially “if the

enemy occupied a Muslim land.” It stresses the importance of jihad both as “one of the gates to achieving martyrdom” and as Allah’s way to achieve “rescue from (Please turn to page 34)

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The fire of Hell and the attainment of pardon and Paradise.”

When this school-house incitement was first documented by Palestinian Media Watch, back in 2007, then-U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton was alarmed. “These textbooks do not give Palestinian children an education; they give them an indoctrination,” she said at a press conference. Palestinian Arab children are “encouraged to see martyrdom and armed struggle and the murder of innocent people as ideals to strive for.” The PA “profoundly poisons the minds of these children. . . It is a clear example of child abuse.”

Evoking the themes in her book *It Takes a Village*, about the communal



ISRAELI PRESIDENT ISSAC HERZOG VISITS THE home of former hostage Tal Shoham. Tal was released after being held for 505 days in captivity by Hamas terrorists. The President met with him and his wife, Adi. Tal was abducted from Kibbutz Be’eri during the brutal terrorist attack on October 7. His wife, Adi, was also kidnapped along with their two children, Neve and Yahal, who were released in the first hostage deal. Photo GPO

influences that shape children’s lives, Sen. Clinton warned that Palestinian and Arab hate education would have “dire consequences for prospects of peace for generations to come.” She was right. Sixteen years later, some of the children raised on these teachings carried out the October 7 atrocities.

Israelis are justifiably concerned about the impact of the From the River to the Sea coloring book, just as the Allied authorities in postwar Japan would not have tolerated a coloring book praising the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the authorities in postwar Germany would not have allowed bookstores to sell a coloring book extolling the glories of Nazism. Raising children to be bigots and terrorists is a recipe for catastrophe, as October 7 so horrifically demonstrated.

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