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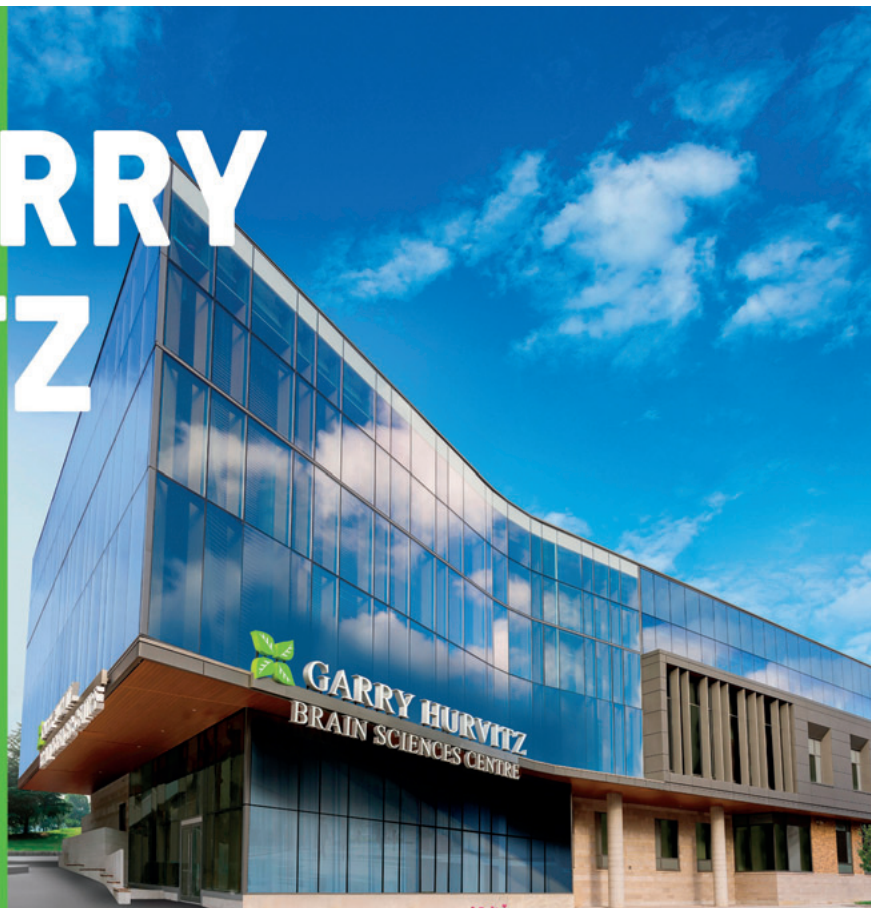
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Israel at 77 - And Operation Rising Lion

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Israel was created seventy seven years ago in the cauldron of battle. She has been preserved through a succession of wars imposed upon her by implacable enemies, sworn to her destruction. She has been sustained by the sacrifice of thousands of her young men and women. It will be acknowledged that she has been given a generous measure of economic and military support by the United States. But Israel alone insists upon borders which will enable her to defend herself, rather than be constrained to depend on the compassion - or the political interests - of a world which in the past has shown Jews little compassion, and proven to be too unreliable. No Israeli leader would ever place the lives of its citizens in the hands of those to whom Jewish blood meant so little when it was being shed in the crematoria of Europe. And Israel will rightly refute the accusations of various world leaders, of willfully blind organizations like Amnesty International and of ignoramuses like Greta Thunberg that it is an "apartheid" regime and that its leaders and soldiers are committing genocide in Gaza.

For seventy seven years Israelis have witnessed the zeal with which her neighbours pronounced their determination to drive them into the Mediterranean. Over 25000 soldiers and nearly 5000 citizens have seen their lives cut short fighting to defend her borders or as the victims of terror. And Israel will not emerge unscathed from Operation Rising Lion, even if IDF Chief of Staff Lt. General Eyal Zamir is not exaggerating when he tells his country that Israel is "in the midst of an unprecedented achievement in the history of the IDF". Some of Iran's various ballistic missiles have, as of June 17th when this issue goes to press, already penetrated Israel's defences sowing death and destruction. There will be other Bat Yams, more "grandfathers asking about grandma." But inaction, a knife at its throat, was not an option. Israel could no longer delay "degrading, disrupting and removing" the Iranian menace. Israelis are again willing to accept the cost of another conflict, knowing full well that there is no easy road to success in war.

Meanwhile Operation Rising Lion, as Opposition Leader Yair Lapid has stated

unequivocally, has "united this whole country at the moment." The internecine battles which have beset the country will inevitably emerge when the current war ends, just as they did in the months following October. 7th. Indeed some observers wondered whether "we can still see and hear each other." But Israelis have always shown that when the siren sounds they are there for each other. Yes the families of the remaining hostages believe that "Nothing Comes Close to Saving Our Hostages, Not Even War With Iran," and the protest rallies are continuing. But Israelis have no quarrel with Colonel M. who told his troops in Gaza that the country has a "human and national duty" to bring the hostages home. And relatives of the hostages, despite their anguish, are still "praying for the safe return of the heroes of Israel - those protecting us day and night from the Iranian threat."

Observers may wonder how Israel still ranks 8th on the World Happiness Index. This may be a drop from the pre-Oct. 7th ranking of 4th two years ago and 5th last year but it is still indicative of a general satisfaction among Israelis for quality of life. Israel, its citizens appreciate, has had many more successes than failures over the course of its 77 years. Their country has not been marred by the instability of Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, other nations to emerge out of the collapse of the Ottoman empire. The Jewish state is a flourishing democracy and an economic powerhouse, ranking 28th in global GDP out of 196 countries. Many of its doctors and scientists are renowned in their fields, their discoveries being applied throughout the world. In Israel LGBTQ rights are legally protected and the pride parade in Tel Aviv is indicative of social acceptance. And in which of its neighbours, Israelis ask rhetorically, are citizens given the right every few years to oust a government that has fallen out of favour.

Canada currently sits 18th on the World Happiness Index. Maybe this country could improve its ranking by looking at Israel. It would, despite the external threats and the turmoil within, see a mix of pride and optimism, an indomitable spirit and the resolve and resilience needed for tough times. "Somehow", says one Israeli on her way to meet friends in the park, "we are able to preserve some normalcy".

A POEM FOR AN ARAB TERRORIST

TERRORIST DALAL MUGHRABI IS A TRUE HERO FOR ACTIVIST COLUMBIA STUDENT

By **RAFAEL MEDOFF**

A defenseless Jewish woman is surrounded by a group of men with guns. The leader of the group raises a pistol and shoots the woman point-blank, killing her. It was a scene played out a million times and more during the Holocaust.

Except in this case, the year was 1978, the murderer was a 19 year-old Palestinian Arab terrorist named Dalal Mughrabi, and the victim was Gail Rubin, the niece of a U.S. senator. In recent days, the public's attention has been drawn

(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.) The article here was first published in the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles. - The Editor

back to that atrocity by the controversy over Mohsen Mahdawi, a Columbia university student facing deportation. Mahdawi's friends say he is against terrorism, but he has a long record of statements praising and admiring terrorists—including a poem he wrote

in tribute to Ms. Mughrabi.

One of Mahdawi's friends posted that poem on Facebook in 2013, and Mahdawi wrote comments expressing appreciation for the posting. The poem included these lines honoring Mughrabi: "I will breathe home... / And fill my shame / And

clean my gun / And collect my packages, my bombs / And embrace my gun..."

What, exactly, did Mughrabi do with those "guns and bombs"? She was the leader of a heavily-armed gang of eleven terrorists who came ashore in northern Israel on March 11, 1978. Gail Rubin, an American Jewish nature photographer, happened to be on the beach that afternoon, taking pictures of rare birds. She was a niece of U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Connecticut).

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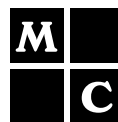
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CENTRE FOR PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING EVENT FEATURING
SIVAN YAARI AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE SUCCESS

By Mike Cohen

The Jewish Community Foundation of Montreal (JCF) and its Centre for Philanthropic Learning (CPL) hosted a special event recently at the Hilton Garden Inn Montreal Midtown featuring Sivan Yaari, who shared her story from growing up in an impoverished family to helping lift nearly six million people in Africa out of poverty using Israeli technology. She shared with a fascinated audience about the challenges she faced and yet the simple solutions that keep her moving from village to village.

Guests enjoyed a pre-event cocktail, followed by an inspiring presentation and Q&A session. The event was so engaging that it extended well beyond its scheduled time, with attendees hanging on to her every word.

Kathy Assayag, President, and CEO of the JCF, expressed her delight at the event's success. "The CPL was launched over two years ago to create a space where people could learn from each other," she said. "Events like this are acces-



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sible to JCF fundholders, Canadian registered charities, and the professional community in Montreal and beyond, free of charge and year-round. We were thrilled to have a high-profile speaker like Sivan, who embodies Tikkun Olam and has made it her life's mission to help the less fortunate."

Sivan heads InnoAfrica (iA). She founded the organization in 2008 as an Israeli non-profit that utilizes solar energy to provide light and electricity to off-grid schools and medical centers and, crucially, to pump safe and clean water throughout remote villages across 10 African countries. To date, iA has completed solar and water installations impacting

nearly six million people across Uganda, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia, South Africa, Eswatini, Cameroon, DRC, Ethiopia and Senegal. The construction of solar water pumping systems is simple, cost-effective and instantaneously transformative. To construct these systems, iA has engaged local contractors across its countries of operation to drill into the aquifer and construct 10-meter towers. Each tower houses solar panels, a water tank and solar pump required to harness the energy from the sun and to retrieve the clean water trapped just meters beneath the ground. Distribution points have been established throughout the village to ensure

that all community members, sometimes as many as 10,000 people, will have equal access to clean water. Local contractors are brought to Israel for training, with all associated costs covered by Israel.

For more details go to <https://innoafrica.org>

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The next CPL event is scheduled for October 2025 — stay tuned for more details coming soon.



SEEN ABOVE AT THE JCF'S CENTRE FOR PHILANTHROPIC LEARNING EVENT ARE, ABOVE LEFT, LEFT TO RIGHT, BOBBY KLEINMAN, KATHY ASSAYAG AND SIVAN YAARI. AND ABOVE RIGHT, WENDY GROSSBAUM, SHIRLEY DAYAN, SIVAN YAARI AND NEILLY KORNITZER.

FROM ETHIOPIA TO JERUSALEM

NETFLIX DRAMA TELLS AN INCREDIBLE STORY

By MOSHE PHILLIPS

(Moshe Phillips is national chairman of Americans For A Safe Israel (www.AFSI.org), a leading pro-Israel advocacy and education organization.) - The Editor

"We've been dreaming of Jerusalem for many years. We're the generation that fulfilled that dream. It shows the sacrifice that was there—the risks that were taken—the desire to get to Jerusalem at all costs."

— Shay Yasso, an Israeli born in Ethiopia, rescued by the Mossad as a child

Since October 7, the claim that Israel is a racist state and that Zionism is a racist ideology has become a near-daily lie at anti-Israel rallies. But few recent films have done more to debunk that narrative than the popular Netflix drama *The Red Sea Diving Resort*

(2019), starring Chris Evans and Ben Kingsley. The film dramatizes a remarkable and true story: a covert 1984–1985 operation in which Israeli Mossad agents and the IDF rescued thousands of Ethiopian Jews from refugee camps in Sudan.

These Ethiopian Jews had fled a devastating famine and a violent Marxist insurgency that left over a million dead in Ethiopia. Sudan, too, was embroiled in civil war. Amid this chaos, Israel launched "Op-

eration Moses"—a daring mission to bring its people home. Between 6,500 and 8,000 Jews were smuggled out of East Africa and flown to freedom in the Jewish state.

The film concludes with authentic news footage of Ethiopian Jews arriving in Israel, many bending down to kiss the tarmac in celebration—an emotionally moving scene that captures the fulfillment of a 2,000-year-old dream.

But there is more to this story. Much more.

The IDF airlift was not only historic—it is a reminder, now more than ever, of what Zionism truly represents.

It was Prime Minister Menachem Begin who tasked the Mossad with rescuing Ethiopian Jewry. The effort continued under Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres, but it was Begin who launched it. Just as he had opened Israel's doors to non-Jewish Vietnamese boat people in 1977. Begin's commitment to human dignity, regardless of race, reflected the teachings of his mentor, the great Zionist

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TRAVELLERS AND FELLOW TRAVELLERS THEN AND NOW

SOME U.S. POLITICIANS CONTINUE THE TRADITION OF GLORIFYING TERRORISTS

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

Five members of Congress recently traveled to a prison in Louisiana to show their solidarity with two Hamas supporters who are awaiting deportation. The Congressional visitors were continuing an unfortunate century-long tradition of politicians and political activists embracing tyrants, terrorists and terror supporters.

In the 1920s, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin welcomed numerous American intellectuals and cultural celebrities. Among them was Isadora Duncan, one of the leading figures in American dance in the 1920s,

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who returned from Soviet Russia bursting with enthusiasm for the Communist cause. Duncan soon began concluding her performances by waving a red scarf over her head, while shouting, "This is red! So am I! It is the color of life and vigor!"

During the 1930s, Nazi Germany likewise welcomed American visitors. Famed aviator Charles Lindbergh attended the Olympics in Berlin in 1936 as the personal guest of Hitler's air force chief, Field Marshal Hermann Goering.

The Nazis had "done much for the German people," Lindbergh declared. At an official state dinner in Berlin in 1938, Lindbergh accepted a prestigious medal from the Nazi regime, the Service Cross of the German Eagle.

Hitler was especially interested in visitors from the American academic community, hoping they would enhance his stature. This sordid story was first chronicled by Prof. Stephen Norwood in his book, *The Third Reich in the*

Ivory Tower.

American University chancellor Joseph Gray returned from a visit to Nazi Germany in 1936 full of praise for the Hitler regime. Gray reported to the American public that German cities were "amazingly clean" and that "everybody was working in Germany." George Washington University professor Christopher Garnett, who visited Germany in 1934, hailed "[t]he optimism which permeates the Germans, even those who at first opposed the present regime."

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SINGING JERUSALEM

A TALE OF IRON AND GOLD DELIGHTED CANADIAN AUDIENCES

BY MIKE COHEN

The Jerusalem Foundation was established in 1966 by the legendary Mayor of the Israeli capital Teddy Kollek. Over the past six decades, and through more than 5,000 initiatives, the Foundation has touched the lives of all of Jerusalem's residents from all population groups, improving the quality of life for all re-

sidents and creating opportunities for all of the city's diverse communities. Four years later the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada was established to assist in and support the relief of poverty and distress there. It is a well-oiled machine, headed by Executive Director Nomi Yeshua and a devoted board of directors.

This past spring The Jerusalem Foundation of Canada brought Dr. Mishy Harman and his Israel Story team to perform Singing Jerusalem- A tale of Iron and Gold, with stops in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg.

Israel Story is the

Jewish state's most listened to podcast and Mishy is a real personality. Prior to his Shaar presentation I sat down with him, Yeshua and consultant Nancy Rosenfeld to learn more about this impressive initiative.

Dr. Harman is the co-founder, host and CEO of Israel Story. He told me that is actually the most listened-to Jewish podcast in

the entire world. The show - which has a staff of 15 producers and hundreds of thousands of listeners in 194 countries around the world - tells long-form human interest stories about Israel and Israelis. It has now been added to my favorites on my iPhone podcast app while I walk. Mishy is a Jerusalemite through

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MERRILL EISENHOWER FELT THE NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARCH OF THE LIVING

By MERRILL EISENHOWER

Eighty years ago, as Allied forces moved through a broken Europe in the final days of World War II, my great-grandfather, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, walked into a place that changed him forever: the Nazi concentration camp at Ohrdruf, a subcamp of Buchenwald.

What he saw there – piles of corpses, skeletal survivors and evidence of unimaginable cruelty – would stay with him for life. He feared the world might one day try to deny it ever happened. So, he took action. He decided to etch it into the annals of world history.

He immediately ordered American troops,

members of Congress, and international journalists to visit the camps and document the atrocities.

The visual evidence and the verbal testimony of starvation, cruelty and bestiality were so overpowering," he wrote to Gen. George Marshall, "I made the visit deliberately, in order to be in a position to give first-hand evidence of these things if ever, in the future, there develops a tendency to charge these allegations merely to propaganda.

That foresight now feels painfully prophetic.

In 2020, a nationwide survey by the Conference on Jewish Material

Claims Against Germany revealed that 63% of U.S. millennials and Gen Z did not know that 6 million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust. Forty-eight percent could not name a single one of the more than 40,000 Nazi concentration camps and ghettos.

These aren't just troubling statistics – they're a warning. In a world where misinformation spreads quickly, and where antisemitism is once again on the rise, these gaps in knowledge are dangerous.

In parallel, antisemitic incidents in the United States have reached record highs. According to the Anti-Defamation League,

in 2023, there were 8,873 documented antisemitic incidents – the highest number since the ADL began tracking such incidents in 1979.

That's a 140% increase from the year before. These included physical assaults, vandalism of synagogues and Jewish schools, and a growing presence of antisemitic rhetoric in mainstream discourse and on social media platforms.

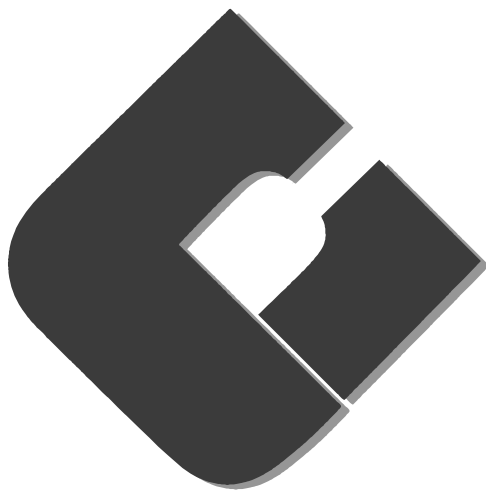
This year, as we mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, I will participate in the International March of the Living, walking from Auschwitz.

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and through. He was born in the city, and grew up there. Following his military service in the IDF, he did his undergrad in history at Harvard (where he graduated magna cum laude with highest honors), a masters in archeology at Cambridge as a Harvard-Cambridge fellow, and a PhD – a biography of the first Protestant missionary in Ethiopia – at the Hebrew University. He has taught at Harvard, founded an art-based start-up, and is involved in many municipal campaigns and grassroots organizations. He lives in Abu Tor with his wife Federica, their daughter Hallel and their dog, Golda.

In the intimate live performance, Israel Story – accompanied by The Djamchid Sisters (one of the city's most popular musical duos) – delved into the backstory of two anthems that have shaped our perception of Jerusalem for the last half-century-plus: Jerusalem of Gold and Jerusalem of Iron. The result was an emotional journey between hope and despair, pragmatism and dreams, ideals and reality – all of which have accrued an entire new and deeper layer of meaning since the start of the war.

For close to 15 years, Israel Story has been regaling millions of listeners

around the world with extraordinary tales of ordinary Israelis, quirky tales and nuanced narratives that celebrate the country's shared humanity and endless diversity. Since the October 7, 2023 Hamas terrorist attacks, focus has shifted to Wartime Diaries, an award-winning series, which has been lauded as “the most powerful window into life in Israel.”

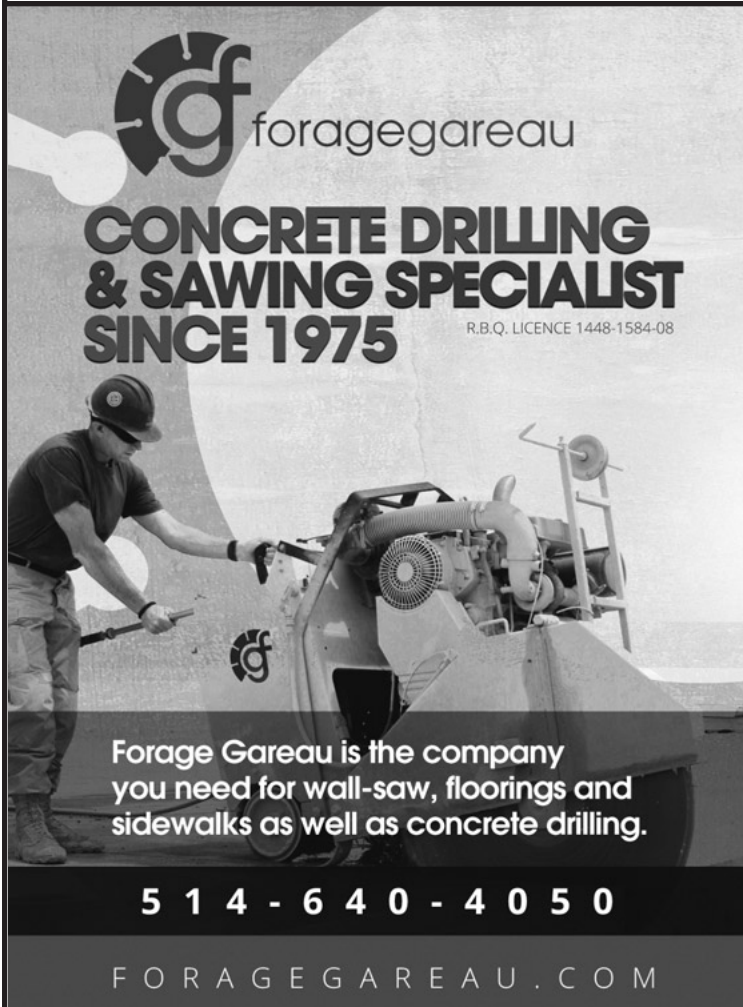
Mishy told me how it was Shai Doron who initiated a partnership between Israel Story and the Jerusalem Foundation for the live shows. Doron was the president of the Jerusalem Foundation who died suddenly last summer at the age of 64, but his legacy and visionary decision lives on. The Israel Story team moved its studios into the Jerusalem Foundation's head office building.

Yeshua raved about the impact Mishy and his team are adding to the Jerusalem Foundation mandate. This includes Jerusalem Stories, which empowers local residents to

tell their stories. As Yeshua points out, the Israeli capital has some one million residents of which one third are Palestinian and one third are ultra-orthodox. “What Mishy has done is bring those two communities together,” she said.

Mishy went on to say how he has pinched himself on stage in Jerusalem when he looks at the stories being told by such a diverse group. One presentation included a Palestinian teacher, a Hassidic man, a Sudanese asylum seeker and two ultra-orthodox gab-bais (someone who assists with the reader of the Torah). “You look out at the audience and think that this is what Jerusalem can be,” he commented. “We combat stereotypes by showcasing

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Israel Story began its life as a Hebrew podcast. In 2014, Mishy and friends decided to add a new facet to the operation, and – in addition to the Hebrew component – and started producing episodes in English, in partnership with Tablet Magazine. Then, in 2021, they began partnering with The Jerusalem Foundation as well. They made a conscious decision to not focus on politics, the BDS movement or governmental propaganda. Instead, they collect stories that celebrate the plurality of local communities and traditions, and try to present a cross-section of "Israeliness."

Log on here for more on Israel Story: <https://www.israelstory.org/who-are-we/> For more on the Jerusalem Foundation go to www.jerusalemfoundation.org or e-mail Nomiy@jfflm.org.

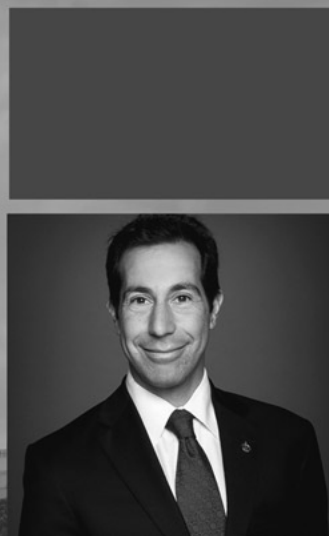
BLATANT ANTI-SEMITISM IN ITALY



AN ANONYMOUS ITALIAN street artist is gaining international attention for a new mural painted overnight in Rome which depicts Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu kissing Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. The piece is titled "The Final Solution," It is another in the long list of unjustified criticisms of Israel's efforts to rid the nation of terror on its border.

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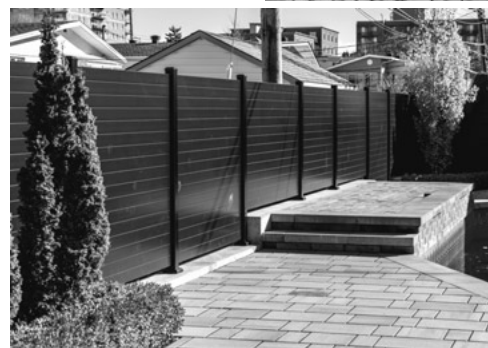
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POEM FOR A TERRORIST*(Continued from page 3)*

After murdering Gail, Mughrabi and her gang made their way to the nearby Coastal Road.

The terrorists raked passing cars with gunfire, murdering several Israeli children and wounding others. Then they hijacked a bus, forcing it to drive towards Tel Aviv as they leaned out the windows, shooting at motorists. When the bus was forced to stop by a police roadblock, Mughrabi and the others began shooting passengers and setting off grenades. Fire tore through the bus. At one point, according to the courtroom testimony of the survivors, Mughrabi threw a Jewish child into the flames as the other ter-

rorists clapped and cheered.

Descriptions of killers hurling Jewish children into fires are found in numerous accounts of the Holocaust. No wonder the Israeli consul-general in New York City characterized Mughrabi and her gang as "a Nazi organization."

Mughrabi and her comrades murdered thirty-eight Jews that day. Nine of the eleven terrorists, including Mughrabi, were killed in the shootout with the Israeli army. To Israelis, Mughrabi is remembered as a mass murderer. To the Palestinian Authority, however, she is a hero and a martyr. PA chairman Yasir Arafat cited

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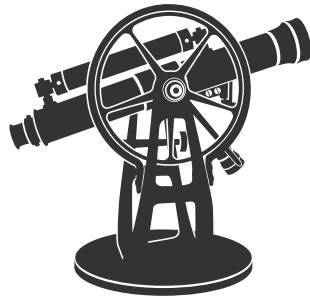
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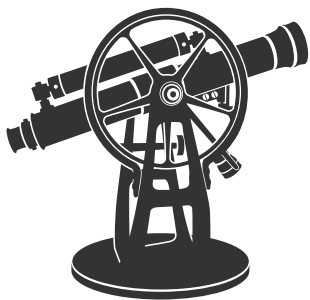
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her as a role model in speeches to teenage girls, and declared that Mughrabi "established the first Palestinian republic on that bus."

The PA has named at least six schools after Mughrabi. When students at one of the schools were interviewed on PA Television, it was clear they knew exactly who their school's name honors. "My life's ambition is to reach the level of the Martyr fighter Dalal Mughrabi," one commented. Another called Mughrabi "a great leader" and emphasized that she was "proud to attend the Dalal Mughrabi school."

Inside the schools, students learn from textbooks saturated with praise for Mughrabi. The 5th Grade Arabic Language book

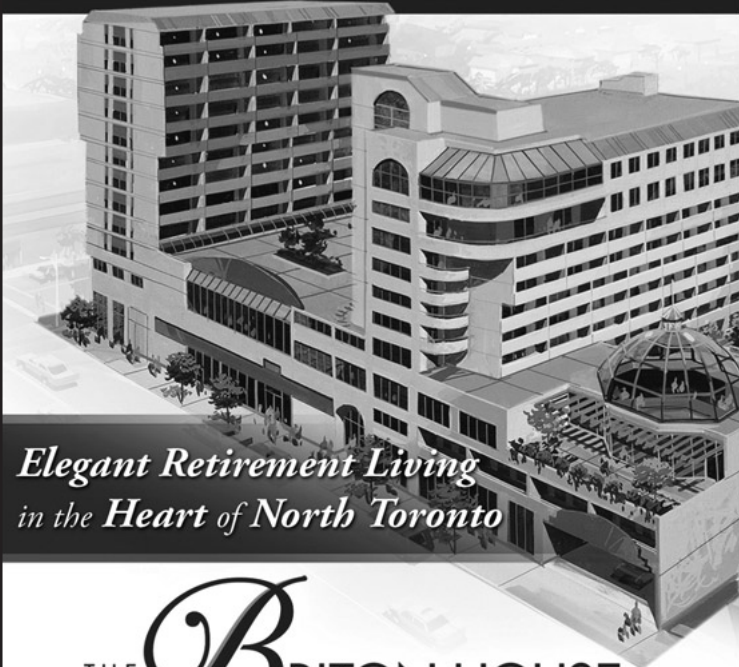
includes this section on the Coastal Road killer:

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PA sports tournaments are named after Mughrabi, including in table tennis, women's karate, and basketball, as well as a multi-sport festival. In the PA capital of Ramallah, there is a Mughrabi Street as well as a public square named in her honor.

Mughrabi is the subject of adulatory programming on official PA television stations, radio, newspapers and public events held each year on her birthday, and again on the anniversary of the Coastal Road massacre. Commentators refer to her affectionately as "the Princess of Fatah," "the Bride of Jaffa," or "the Kernel of Palestine."

Because Mughrabi and her gang were members of Fatah, the ruling faction of the PLO and the PA, that movement takes special pride in her. She is featured on a Fatah Facebook page called "Yasir's Girls" (Mitqy Bnat Al-Yasir, in Arabic), which highlights heroines of Palestinian history.

The younger generation has embraced the message. A children's program aired on PA Television in 2022 featured three youngsters praising Mughrabi as a "martyr" and excitedly explaining the bus attack. Another PA program that year reported on a painting of Mughrabi in a children's art exhibit. The artist explained she chose Mughrabi because she "was a fighter who participated in operations [terrorist attacks], a woman who had a role in these struggle and the resolve" and who "died as a Martyr." The moniker "sister of Dalal" is considered a high compliment in Palestinian Arab society, especially among young girls. That sad fact helps explain why then-U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton called the PA's

policy of educating children to idolize terrorists like Mughrabi "a clear example of child abuse."

Mohsen Mahdawi, the Columbia University student at the center of the current controversy, is one of the many Palestinian Arab children who grew up idolizing Dalal Mughrabi. Born and raised in the PA town of Al Far'a, he attended PA schools, watched PA Television, and absorbed its messages like everyone else. Mahdawi wrote his poem honoring Mughrabi when he was a 23 year-old college student.

For the past eleven years, however, Mahdawi has been living in the United States, where terrorists are reviled, not celebrated. That has given him a lot of time to reconsider his views. Sadly, Mahdawi's response to October 7 was to publicly defend Hamas and lead pro-Hamas rallies at Columbia University. Evidently the sentiments he expressed in his poem honoring Dalal Mughrabi continue to represent his moral compass.

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leader Ze'ev Jabotinsky.

Begin once compared the plight of the Vietnamese refugees to that of Jewish refugees during the Holocaust, referencing the infamous case of the St. Louis:

"We never forgot the boat with 900 Jews, the St. Louis, which left Germany in the final weeks before the Second World War... traveling from harbor to harbor, from country to country, crying out for refuge. They were refused... Therefore, it was natural to give those people a haven in the Land of Israel."

The rescue of Ethiopian Jews was not just about providing safety—it was about coming home. Israel is not merely a refuge; it is the homeland of the Jewish people. A place where

Jewish destiny is shaped by Jews themselves, for the good of Jews everywhere.

Today, Israelis of Ethiopian descent serve as cabinet ministers and Knesset members in Jerusalem, ambassadors, and community leaders. This is Zionism. This is the realization of a centuries-old hope. By 2010, over 110,000 Jews of Ethiopian descent had made their home in Israel. Now the community is estimated at over 160,000.

Long before the phrase "Black Lives Matter" became a global rallying cry, Menachem Begin, the Mossad, and the IDF acted on the belief that Black Jewish lives mattered—and they risked everything to prove it.

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The charge that Israel is a racist state is not only false—it is a dangerous and damaging lie.

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Daniel Sahalo, an Ethiopian Jew and historical consultant for the film, told Time Magazine that Mossad agents “risked their lives every day for almost three years.” That is Zionism. That is Israel. A brother being responsible for a brother. It is beautiful. And it is eternal—just like the Jewish people’s bond with Jerusalem.

ONTARIO MPP SIGNS #END JEW HATRED DAY PROCLAMATION



STAN CHO, MPP FOR Willowdale, was among MPPs who signed the proclamation declaring April 29th “End Jew Hatred Day”. “As the #EndJewHatred movement is sweeping across Canada and the United States, elected officials are coming on board, setting set aside politics and ideology. declaring April 29, a day of solidarity with the Jewish people marking our collective commitment to end Jew-hatred in our lifetime,” said Brooke Goldstein, co-founder of the #EndJewHatred Movement.

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PRESIDENT'S GRANDSON*(Continued from page 8)*

witz to Birkenau alongside the president of Israel, 80 Holocaust survivors, survivors of the Oct. 7 Hamas massacre in Israel, and students from across the world.

We will walk in silence – but our presence will speak loudly. It will say that we remember. That we bear witness. That we will carry forward the testimonies of those who survived and those who perished. It is an honor, as General – and then President – Eisenhower's great-grandson, to continue that legacy of truth-telling by standing on the very soil where the Nazis tried to erase a people.

While my great-grandfather is best remembered for his leadership during the war, his legacy as president also includes support for the Jewish people throughout his presidency. During his presidency, Eisenhower oversaw the United States' strengthening of Israel's right to self-defense, its support for Jewish refugees fleeing Europe, and an unmissable condemnation of antisemitism and bigotry in all its forms.

In 1958, he dedicated the cornerstone of the Jewish Theological Seminary library, stating, "We must affirm human dignity and decency. For unless we do, civilization itself is in jeopardy." He understood that the battle against hate didn't end with the war, nor with the Jews – it was universal.

That is still true today. Holocaust denial and distortion are no longer creeping into our public discourse, they are flooding it. On college campuses, in political rhetoric, and in online forums, attempts to minimize or erase the truths for which Eisenhower and mil-

lions of others fought are left unchallenged. In this context, education isn't just a tool – it's a responsibility.

We must teach young people not only what happened in the Holocaust, but why it happened – how hatred, dehumanization and silence allowed genocide to unfold.

We must ensure they hear the voices of survivors, see the remnants of the camps and understand

what "never again" truly demands of us.

When Eisenhower visited Ohrdruf in 1945, he stood as a general. But his decision to shine a light on those horrors was also the act of a human being unwilling to look away. As his great-grandson, I feel the weight of that decision – and the privilege of carrying it forward.

My great grandfather once said, "The hope of the world is that wisdom can arrest conflict between brothers."

That wisdom begins with memory. With truth. And with ensuring that future generations never forget what General Dwight D. Eisenhower, and so many others of the same period, saw with their own horrified eyes.

Said Holocaust Mauthausen survivor Eva Clarke when she met recently with Eisenhower: "I am the infant your great-grandfather and the American soldiers saved. Had they not arrived in time, I would not be standing here today."

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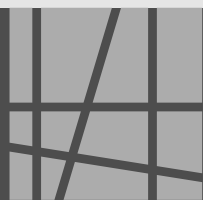
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TRAVELLERS AND FELLOW TRAVELLERS

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Prof. Paul H. Curts visited Nazi Germany repeatedly in the 1930s. He praised Hitler as "the only man who could offer to Germany what it needed at present," and marveled at the "quiet, order and discipline" in Germany. Curts dismissed reports of anti-Jewish persecution as "exaggerated," while adding that some action against the Jews "was possibly justified." The Wesleyan administration arranged for Prof. Curts to address the entire student body about the wonderful Nazi regime, and named him president of Wesleyan's Publications Board.

The phenomenon of political travelers and fellow

travelers has continued in more recent times. One was the mayor of Burlington, Vermont, future U.S. senator Bernie Sanders. In 1988, Sanders and his bride, Jane, spent their honeymoon with a group of activists on a visit to the Soviet Union to promote friendly relations with the Kremlin. Upon their return, Sanders heaped praise on the "friendship and openness" of the "extremely generous and warm" Soviet officials who hosted them. He hailed the Soviet government's cultural programs for youth, which, he said, "go far beyond what we have in this country."

Sanders was especially excited that the Krem-

President Isaac Herzog visits the site of the missile attack in Central Israel on June 16th



SPEAKING OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, PRESIDENT Herzog said: "What I've seen upstairs in the destroyed apartment is evil, pure evil in and of itself. It's evil aimed at innocent civilians all over Israel. But I have news to for the Iranian regime. You think you're going to tire us or fatigue us, you're absolutely wrong. We're a very strong, resilient nation with very strong capabilities in all fields. I think you're feeling it out there in Iran, and I think the Iranian people are fed up, and they want change. And so, of course, do the entire region, we deserve change." Photo credit: Haim Zach (GPO)

lin's trains ran on time. "In Moscow we were extremely impressed by their public transportation system," he said. "In fact, it was the cleanest, most effective mass transit system that I've ever seen in my life... The stations themselves were absolutely beautiful, including many works of art, chandeliers that were beautiful, it was a very, very effective system."

While Sanders had much to say about the punctuality of Soviet trains, he had nothing to say about the vicious mistreatment of his fellow-Jews behind the Iron Curtain. He never mentioned the plight of the three million Soviet Jews who were being persecuted and prevented from emigrating. He never spoke about the grueling new restrictions the Soviet authorities had imposed on Jews just weeks earlier.

That same year, five American Jews stirred controversy by meeting and praising PLO terrorist leader

Yasir Arafat in Stockholm. One of the visitors later had a dramatic change of heart, however. In October 2000, in the midst of an Arafat-directed wave of violence against Israel, Menachem Z. Rosensaft, president of the U.S. Labor Zionist Alliance, wrote: "I was wrong, so many of us were wrong...for allowing ourselves to be convinced that Arafat ever actually wanted peace with Israel... We believed him

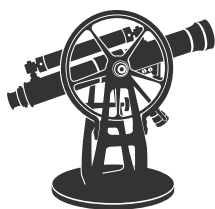
when he proclaimed an end to terrorism. We were wrong."

Perhaps one day, similar words of remorse will be heard from the American Jewish officials who enjoyed all-expenses-paid visits to Qatar in 2017-2018 and praised Qatar's emir despite his regime's massive financial assistance to Hamas and Qatar's harboring of senior Hamas leaders. It was later reported

that Qatari agents made significant donations to some Jewish organizations and individuals.

Political travelers and fellow-travelers, then and now, have left a long and dishonorable legacy of giving aid and comfort to regimes and individuals who deserve to be ostracized, not embraced. It's unfortunate that a handful of members of Congress have now joined their ranks.

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ANNOUNCING OUR SPECIAL GUEST

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW!

ELIAS MAKOS

HOST OF THE ELIAS MAKOS SHOW ON CJAD 800



We are thrilled to announce that Elias Makos, host of *The Elias Makos Show* on CJAD 800, will be the special guest for this year's Chip Away at Hate Golf Tournament in Montreal for the second year in a row. The Golf Tournament will take place on August 18, 2025.

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We hope to see you on **August 18th** at **Beaconsfield Golf Club!**

