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## Federation looking for volunteers for new committees

By Reporter staff

The Jewish Federation of Greater Binghamton will form two new committees this fall and is looking for volunteers to be committee members. One committee will focus on getting more people – including those on the Binghamton University campus – involved in Federation activities. The second will be a Legacy Committee, which will help construct the process, forms, materials, etc. for contributing to the Federation through wills and trusts.

“The local Jewish community is getting smaller,” said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. “Unfortunately, the needs of our community have not decreased. We are looking for ideas on how to better fund these needs.”

Auerbach noted that “we often talk about the demographics of our community, but how do we get these people involved? We need the input of all ages – from teenagers to those in their 90s. Everyone has something unique to offer.

If you know of uninvolved members of the Jewish community, but are not comfortable reaching out, help us construct the list of possibilities.”

She added, “We need to know where to look, your thoughts on why you give, are involved and what could be the impetus for others. I am looking for people either willing to help create the process or people comfortable reaching out.”

Auerbach also mentioned how wonderful it is when someone remembers the Federation in their will. “Often, to our

surprise, we get letters from law offices telling us that the Federation has been graciously named in someone’s will,” she said. “This is a wonderful opportunity anyone can take. It enables them to contribute to our community even when they are no longer with us. That will truly make their name be remembered for a blessing.”

Anyone interested in joining either of these committees should contact Auerbach at 724-2332 or dirjfb@gmail.com.

## Temple Beth-El Arts Committee hosts summer Jewish Film Festival Aug. 22

The Arts Committee of Temple Beth-El invites the community to its annual Jewish film festival with a series of three films this summer. The festival will take place in the social hall of the temple, located at the corner of Court and Tioga streets in Ithaca. “Shalom Bollywood” was shown on June 13, and “The Sturgeon Queens” and “Bagels in the Blood” were shown on July 25. The final film, “The Band’s Visit,” will be shown on Wednesday, August 22. Doors will open at 6:30 pm for free refreshments and socializing. The film will begin at 7 pm. Tickets are \$8 at the door (check or cash



“The Band’s Visit” will be shown at Temple Beth-El of Ithaca on Wednesday, August 22.

only). All films are appropriate for children ages 10 and above. Teens are encouraged to attend.

“The Band’s Visit” (Israel, 2007, Arabic, English, Hebrew with subtitles), now a Broadway musical, is an Israeli film about eight Egyptian musicians, comprising the Alexandria Ceremonial Police Orchestra, who arrive by mistake in a small town in Israel’s Negev Desert.

The film festival is brought to Ithaca through Menemsha Films, 7<sup>th</sup> Art Releasing and Sony Classic Pictures. For further information, call 257-9924.

## Rededication of TBE window to take place Aug. 19

By Reporter staff

The first rededication of the stained glass windows rescued from the former Temple Beth El of Endicott building will take place on Sunday, August 19, at 11:30 am, at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 200 Jefferson Ave., Endicott. There will be a reception following the rededication.

“I’m very excited that the first of the large stained glass windows is being rededicated,” said Sima Auerbach, executive director of the Federation. “We’d hoped that

the windows would remain in this area and this shows we have succeeded in keeping local history local.”

The window serves as a way to commemorate a connection between the church and the temple. When the church building was destroyed in a fire in 1952, the temple invited St. Paul’s to hold services in the synagogue until its new building was ready. Plaques were later hung in both buildings in recognition of the friendship between the two congregations.

The window the church will display is dedicated to the memory of Lewis and Sophie Cahn, which seemed appropriate to one of their great-grandchildren, Rabbi Rachel Esserman. “The window is dedicated to my mom’s mother’s parents,” Esserman said. “My grandparents were so proud of the synagogue’s connection to the church. My grandfather would point to the plaque, which hung outside the sanctuary, and tell the story of the connection between the two congregations. I’m sure both of my grandpar-

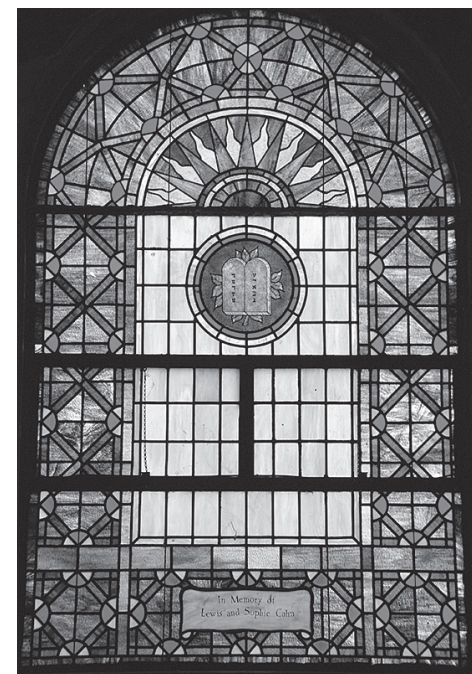
ents would be thrilled to know this window will help commemorate that connection.”

Auerbach is also pleased the connection will be recognized. “Anyone who talks to me knows that Jewish stories of this area are my passion,” she said. “So many people have spoken about how special the Endicott Jewish community was to them and what wonderful memories they have of those days. It’s just marvelous that the legacy of Temple Beth El will live on.”

## JCC campers took to the stage



At left: A scene from this year’s Camp JCC play, “Moana,” which campers staged on July 27. (For more camp photos, see page 11.)



The Cahn window

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## Opinion

From the Desk of the Federation Executive Director

## Hello, it's Sima

SIMA AUERBACH

What do you do on a hot summer Sunday? If your husband is throwing out the first ball on Jewish Heritage Day at the Binghamton Rumble Ponies baseball game, you head to the NYSEG Stadium.

Neil was anxious and nervous. We got to the stadium a little after 1 pm for his scheduled 2:05 pm pitching debut, but that is the quintessential Neil. (We get to the airport three hours before our scheduled flight.) Because, as he always says, "You never know..."

He was told to meet at the dugout near first base at 1:45 pm. I didn't take my eyes off of him while he stood waiting. I could feel the butterflies in his stomach. Neil walked to the mound. He was announced over the loud-speaker to a thunderous applause from our section. He lifted his arm and the ball flew right to the catcher's mitt! I could feel his joy and sense of getting the job done, and done well, I may add. I gazed at his smile as he walked back to our seats. It was a great day.

Neil's words: "When Bonnie asked me to represent *The Reporter* and the community on Jewish Heritage Day, I had images of myself as Sandy Koufax of my favorite team – The Dodgers – and then I realized I am 79 and haven't thrown a baseball since my 20s and I got nervous. I calmed



Neil Auerbach threw out the first pitch on Jewish Heritage Day at the Rumble Ponies. (Photo by Jim Maggiore)

down and remembered Jennifer Kakusian, the Federation office manager and a New York State All Star and Hall of Famer softball pitcher, and asked for help. We had about

six practice sessions and she gave me some great tips. Thank you, Jen."

Neil and I would like to offer:

- ◆ Thanks to *The Reporter* for setting this up.
- ◆ A special thanks to Jon Burgman for arranging all the details with the stadium, ensuring great seats for watching the game *in the shade* on this brutally hot day.
- ◆ Thank you, Seth Distler, as well as our stadium liaison who came by to see that we were well.
- ◆ Thank you to the members of our Jewish community who braved the heat and sun, and cheered Neil on: Roz Antoun, Rita and Larry Bleier, Rabbi Geoffrey Brown, Jon and Pam Burgman, Brendan Byrnes and Hollie Levine, Elsie Deutsch, Rabbi Rachel Esserman, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell, Sue and Howard Herzog, Marcia Hofstein and the Green clan, Sylvia and Stephanie Horowitz, Chaim Joy and Cathy Velenchik, Eileen Krigstein and Rich Carberry, Alan Krongold, Maria and Robert Kutz, Pat and Al Lavker, Lillian Levy, Neisen Luks, Walter Selan, Suzanne and Art Siegel, Sue Walker, Howard Warner, Barbara Wolfson and Barbara and Don Zelter. Thanks again!

P.S. My regular Edy story will have to wait for another day. Today, it's all about Neil.

## Charlottesville, one year later

By Jonathan S. Tobin

(JNS) – It was an image straight out of a standard Jewish nightmare. The spectacle of neo-Nazis and their Ku Klux Klan allies holding a torchlight parade through the streets of an American city while chanting about the Jews and, ultimately, killing a female counter-protester is imprinted on the minds of a Jewish community that was predisposed to obsess about the possibility of history repeating itself.

Irrespective of the small numbers of those involved, the symbolism and subsequent baffling inability of the president of the United States to stick to a straightforward condemnation of the rally made Charlottesville much more than just a troubling incident involving marginal extremists.

So, one year later, the question remains what exactly, beyond the horror those events evoked, does it actually mean for the future of the United States or the revival of antisemitism? The notion that the Republican Party had been taken over by the so-called "alt-right" and that a wave of support from such a movement had swept Trump into

power gave many, especially in the Jewish community, the impression that America was heading toward fascism. Some of this was based on a misunderstanding about the source of Trump's support, as well as the nature of Breitbart.com, the conservative website that was headed by Steve Bannon, who served as Trump's campaign manager in the final months of the 2016 contest.

Contrary to Bannon's quip, Breitbart was the voice of right-wing populism, not the alt-right, and never provided a platform for antisemitism. Nor was Bannon, who had a brief stint as a senior White House adviser before being shown the door after only a few months, an antisemite. Nevertheless, the willingness of Trump to pander to extremists at times with statements about minorities blurred the lines between those on the margins of American political life and his campaign.

In early 2017, a string of bomb threats directed at Jewish Community Centers around the country prompted concern about the focus of the new administration. Though we had already learned the threats were the work of a disturbed

Israeli teenager and not some band of alt-right extremists inspired by Trump by the time of the Charlottesville rally that summer, the claim that the president bore responsibility for what was misrepresented as a surge of antisemitism in the United States stuck to him. The refusal of the Anti-Defamation League to retract its false accusations about the incidents bears some of the blame for this.

Yet in August of that year, Trump seemed to equivocate at times about the hate march, at one point claiming that there were "some very fine people" joining the Nazis in opposing the removal of Confederate statues. Asserting a moral equivalence between those hatemongers and their opponents was the wrong thing to say and gave license to his detractors to associate him with people with whom he had no ties or even interest.

It was this, more than anything else, that gave even a sliver of credibility to hysterical notions that he was setting the stage for tyranny. But for the most part, he has followed the path of a conventional conservative since taking office. See "Year" on page 7

## In My Own Words

## Unexpected consequences

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When my older brother and I were young, we used to fight when we sat in the back seat together. To make long car trips more pleasant, my parents decided that my brother would sit in front with my father while my mother and I were in the back seat. My mom sat behind Richard so she could see the road over his head and help with navigation. (People used to depend on maps to find their way in those days.) The solution worked and our travels were more pleasant for all four of us (although, after sitting in the back seat for all those years, I now prefer the front passenger seat).

Of course, nowadays that solution won't work. After airbags were introduced, children under a certain height could no longer sit in the front seat because, if the air bag inflated, they would suffocate. Airbags are a wonderful thing, but this change in technology had an unexpected consequence. Babies, whose car seats or car cribs often used to be placed in the front passenger seat, are now relegated to the back seat. Every year since then, there have been horror stories about babies being forgotten in cars and dying from heat prostration. Critics rail against

these parents, but that's not entirely fair: all it takes is a moment of absent-mindedness for disaster to occur. This problem didn't happen when children sat in the front seat because it was far more difficult to forget them. It's much easier to forget a quiet or sleeping child who is below the sight line in the back seat.

Now, I'm not suggesting that we get rid of airbags or stop all technological advances. However, we should realize that there can be unpleasant consequences from these changes. The cell phone is one of the easiest and best examples. Cell phones can be wonderful: they allow us to easily keep in contact with each other. Running late? Make a quick call or send a text to let the person know. Forget something? Call and ask what else was on the grocery list. Have to change your plans? It only takes a moment to let the other person know. The cell phone is a quick and convenient way to prevent problems and mixups.

However, there is also a downside to cell phones. Want to go on vacation and get away from it all? That's not always possible because many businesses require their

vacationing employees to have their phones on and be available even when they are not working and out of town. A friend recently started a new job and one of the requirements was that her work e-mail be on her cell phone. That meant she's supposed to check e-mail during the evening and on weekends. Please note, they weren't asking that she be available if they need to *call* her about a problem (phone calls she answered at her previous job), but rather that she *work* (check her e-mail) during non-work hours.

Every change has good points and bad. That's true of every new piece of technology. What matters is how we use the technology and how we think to solve our problems. It can be a simple solution, like the suggestion that parents put a stuffed animal in the front seat to remind them that their child is in the back seat or put their purse and/or briefcase in the back seat with their child. Having employers not contact their employees while they are on vacation is a far tougher problem to solve. However, since the world is rapidly changing, it's up to us to make certain that these changes make our lives better, not worse.



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# “GI Jews” to be shown at TC, JCC Friendship Club

The television show “GI Jews” will be shown at two different locations during August. A discussion will follow the program. On Wednesday, August 15, from 7-9 pm, the viewing will take place at Temple Concord, 9 Riverside Dr., Binghamton. An additional showing will be held during two JCC Friendship Club meetings, at the Jewish Community Center, 500 Clubhouse Rd., Vestal, on Wednesdays, August 22 and 29, from 1:30-3 pm. The discussion will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell. Those interested in attending are asked to call the temple at 723-7355 or the JCC at 724-2417.

“PBS produced a marvelous program this spring, ‘GI Jews,’ about the 550,000 Jewish men and women who served in World War II in our armed forces,” said Goldman-Wartell. “The program left a lasting impression with me, so I purchased it to offer others the opportunity to see the program and talk about it, even if they missed the television showing. This program will show in one sitting on August 15 and in two parts on the Wednesday afternoons at the JCC. Come either

time and join in a discussion following the film.” Parade magazine called the show “fascinating,” “moving,” “funny and full of history and pathos.” Newsday noted that these service men and women “seem like so many other veterans who have spoken on countless other documentaries over the years. But as Jews, their role was uniquely perilous, especially if they were captured in the

European theater. They also had to stare down anti-Semitism from the boot camp to the battlefield. Many of the veterans on this program can recall some searing incident of bigotry – a wayward comment, a brutal gesture, or in one instance, a Dear John letter from a GI breaking up with his girlfriend, also in the service, after he found out she was Jewish.”

## Library program to feature stories of Jewish humor on Aug. 27

On Monday, August 27, at 5:30 pm, The Hungry Ear, which celebrates the art of the short story, will present two humorous Jewish stories at the Broome County Public Library, 185 Court St., Binghamton. “The Kugelmass Episode,” by Woody Allen, about a college professor who seeks romance with the help of a magician and his magic

box, will be read by Andy Horowitz. “It’s a Lie,” by Sholom Aleichem, a tale of two strangers who meet on a train and try to have a conversation, will be told by Gil Choi.

Judy McMahon and The Hungry Ear readers have been giving dramatic readings since 2007. For more information, call the library at 778-6451.

# Fire kites sting Negev honey farms just before Rosh Hashanah

By Maayan Jaffe-Hoffman

(JNS) – When you drive into Israel’s Sha’ar HaNegev Region in the northwestern Negev, the fields are burnt and black. The trees are broken, and the smell of acrid smoke stings the eyes and nose. “It is a very upsetting view,” said Zeev Meidan, general manager of the Israeli Honey Council.

Meidan, who in the past was employed as a beekeeper at the area’s Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, has been spending extra time in the southern district to support the region’s honey farmers, many of whom have been the target of arson attacks by Hamas. He said fires in the Gaza periphery caused by aerial arson attacks launched by flammable kites and helium balloons have caused millions of shekels worth of damage to the beehives of Kibbutz Erez and Yad Mordechai in the period just before Rosh Hashanah, the height of the honey harvest. On average, Meidan said, the hives would be producing as much as 50 kilograms of honey each this season.

“After many months of labor, we were supposed to collect the honey from our hives,” said Boaz Kanot, chairman of the Israel Beekeepers Association. “The recent fires have burned dozens of beehives full of honey just before it was meant to be packaged and distributed. This is a huge loss to the industry in general and the beekeepers specifically.”

Many beekeepers rely on income from this season to support themselves throughout the year, explained Yitzchak “Hakale” Amitai, manager of Kibbutz Erez’s building and infrastructure. He said the beekeepers provide taxes from the profits to the kibbutz, which will also suffer a financial blow.



A beehive in flames from an incendiary kite at a honey farm in southern Israel near the Gaza Strip. (Photo by Alon Sigron)

The government has committed to help offset the loss to individual farmers, but only about half of the funds have been transferred thus far, said Meidan.

Amitai said the beehives are not located inside the kibbutzim, but in open land all around their periphery. He explained that in addition to the bees themselves being scorched, when the fields are burnt then any remaining bees cannot produce honey because there are no flowers on which to graze. “Flowers do not grow overnight, so in the near future there will not be enough flowers to make honey,” he said. Fewer bees also mean “that they will not be able to pollinate the fields.”

According to Meidan, the country produces around 3,500 tons of honey per year, of which little or none is exported. The country imports about 1,000 tons of honey,

which together with local production just meets the needs of Israelis, especially around the holidays. He said Israel’s northern farmers and imports this year should make up for the loss of the honey in the Sha’ar HaNegev Region, and honey prices should remain stable through the High Holidays and Sukkot.

Meidan said Israel has around 120,000 beehives, including 5,000 located near the border with Gaza. Of those 5,000, some 200 hives have been destroyed and thousands more indirectly impacted by the fires. And while annual





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Off the Shelf

# Echoes of the past – part two

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN

Secrets: the parts of our lives that greatly affect our behavior, but which we often don't share even with those closest to us. This is particularly true of people who either are ashamed of their behavior or who feel guilty that they survived when others did not. This thought underlies the three novels in this review, which look at the effect of World War II not only on those who lived through the war years, but their descendants.

## “Paris in the Present Tense”

Some novels start out well, but never fulfil their initial promise. Others leave readers feeling cold at first, but then develop into amazing works of literature. This latter statement describes how I felt when reading Mark Helprin's

“Paris in the Present Tense” (The Overlook Press). The notes I wrote while reading the first 100 or so pages mention its complex prose and difficult, philosophical discussions of music and art. By the end of the book, I remarked on how this literary work has turned into a breathtaking page turner, while never sacrificing its beautiful prose or philosophical analysis.

The main character of “Paris in the Present Tense” is Jules Lacour, a 74-year-old cellist who ekes out a living as a music teacher. His professional life is not a success: he's unable to perform in public and his musical compositions are considered out of date. Jules mourns the fact that he was the only member of his family to survive the Nazis. Adding to his grief are his years fighting for France in Algeria and the recent loss of his wife. These and other events continue to haunt him, even as the decades pass. Yet, his love of music and family enables him to find joy in his life, although he worries about his young, very ill grandson. He would also like to help his daughter and son-in-law escape from an increasingly antisemitic France. When an opportunity to earn enough money to do so turns into disaster, Jules' life takes an unexpected turn.

While Jules is a wonderful, opinionated character who dominates the novel, Helprin spins tales of others who help Jules plot his dangerous course. Even these minor characters feel three-dimensional, as though it's as important to understand their motivation as it is to understand that of Jules. Helprin also writes about the joys of music in a way that portrays why Jules is satisfied with what others would call an unsuccessful career. The prose captures beautifully how Jules hears music everywhere, even in mundane sounds most people ignore.

While readers may debate whether Jules' actions are moral, I found myself rooting for him, even as I questioned his judgment. The novel's ending was incredibly moving – managing to be sad and joyous at the same time.

## “The Lost Letter”

Two different plots converge in Jill Cantor's excellent novel “The Lost Letter” (Riverhead Books). In 1989, the Jewish first person narrator, Katie Nelson, struggles to find a moment of joy in her life. Not only does her husband want a divorce, but she has to clean out her father's house now that he's been placed in a nursing home for those with dementia. After taking his stamp collection to be appraised, the appraiser becomes intrigued by an unusual stamp attached to an envelope that was never mailed. Wanting to know more about the stamp and its unknown maker, Katie and the appraiser together search for answers to this mysterious puzzle.

Alternating chapters of the novel, which take place in

Austria in the late 1930s, offer the third-person narrative of Kristoff, an orphan who's an apprentice to Jewish stamp engraver Frederick Faber. Although Faber's last Christian apprentice left because he no longer wanted to work for someone Jewish, Kristoff loves the Faber family and feels at home with their Jewish practice. It's the oldest daughter, though, who makes the greatest impression on him, although she wants nothing to do with someone who might betray them. When Germany annexes Austria and the persecution of Jews begins, Kristoff must decide if it's possible to keep faith with the first family to make him feel he belongs.

Readers know that the two stories must somehow overlap, but Cantor's plot offers several surprises and many interesting twists and turns. What makes the novel work is the loving manner in which she portrays her characters, and the convincing way she ties the narratives together. “The Lost Letter” is a beautifully done, moving novel about the power of love.

## “Winter Kept Us Warm”

Anne Raef's “Winter Kept Us Warm” (Counterpoint) is yet another novel showing how the past reverberates through several lives. The work begins a few years after 9/11, when an aging and ailing Isaac surprises Ulli at the hotel she owns in Morocco almost 40 years after their last meeting. The two originally met just after the end of World War II when the German Ulli first saw two American G.I.s – Jewish Isaac and Christian Leo – in a bar in Berlin. How the three lives became intertwined is slowly revealed over the course of the novel.

While a great deal of the novel focuses on defining the connections between the characters (including the link between Isaac's daughters and Ulli), the author also reveals each character's distinct personalities and the secrets they hold close. For example, Isaac's temperament is partly formed by his early history, which includes memories of when he and his parents were stateless and passportless Russian refugees waiting for a visa to the United States. Although Isaac is eager to leave the army once the war is over, he re-enlists in order to act as an interpreter for displaced persons in Europe. Isaac and Leo are already friends before they reach Berlin, but that relationship is greatly affected by their relationship with Ulli.

It's difficult to discuss the plot without revealing the many secrets and connections that form the basis of the story. The true beauty of “Winter Kept Us Warm” is the author's ability to make one care about what happened to Ulli, Isaac and Leo. Readers should note the novel focuses on our inability to protect those we love, making it less than cheerful reading, but this moving tale also shows how one's losses can be balanced by the joy of love and friendship.

## Mailbox Shorts

### JOFEE Network Gathering in October

A Jewish Outdoor, Food, Farming and Environmental Education Network Gathering will be held from October 11-14 at Tamarack Camps, Ortonville, MI. The gathering will focus on “Transforming Ourselves to Transform the World.” Those attending will have the opportunity to engage with issues around sustainability, food systems, gender and Jewish connections to the land; explore Detroit and the surrounding area while learning from local leaders dedicated to reviving land and neighborhoods; and experience Shabbat together, as one community, in the woods of Tamarack Camps.

Speakers scheduled for the event will include Elizabeth Andre, Ph.D., professor of outdoor education; Mark Morey from the Institute for Natural Learning; Rabbi Arthur Waskow from the Shalom Center; Amy Meltzer from the PJ Library. Rabbi Zelig Golden from Wilderness Torah; and more.

For more information or to register, visit <https://hazon.org/jofee/network-gathering/>.

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The website Books and Blintzes, <https://booksandblintzes.com/>, showcases Jewish writing, Jewish cuisine and Jewish fine arts. It seeks to “explore the diversity and creativity of contemporary Jewish learning and living,” and welcomes visitors to the site to join the conversation. Those interested in posting on the site should visit <https://booksandblintzes.com/home/ourstory/guestpostinformation/> for more information.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

From JTA

**Woman's appt. to an Israeli rabbinic court is seen as a breakthrough**

A woman was appointed to serve as a judicial assistant in an Israeli rabbinic court – one of the most senior positions in the Orthodox-run court system. The appointment of Shira Ben-Eli was announced on Aug. 5 by the rabbinical courts administration and the Civil Service Commission to the Jerusalem District Labor Court. The position involves close contact with the court's decision-making processes, *Haaretz* reported. Nearly two years ago ITIM, an organization that seeks to help Israelis navigate the country's religious bureaucracy, and the Rackman Center at Bar-Ilan University filed a lawsuit calling for equality in Israel's rabbinical courts, particularly for non-rabbinic positions. The lawsuit included a restraining order against the Civil Service Commission and the rabbinical courts administration from hiring judicial assistants as long as they prevented women from obtaining the positions. The requirement that a judicial assistant have rabbinic ordination or qualification as a *dayan*, a rabbinic judge, ultimately was lifted. In an announcement, the Civil Service Commission and the rabbinical courts administration said: "The respondents are pleased to inform the court that the committee that examined candidates for two positions of judicial assistant in the rabbinic court chose a female candidate for one of the posts. No candidate, male or female, was chosen for the second position as of yet because no applicant was found with suitable knowledge and experience."

**JDC and Israel team up to alleviate African poverty through agtech**

By JNS staff

(JNS) – In a ceremony in Jerusalem on July 31, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and Israel's Ministry of the Economy formalized their partnership to leverage Israeli agricultural technology as part of JDC's new Tikkun Olam Ventures (or TOV) program, which seeks to alleviate poverty among Africa's smallholder farmers.

Attendees included Shay Rinsky, director general of the Ministry of Economy and Industry; Mandie Winston, director of JDC's international-development program; and American businessman and philanthropist Seth Merrin, who has long been involved in investment work in the developing world, including his ongoing efforts at the Agahozo Shalom Youth Village in Rwanda.

"Israel has incredible skills and technologies to share that will make the world a better place and significantly improve the lives of many," said Merrin.

"TOV is a novel philanthropic model that creates the perfect public-private partnership to implement the technology and the training necessary to significantly improve the yields of the farmers, which begins the journey out of poverty. It is incredibly exciting to think about how many lives we will impact over the coming years," he said.

TOV's partnership with the Israeli government will include the transfer of Israeli agtech knowledge to experts, businesses and smallholder farmers in emerging econo-



L-r: Shay Rinsky, director general of the Ministry of Economy and Industry; philanthropist Seth Merrin; and Mandie Winston, director of JDC's international-development program. (Photo by JDC)

mies, as well as the development of knowledge in Israel about both the needs of smallholder farmers to promote innovation and effective business models for reaching smallholder farmers.

The partnership will also foster "knowledge communities" in Israel to disseminate and develop knowledge gained through TOV's work in Africa, which is already underway in seven farming demonstration sites in Ethiopia.

"This initiative is an important platform for the Ministry of Economy and Industry to give the developing world access to Israeli solutions to the challenges faced by so many," said Eli Cohen, Israel's minister of economy and industry.

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plants can be planted and regrown with little impact on next year's honey season, he explained, other varieties, like eucalyptus trees, cannot be grown in a year. As such, there will be long-term impact on the industry that has yet to be determined.

Additionally, Amitai said the situation has taken an emotional blow on the beekeepers who worked all year only to watch their efforts undone in a blaze. "It is terrible to watch your hives burn up alongside eucalyptus trees, flowers and grazing land," said beekeeper Ido Eden. "Nearly all the grove was burnt, and with it, my hives. We are talking about eight dunams of land with 32 hives. I was planning to go on vacation with my family, but now I'm not so sure. It just feels terrible."

Yahel Ben-Aris, volunteer coordinator for the MetroWest New Jersey Federation-Kibbutz Erez partnership, expressed similar sentiments. "I don't know what to say... you just look out at the fields and see fire - another kite, another balloon - it's crazy," said Ben-Aris. "It doesn't make sense."

Ben-Aris lives in Kibbutz Erez. He said there are a minimum of six fires per week, and sometimes as many as three a day. The best way to contain them is to arrive on the scene fast. The kibbutz has put together an emergency response firefighting team with equipment purchased largely from donations made by the MetroWest New Jersey Federation. He said there is a constant need to replenish items like fire hoses, which are quickly worn down from the fires.

"There were days that teams would go out to extinguish the fire and holes in the hoses would have water spraying everywhere," Ben-Aris said. "These are firefighters with day jobs and, when it happens on Shabbat, they have to



Honey farmers inspected bee hives that had caught fire from incendiary attacks from the Gaza Strip. (Photo by Alon Sigron)

leave their families three times. It's very hot right now, and these fires are so hot, too."

Retirees from across the country have been volunteering in the area, sitting in watch towers to monitor for aerial attacks and inform the firefighting response team.

Strikingly, even as their fields are destroyed and fires sting the production of the area's honey, residents and leadership alike say they have empathy for the plight of the Gazans and do not want to go to war with Hamas.

Sha'ar HaNegev Regional Council Mayor Alon Shuster told JNS that arson is not something new for the region. Rather, there were rounds of fires set by Gaza activists near the border for years. The big shift now is that these fires are reaching further into the region, propelled by kites and balloons. While he said that the results are tragic economically, emotionally and agriculturally, "we are lucky none of the burning kites have put people in danger."

Shuster said he doesn't want a military solution to be the only solution. "A war will just temporarily stop the fires, but it will not stop Hamas from attacking us again," he said. "Of course, Hamas is a terrible partner for negotiations... But we must move to a situation where Israel opens dialogue with Hamas - for the people of Israel and Gaza. While this is hard on us, the people in Gaza are suffering in ways we cannot even imagine or describe."

Meidan added that "Hamas should know that not only does the arson not help them, it is not only hurting the Jews. It is bad for nature and killing bees - innocent insects that don't deserve to die." And he believes the people of the Sha'ar HaNegev Region are resilient. "We will not be broken," he said.

Ben-Aris said the first flowers that pop up as the land starts to recuperate are striking red anemones, which he said will ignite the fields in "vibrant" color. "It will be very pretty," he said. "This new life - that is the message I would send back to Hamas."

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Nor, despite the ongoing anger that is fueled by Trump's behavior and relentless Twitter feed, is the United States reliving the last days of the Weimar republic. Trump may feud with the media in an unseemly manner, but freedom of the press is not in peril. Nor is the Constitution. Trump critics hear echoes of Charlottesville in his so-called Muslim travel ban and the short-lived "zero tolerance" for illegal immigrants. But it is possible to advocate for stricter security at the border and for existing laws to be enforced without advocating hate.

Americans need to separate debates about Trump the individual from those about policy that would occur under any Republican administration. Egregious analogies about the Holocaust have no place in American politics. Just as important, the focus on Charlottesville has to some extent obscured left-wing antisemitism, which has more influence and a far greater audience than the alt-right trolls who scared us a year ago. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is a Jew-hater with a mass following, including leaders of the anti-Trump "resistance" and Women's March movement. Add to that the BDS movement, which isn't just against Israel's existence. It traffics in open anti-semitism, as well as in creating a hostile atmosphere for Jews on North American college campuses.

Still, that doesn't relieve Trump of the responsibility to provide moral leadership, which is, perhaps, the most im-

portant part of leading any government. His unwillingness to do what people expect of him, especially with regard to what we would ordinarily refer to as proper behavior and statements, is well-known. It stems from an instinctual belief that if conventional wisdom and a loosely defined establishment say to do one thing, then he should be doing something else. That willingness to flout convention and political correctness also lies at the heart of his popularity.

The president's failure to send a consistent message condemning the sort of hate that emanated from Charlottesville last year goes a long way toward explaining why it is possible for so many otherwise sensible people to wrongly believe that incident was the tip of the iceberg of American hate, instead of a painful and thankfully isolated incident involving persons with no influence whatsoever. The claims that the administration is somehow complicit in hate and antisemitism are false.

But more than any other factor, that meme went viral because of avoidable mistakes by the president. If the mainstream media cover the Charlottesville anniversary as being more about Trump than anything else, it won't be fair, but he will have no one to blame for it but himself. It may be too much to expect Trump to play the role of healer-in-chief. But by choosing not to do so, he has set the stage for what will likely be an orgy of national introspection about Charlottesville that will likely obscure the truth about hate

in America, rather than shed some light on it. Jonathan S. Tobin is editor-in-chief of JNS—Jewish News Syndicate. Follow him on Twitter at @jonathans\_tobin.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

From JTA

**Tunisia, under pressure, lets 7-year-old Israeli in for chess tourney**

Following pressure, the Tunisian Chess Federation has agreed to allow a 7-year-old Israeli girl to participate in an international tournament in Tunisia. Tunisian authorities backed on their refusal to grant a visa to Liel Levitan, who won the Girls U7 category in the European School Individual Chess Championship in July, for the World School Individual Championships next year in Sousse, France's National Bureau for Vigilance Against Anti-Semitism said on Aug. 3 in a statement. The FIDE World Chess Federation pressured its Tunisian affiliate and the country's authorities to allow her to compete, according to the report. The Tunisian Chess Federation issued a circular on July 31 stating that "players from all countries are welcome, without exception." FIDE threatened to revoke Tunisia's privileges to host the match, the report said.

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# Yankees baseball legend Mariano Rivera visits Israeli army base

By JNS staff

(JNS) – Former New York Yankees pitcher Mariano Rivera visited an Israel Defense Forces base in northern Israel on July 31 to lend solidarity with Israeli soldiers.

Rivera, who played 19 seasons with the Yankees and is widely regarded as one of the best closers in baseball history, was in Israel as part of a spiritual interfaith mission led by the New York Board of Rabbis.

As part of this mission, Friends of the Israel Defense



Mariano Rivera, and the interfaith group visiting Israel at the Michve Alon IDF base in front of the Fitness Center, donated by the FIDF Long Island Chapter, on July 31. (Photo by FIDF)

Forces arranged a base visit, where Rivera and mission participants learned about the FIDF programs carried out at the IDF Alon Educational and Instructional Center at Michve Alon base, where support is given to soldiers from at-risk populations to help them adapt to their army service, and become successful and contributing citizens in Israel.

Among the FIDF courses for the about 6,000 soldiers stationed at Michve Alon are those that help new immigrants and soldiers from minority groups learn Hebrew.

"I'm privileged and honored to be here, and learn about the young men and women who are here in the IDF, being trained to be a better person, a better citizen and a better human being," Rivera said while meeting with soldiers. "For me, it was something special that I will take with me through my life."

Rivera was joined in the visit by members of his church, Refugio de Esperanza-Refuge of Hope in New Rochelle, NY, where his wife, Clara, serves as pastor. Rivera is involved in several philanthropic initiatives, primarily through the Mariano Rivera Foundation and the Christian community.

"We were thrilled to host Mr. Mariano Rivera at Michve Alon to witness FIDF's important programs in action," said FIDF National director and CEO, Maj. Gen. (Res.) Meir Klifi-Amir. "Considering Rivera's own remarkable philanthropic endeavors, including his foundation's work

helping impoverished communities and providing education assistance, we believe that he'd recognize and appreciate how valuable FIDF's programs are for IDF soldiers of all backgrounds."



Mariano Rivera with soldiers of the Michve Alon IDF base, in front of the Fitness Center donated by the FIDF Long Island Chapter, on July 31. (Photo by FIDF)

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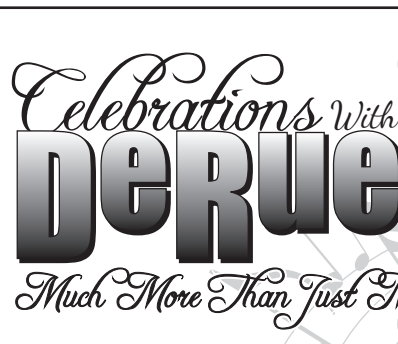
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## Weekly Parasha

Re'eh, Deuteronomy 11: 26-16:17

# Fences around the text

RABBI RACHEL ESSERMAN, EXECUTIVE EDITOR, THE REPORTER GROUP

An important Jewish rabbinic principle is referred to as “a fence around the Torah.” In order to protect a biblical commandment, the ancient rabbis added additional requirements/restrictions to prevent someone from accidentally transgressing a *mitzvah* (commandment). One of my favorite examples is the concept of *muktzah*, which forbids Jews from handling items on Shabbat that might make them perform forbidden work. Since it’s forbidden to write on Shabbat (or, at least, write two letters, according to rabbinic law), the rabbis declared that people should not even pick up a pen, just in case they absentmindedly started doodling and broke the commandment.

It’s therefore interesting to read a statement in this week’s *parasha* that seems to contradict rabbinic law. Deuteronomy 8:1 says, “All these things that I command you, you will

guard and do; you will not add to it or take away from it.” The idea of *muktzah* seems contrary to this biblical principle. The rabbis, however, claim that their fences around the Torah are not adding to the biblical text, but protecting it. In other cases, though, it’s not quite so clear this is what they are doing.

I’ve taught classes called “From Torah to Talmud” that show how verses from the Bible have been interpreted, changed or bent in order to make a law easier to observe. The easiest example is the law of lost objects (found in Deuteronomy 22:1-3), which posits the exact opposite of the idea of “finders keepers, losers weepers.” In the biblical text, all lost objects must be restored to their owners. The rabbinic interpretation of these three verses is found in Bava Metziah, a tractate of the Talmud. The rabbis interpreted the biblical verses so that certain types of lost property

could be considered ownerless, and added a variety of time limits and monetary expenditure expectations that are far too complex to explain in a short *parasha*. The general idea – although it is never specifically stated – is that the law as strictly written in the Torah is impossible to observe.

These are not the only changes that have been made. Concepts like *muktzah* add to the text, while the laws of lost objects take away from the general principle. However, rather than finding this disturbing, I admire the rabbis for their attempts to, on the one hand, make life livable and, on the other, try to observe the laws as carefully as possible. Of course, they never acknowledge what they are doing, since that would undermine the system they were creating: one that says rabbinic interpretation is the correct – and the only way – to understand the Torah text.

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 Shabbat, Aug. 11 .....9 am  
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 Mornings:  
 Sun., Aug. 12 .....8:30 am  
 Mon.-Fri., Aug. 13-Aug. 17 .....7 am  
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 Fri., Aug. 17 .....7:15 pm  
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 E-mail: titammy@stny.twcbc.com  
 Website: www.templeisraelvestal.org  
 Service Schedule: Tuesday, 5:30 pm; Friday, 5:30 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am

On Saturday, August 11, at 9:30 am, services will be led by Rabbi Geoffrey Brown. The Torah portion will be Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17. The haftarah will be Isaiah 66:1-24.

On Friday, August 10, at 6:30 pm, there will be Shabbat on the Road at Vestal Park Nursing Home on Sheedy Road in Vestal.

On Sunday, August 12, from 2-5 pm, there will be the Temple Israel picnic. The cost is \$10 per person, children 13 years and under are free.

On Saturday, August 18, at 4 pm, there will be the bat mitzvah of Cara Miller.

On Thursday, August 23, at 7 pm, iEngage will meet at Temple Concord.

Those who wish to recite the Mourner's Kaddish during a weekday service can contact Howard Schwartz at schmerz@stny.rr.com or call the temple office one-and-a-half weeks or more before the date to ensure time to make up a minyan. Temple Israel holds weekday minyan services on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm and Fridays at 5:30 pm. For those who prefer a different day to coincide with a *yahrzeit* date, contact the temple to make arrangements.

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Friday, August 10, light candles ..... 7:52 pm  
 Shabbat ends Saturday, August 11 ..... 8:52 pm  
 Friday, August 17, light candles ..... 7:43 pm  
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 Office hours: Tues.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm  
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On Friday, August 10, at 6:30 pm, there will be a Chai Five Reception; at 8 pm, Shabbat Rosh Chodesh services will be led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell and Shari Neuberger.

On Saturday, August 11, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

On Wednesday, August 15, from 7-9 pm, there will be a screening and discussion of “GI Jews” at Temple Concord.

On Friday, August 17, at 8 pm, there will be Shabbat services with Visual Tefillah led by Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell.

On Saturday, August 18, at 9:15 am, there will be Torah study.

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 Kol Haverim: The Finger Lakes Community for Humanistic Judaism, is an Ithaca-based organization that brings people together to explore and celebrate Jewish identity, history, culture and ethics within a secular, humanistic framework. KH is part of an international movement for Secular Humanistic Judaism and is affiliated with the Society for Humanistic Judaism, a national association with over 30 member communities and congregations around the country. Established in the spring of 1999, it offers celebrations of Jewish holidays, monthly Shabbat pot-lucks, adult education, a twice-monthly Cultural School for children, and a bar and bat mitzvah program.  
 KH welcomes all individuals and families, including those from mixed religious backgrounds, who wish to strengthen the Jewish experience in their lives and provide their children with a Jewish identity and experience.

### Temple Brith Sholom

Affiliation: Unaffiliated  
 Address: P.O. Box 572, 117 Madison St., Cortland, NY 13045  
 Phone: 607-756-7181  
 President: Louis Wilson, louiswilson1995@yahoo.com  
 Service leaders: Lay leadership  
 Shabbat services: Either Friday evening at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10 am from Rosh Hashanah to Shavuot. Holiday services are also held. Check the weekly e-mail for upcoming services. Contact the president to get on the e-mail list.  
 Religious School: Students are educated on an individual basis. Temple Brith Sholom is a small egalitarian congregation serving the greater Cortland community. Congregants span the gamut of observance and services are largely dependent on the service leader. The Friday night siddur is “Likrat Shabbat,” while the Saturday morning siddur is “Gates of Prayer.” The community extends a warm welcome to the Jewish student population of SUNY Cortland, as well as the residents of local adult residences.

# Jewish Community Center

## Fun in the sun at Camp JCC



Sabra 1 campers posed on the big chair at the Discovery Center's Story Garden.



Older JCC campers spent a day at Darien Lake on July 26.



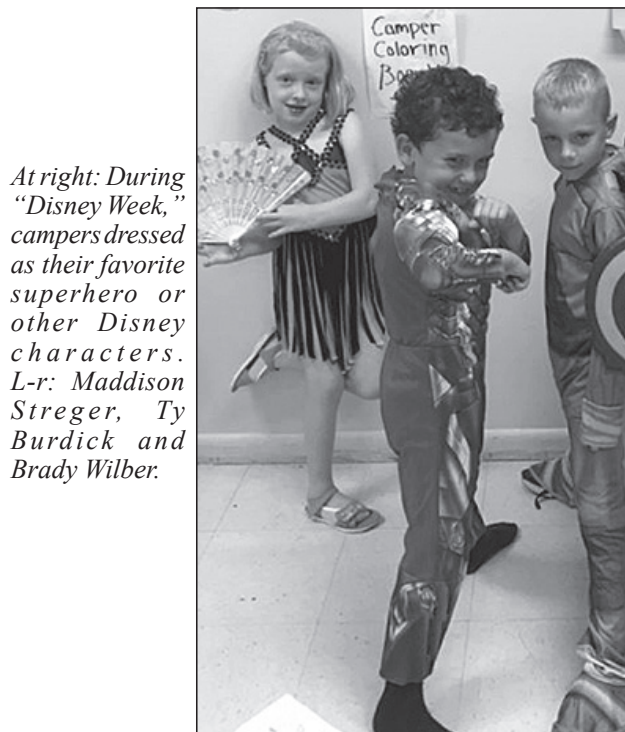
JCC campers Ama Reuter and Thomas Mikloveich enjoyed spending time at the Discovery Center's Story Garden.



Eli Esposito portrayed the demigod Maui in Camp JCC's play, "Moana."



A scene from Camp JCC's play "Moana," which campers staged on July 27.



At right: During "Disney Week," campers dressed as their favorite superhero or other Disney characters. L-r: Maddison Streger, Ty Burdick and Brady Wilber.

### JCC Friendship Club

The JCC Friendship Club met on August 1. We enjoyed the sing-along with Deb Foreman playing the piano. Sue Herzog whispered a song to Deb and when we recognized what song she was playing we sang with her. Some songs we recognized were "Home on The Range," "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." For the last song, Sylvia Diamond suggested "Good Night Irene." We are amazed how well Deb plays from memory as she is blind since birth.

Before the musical program we celebrated the birthdays of Ann Brilliant and Dick Foreman. Sue put candles in a birthday cake and they made a wish before blowing out the candles. Then we sang "Happy Birthday." Everyone had a piece of cake.

The meeting was called to order by Sylvia. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Ann said the blessing over the cake. Sue gave the treasurer's report. On August 15, we are going to write out New Year cards for Rosh Hashanah to be delivered to Jewish people in nursing facilities and the homebound. The last two Wednesdays in August, Rabbi Barbara Goldman-Wartell will present a video in two parts titled "G I Jews." Come join us at the JCC at 1:30 pm.

Sylvia Diamond  
President

## Pickleball adult intro clinic at JCC

By Paige Bartholomew

The JCC will be holding two Pickleball intro clinics aimed at adults this summer. The clinics will be held on Tuesday, August 14, and Thursday, August 16, with a session for beginners from 5-6:30 pm and an intermediate session from 6:30-8:30 pm. Pre-registration is encouraged. The clinics are priced at \$10 for members of the Center and \$15 for non-members; price is per session. The entire community is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Pickleball is a fast-growing sport, having first been developed in 1965. The activity combines elements from badminton, tennis and table tennis – players play on a badminton doubles court with a lowered net, using composite paddles and whiffle balls. The sport offers a "friendly and competitive atmosphere" and is a lower impact sport for those looking to participate in a physical group activity.

The Pickleball clinics will be taught by Zurano Tubo, an IPTPA certified teaching professional and USAPA am-

bassador. Tubo has been teaching and playing Pickleball locally and statewide for years, and has won more than 20 gold and silver medals in the sport, most recently at the fourth annual New York State Pickleball Classic in Buffalo. His primary venue is at the Boys and Girls Club of Western Broome in Endicott, where he first learned the sport. In the fall, he will be running a Pickleball class at the JCC, his newest venue. Details about the class will be released with the JCC Fall Guide.

For more information about the Pickleball clinics, JCC Fitness programming, or the JCC, contact the JCC office at 724-2417.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

From JNS.org

**U.S. Senate votes to lock in aid to Israel, encourage joint technology ventures**

The U.S. Senate has passed the U.S.-Israel Security Assistance Authorization Act of 2018, a bipartisan piece of legislation that authorizes U.S. security assistance to Israel for 10 years, regardless of which administration happens to be in power. The Senate voted in favor of the \$38 billion aid package the week of Aug. 3, which was negotiated in 2016. It allows the United States to increase its assistance to Israel, and encourages increased weapons stockpiles and U.S.-Israeli cooperative ventures on anti-drone technologies, cybersecurity and space. According to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the act authorizes a joint assessment of the kinds of precision-guided weaponry Israel needs to defend itself, allowing the acquisition of such munitions to be fast-tracked. The act also authorizes the U.S. War Reserve Stockpile in Israel for an additional five years and allows the president to add precision-guided weapons to that stockpile for Israel to use in an armed conflict with Hezbollah. In related news, AIPAC commended the U.S. Congress for approving the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for 2019, which includes hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of security provisions for Israel. The NDAA authorizes funds for research and development on the Iron Dome, David's Sling, Arrow 2 and Arrow 3 systems, and \$50 million for joint U.S.-Israeli work on counter-tunnel technology.

**Sen. Cory Booker poses with sign from a pro-BDS group**

Sen. Cory Booker (D-NJ) was seen posing with a sign featured by a pro-BDS Palestinian group. Booker, a rumored 2020 Democratic presidential hopeful, is seen holding a sign that reads "From Palestine to Mexico, all the walls have got to go," a slogan developed by the U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights. According to the watchdog group NGO Monitor, "USCPR is a national coalition of hundreds of groups working to advocate for Palestinian rights and a shift in U.S. policy, and is a leader and mobilizer of anti-Israel

BDS campaigns." USCPR posted the picture of Booker on its Twitter page on Aug. 3. Booker, who represents a state with one of the largest Jewish communities in America, has long fostered ties with the Jewish community, and is noted for his study of Jewish texts during his time at Oxford University. In a statement to JNS, Booker's communication's director, Jeff Giertz, said that the senator did not realize the sign had to do with Israel when he posed for the picture. "Just before delivering a speech in New Orleans, Senator Booker was approached by dozens of people for photos. In one instance, amid the rush, he was posing for a photo and was passed a sign to hold - he didn't have time to read the sign, and from his cursory glance he thought it was talking about Mexico and didn't realize it had anything to do with Israel," Giertz said. "He hopes for a day when there will be no need for security barriers in the state of Israel, but while active terrorist organizations threaten the safety of the people living in Israel, security barriers are unfortunate but necessary to protect human lives."

**Trump admin. released tens of millions in aid to P.A.**

The Trump administration quietly released tens of millions of foreign aid to the Palestinian Authority recently that had been frozen as part of a review process. The foreign aid, which totals roughly \$61 million, is mainly set to fund security cooperation between the P.A. and Israel, including in areas such as drug enforcement and anti-terrorism coordination. "We recently decided to move ahead with FY2017 International Narcotics and Law Enforcement funding for Palestinian Authority security assistance and Non-Proliferation, Anti-Terrorism, Demining and Related Programs [NADR] in the West Bank," a State Department official said. "This assistance underpins Palestinian Authority security cooperation with Israel, which remains in force despite recent tensions," said the official. The U.S. has frozen most of the \$251 million earmarked to the P.A. this year after it announced it would boycott the Trump administration due to the decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December. The United States has also withheld some \$300 million to UNRWA, the U.N. agency that deals with Palestinian refugees.

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