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YOM YERUSHALAIM



שלום ישראל

Israel Street Festival

&

The Annual **Jason Schenker** Memorial Walkathon

Sunday, May 17 / 28 Iyar

May 2015

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24 (6 Sivan) Shavuot - 1st Day Shavuot Morning Service 9:30am Evening service 8:00pm	25 (7 Sivan) Shavuot Memorial Day Shavuot Services 9:30am & 7:30pm (Yizkor recited at both services)	26 (8 Sivan)	27 (9 Sivan) Avodah Shebalev 9:30 am	28 (10 Sivan) Torah Study 10:30am	29 (11 Sivan) CL: 7:57 Services 8:00 pm	30 (12 Sivan) Havdalah: 9:00 Naso Shabbat Morning Services 9:30am Lunch & Learn 12:30am Kabbalah at TBA 12:30
31 (13 Sivan)						

The Tipping Point

One of the most influential books of the past decade is Malcom Gladwell's *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*. It is so influential, in fact, that I learned from it even though I didn't read the whole thing.



Rabbi Spira-Savett

Gladwell is interested in the point when something in a group suddenly catches on. When something a small number of people do all of a sudden becomes widespread. Think eating local, or carrying a smartphone. It's not just about the best idea, or a passionate spokesman – not everything that's a great idea with a formidable leader comes to pass.

Instead, there is a social process within a group when something "tips", when it just accelerates. A few people get on board, then they get other people going.

For us, the things we're trying to tip are Judaism and Jewish community.

Another name for this is "community organizing." A bulletin article isn't organizing; the organizing has to be done by people – and not just the passionate leader writing this article or the one below this one. Hopefully the article will get you thinking, and ready to pick up the phone to volunteer or to answer when you get a call from me or someone else.

We need to be inspired by Torah, in ways that speak to our current lives and our world. *So, we need a few people to sit with me every month or so, to talk about your lives and the world and formulate together an agenda for the talks I give on the next few Shabbat mornings.*

We need to be more connected to each other, even though our congregation is spread out. *So, we need a few people willing to train on how we build connecting into every program, Shabbat, or school activity.*

We need to sing more. *So, we need a few people to learn a few melodies and a few harmonies that go with our Shabbat services.*

(Continued on the following page ...)

Keter Shem Tov

We are honored to announce the very deserving recipient of our Keter Shem Tov Award.



President
Lisa Bonneau

You have seen this member passionately contributing to Temple Beth Abraham not just over the past few years, but over many years. He has been past president, past treasurer (many terms), member of multiple committees, and still volunteers his time on the Finance and Fundraising committee. He is a neighborhood resident that helps with a minyan whenever available. He has been and con-

tinues to be very involved with the Jewish Federation of New Hampshire. This special person has a passion



for flying and he volunteers for Angel Flight which is a nonprofit charitable organization of pilots that arrange free air transportation for any medically related need and is financially supported primarily by pilots who fly the missions. He is the Executive Vice President of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association responsible for Finance and Administration, and

has been with them for over 26 years. A wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, this award that is given out only once in a members lifetime, we say Mazel Tov to Michael Rosenblum.

Please join us in honoring Michael on June 27 with a special Kiddush where you will hear more about this special member.

B'yedidut (In Friendship),

Lisa

The Tipping Point continued...

We need to learn how to be parents creating value-centered families and not just activity-centered ones. *So, we need a few people willing to learn how to be mentors who help other parents reflect, integrate Jewish experiences, and make choices.*

We need to eat together more on Shabbat, to give us time to relax and learn about each other. *So, we need a few people to bang out a few easy-to-make, inexpensive healthy and appealing lunch menus. And a few more people willing to create an easy system for shopping and chopping.*

We need to build up our endowment so we can sustain the institution forever and fund our best new

ideas. *So, we need a few people who know about fundraising, estate planning, and entrepreneurship to sit with our dedicated Board leaders.*

If you, or you and a friend or two, are willing be the first few, then each one of these things will reach a tipping point. That's all it takes. Then it won't be "we" needing "you" to do something, but just "we."

Spring, then summer—some people see this as winding down time for synagogues. No way! Let's start tipping things as the days get longer and warmer.

L'shalom,

Rabbi Jon

Simcha Club

Children whose birthdays occur in the months of April and May will be honored at the Family Service on Friday, May 1 at 7 PM. A special birthday dessert will be served to the children at the Oneg Shabbat. We ask the parents (or grandparents) to send a donation of \$9.00 per child to help defray the cost of refreshments. Please make checks payable to TBA Sisterhood and send or drop them off at the Temple office (mark the envelope "Simcha Club"). Be sure to include the names and birth dates of your children. Donations are always welcome and will be acknowledged in the next bulletin.



We look forward to seeing the children and families:

Silin Baker, Matthew Dagan, Ari Garnick, Joshua Nizhnikov, Jordan Oser, Talya & Zachariah Rezaoui, Jonah Savage, Michael Ashendorf, Maya Chasin, Jake Davidson, Sam Himmelstein, Harry Porter, Harrison Preman, Alexander Scharf-Thibeault, Nathan Wolff & Raviv Mayer Young

Community News

Condolences to:

- Leon Goldstein on the loss of his beloved wife, Ronnie Goldstein
- Leila Kupper on the loss of her beloved husband, Alan Kupper

Best Wishes to:

- Ariella & Clayton Gragg on the birth of son, Yosef Yehuda Gragg

Welcome New Members:

- Colleen & Michael Vignale (New Boston, NH)

To all those people in our community who are ill we wish you a complete & speedy recovery

DAYTIME ACTIVITY GROUP

The Daytime Activity Group will be helping at the Rummage Sale on Tuesday, May 5, at TBA for our May get together.

Sandi McCurdy can give you information about the monthly Mah Jong game. Tel # 881-5856;

smccurdy1@comcast.net.

BABKA NEWS

The next BABKA meeting is Wednesday, May 6. We will be discussing *Being Esther* by Muriel Karmel.

Wednesday, June 3rd's book is *Zipora* by Marek Halter.

Wednesday, July 1 will be our planning meeting. We will set the yearly calendar and choose the books for the entire year. Participants are asked to bring two to three book titles for the group to consider.

August: No Meeting

Hope to see you at BABKA!

Nancy Dorner

Names of High School & College Graduates Wanted

We will be listing the names of all our high school and college graduates in the June bulletin. If your child (or grandchild) will be graduating this year, please notify the Temple office by May 15. For high school graduates, we would like to know your child's name, the school they are graduating from and the college they will be attending. For college graduates, please let us know the college they are graduating from and the degree he/she will be receiving.

May Service Schedule

Services are held every Friday evening at 8:00 PM (unless otherwise noted), Saturday at 9:30 AM and Monday – Thursday at 7:30 PM.

SPECIAL EVENT SERVICES

May 1

Family Service 7 PM
Simcha Club

May 8

Hai Class Service 7 PM

May 15 & 16

Ari Garnick Bar Mitzvah
Junior Congregation/Shabbat
Shlaymah on Saturday

May 30

Lunch & Learn following services

Shavuot Services

Sat., May 23

9:00 PM (followed by
Tikkun Layl Shavuot)

Sun., May 24

9:30 AM & 8:00 PM

Mon., May 25

9:30 AM & 7:30 PM (Yizkor
recited at both services)

Oneg , Kiddush and Flower Sponsors

May 15 & 16

Stacy & Darren Garnick in
honor of Ari's Bar Mitzvah

Kiddush Sponsors

May 2

The Sernik family in honor of
Fanny Sernik's Birthday

Meredith & Eric Bernstein in
honor of naming of their daughter

Oneg Sponsor

May 8

Parents of Hai Class and Religious school

Thank you to the sponsors of the April 25 Lunch & Learn:

Jeff & Chur Masors in honor of their wedding anniversary

Shirley Lelchuk in memory of husband, Jules Lelchuk

Sheryl Rich Kern in memory of her parents Marilyn and Jerry Rich and her husband, Richard Kern

ARI SAMUEL GARNICK MAY 16

Ari Samuel Garnick, son of Stacy and Darren Garnick, brother of Dahlia Garnick, will be called to the Torah as a



Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 16. He is the grandson of Bob and Cynthia Grossman, of Lexington, Massachusetts and Paul and Barbara Garnick, of Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

Ari will be reading *Parashat Behar-Bechukotai*. For his Bar Mitzvah tzedakah project, he is learning more about combatting hunger through volunteer work at the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter and the New Hampshire Food Bank in Manchester.

A seventh grade student at Amherst Middle School, Ari enjoys art, comic books, roller coasters, reading and travel. He also attends Camp Tevya in the summer.

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Junior Congregation

Junior Congregation, our Saturday morning Shabbat supplement to the education that children receive in the TBA Religious School, will meet this month on **Saturday May 16. This is the final Junior Congregation of the 2014-2015 School Year.**



Junior Congregation offers fun and interesting service experiences, for students in 3rd through 6th grade. We sing, examine parts of the Saturday morning service, and learn a bit of Torah before concluding our service with the congregation in the sanctuary.

Is it a Jewish Life Event When a Teen Leaves for College? Why Not Make It One?

*Lechi l'cha to a land
that I will show you*

*Lech l'cha to a place
you do not know*

*Lechi lach on your
journey I will bless you*

*And you shall be a
blessing, you shall be a blessing*

You shall be a blessing, lechi lach

*Lyrics by Debbie Friedman, z"l & Savina
Teubal (based on Genesis 12:1-2)*



Director of
Education &
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Heidi N. Lovitz

The month of May brings about many changes and the anticipation of changes to come in the near future. For so many families, the time leading up to graduations, moving to college, post high school extended travel, relocation and other transitions that children will make, can be both exciting and daunting. The transitions that our children make also bring about changes in our relationships with them and our spouses. Jewish tradition recognizes many transitional moments. Why not take some of those rituals and apply them to this time, marking a young adult's separation between their current life and the new one. As we make plans for graduation parties, family gatherings, and packing lists consider marking these transitions with a Jewish ritual. Ritual can bring people together both physically and emotionally and can help to add so much to the new experience.

The website *Ritualwell*, a unique resource where you can find, create and share Jewish ritual of all kinds outlines two rituals especially for a family sending a child off to college. The rituals have been adapted here and you can adapt them further to reflect your own family!

HAVDALAH – SEPARATION

To be done at the end of the Sabbath prior to the student's departure from the home (alternative: A night or two before without the traditional *havdalah* liturgy.)

- Use a new havdalah candle for this ceremony, to be given afterwards to the student to take to college. Look for an unusual one, or make one.
- *Besamim* (spices) can be a mix of kitchen spices or potpourri in a jar, or an orange with cloves.

Parent:

Havdalah marks the transition from Shabbat to the everyday, and we hereby recognize the transition of _____ from being our child to being a young adult, from dependence to independence from this home to the next.

Like *Adonai tzva'ot*, the God of Hosts, who came to Jacob in dreams when he left his parents' home to find a new life for himself may *Elohei Ya'akov*, the God of Jacob, be with you as you find your new life.

Student or sibling:

Recites *Havdalah*

Parent:

When Jacob sent Joseph to see his brothers in Shechem, he had no idea of the path Joseph would travel before they would see each other again. From a pit and slavery he eventually became second only to Pharaoh, saving Egypt from famine. We know as we send you out, leaving the safety and comfort of this home, that your journey will be full of challenges as well as success. And when we see you again, we will probably weep with relief and joy like Jacob did.

As you leave to go to school, we know you will return a different person, having grown and experienced new things. As we send you out, like Jacob sent out Joseph, we look forward to seeing on your return the changed you, stronger and wiser.

(This is a good time for parents, siblings, and student to share personal thoughts or poetry with each other.)

HANUKAT HA'CHEDER – CONSECRATING THE NEW ROOM; AFFIXING THE MEZUZAH

- This ceremony requires a me-zuzah (case and kosher *klaf* or parchment), hammer and nails.

Parent:

In our home, Judaism is an important, living, breathing part of our lives. We want the same to be true for you in your new home. We are commanded to put mezuzot on our doorposts as a reminder to love God and follow God's commandments. In the same paragraph we are commanded to teach this to our children as well. We give you this mezuzah and teach you how to put it up yourself so that you may fulfill the mitzvah of affixing a mezuzah, and we may fulfill the mitzvah of teaching you.

*Recite the blessing for affixing a
Mezuzah and Shehecheyanu*

This is an opportunity for members of the family to share thoughts with one another.

During this season of celebrations, graduations and transitions, I wish you all *B'hatzlacha* (Best of Luck) and Mazal Tov!

Heidi N. Lovitz
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ANNUAL SCHOOL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Our annual school awards and recognition of student achievement
will take place during services

Thursday, May 21

Featuring

Porter Awards • Chai Awards • Keter Ivrit • Prozdor and Hebrew High graduates

Our graduating Seniors

Special Recognition for our graduating Madrichim
Kitah Zayin Mitzvah projects will be on display for all to view!

Join us as we celebrate our students and our teachers!

Oneg Following Services



All Families are Invited to Join us for Our annual Walkathon for the Jason Schenker Memorial Library

Sunday, May 17

10:00 AM

**Arrive at 9:30 for students to gather in the classroom
Adults can enjoy refreshments and socializing!**

Our school building houses the Jason Schenker Memorial Library. The library has a wonderful selection of books, magazines and periodicals both for children and adults. Along with reading material, the library also boasts an interesting collection of audio and video cassettes and CDs. Feel free to browse our shelves or listen to a Jewish CD on our state of the art audio system whenever you visit the school.

All students and their families are encouraged to participate in the walkathon. The walk is approximately 1 mile around the synagogue neighborhood. Pledges/donations in any amount are appreciated and will be collected the day of the walkathon.

The funds raised at our walkathon help to support the Jason Schenker Memorial Library in our school as well as special music programs for our synagogue community.

The Families, Students and Faculty Of the Religious School Invite You to Join Us for Our Class Shabbatot

Kitah Hai (Grade 5) – Friday Evening, May 8

All Class Shabbat Services begin at 7:00 PM

Students will participate in leading services as well as teaching something special that they have learned this year.

We hope you will help us celebrate Shabbat and join us for Oneg following services.



Temple Beth Abraham Sisterhood Spring Rummage Sale



Schedule:

DROP-OFF and SET-UP: TUESDAY, May 5, 9am – 4pm
If the Synagogue doors are not yet open, please drop-off donations at the rear of the social hall.

SALE SCHEDULE: WEDNESDAY, May 6, 9am – 3pm

CLEAN UP TIME: WEDNESDAY, May 6, 3 - 5pm

What to Donate:

Spring/Summer Clothing
Outerwear
Accessories
Jewelry
Housewares and Kitchen Items
Bed and Bath Items
Small Appliances and Electronics
Sporting Equipment
Baby and Child items
Art and Books
Games and Toys

How to Help:

1. Donate merchandise
2. Volunteer

Have fun, see old and meet new friends, and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Call:
Ricki Klopfer 465-7654
Email: RickiK4@aol.com

Proceeds from this sale help support the Temple Beth Abraham Synagogue, Sisterhood, Religious School and local area charitable agencies in need!

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YOM YERUSHALAIM



שלום ישראל

Israel Street Festival
&

The Annual **Jason Schenker** Memorial Walkathon

Join the Temple Beth Abraham community in celebration

Sunday, May 17 / 28 Iyar

Raymond St., Nashua, NH

- Walkathon 9:30 AM
- Festival **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**
- Visit the many famous sites in **Jerusalem**
- Eat Falafel at **Sarah & Sam's King David Café**
- Kikar Zion open mic coffee house with **Aaron**
- **The Raymond Street Klezmer Band** Songs of Jerusalem
 - Kol Yerushalaim with **David**
- Search for ancient artifacts in the archeological dig
- Shop & stroll Ben **Yehudah Midreḥov** (pedestrian mall)
- Visit the **Kotel** (Western Wall) to send your prayers
 - Israeli dancing in the Sultan Pool with **Sharon**
- Make Israeli crafts @ the Israel Museum Youth Wing with our **USY** instructors
 - Kumzitz (camp fire) with M&M (**Mike & Moshe**)

Free entrance, free Israeli flags, free balloons • For more information call 883 - 8184

Something to Think About

Change isn't always easy. We are comfortable with what we know. There is a sense of security in knowing things are stable, unchanging.



Elaine Brody

A familiar face when we walk in the door of the synagogue assures us we are at home. The notes of a well-used prayer melody make us feel we belong. But change is necessary for growth. New people, new ideas, and new melodies all help an organization...or a congregation grow.

As you all know, a small group of congregants, including staff, have been working since last spring toward the completion of a Strategic Plan for our congregation. Congregants who represent a cross section of our membership populate this committee. They are old, young,

fairly new members, long time members, ritually observant and less so. We have had many meetings. There have been five focus groups in which all congregants had the opportunity to participate if they chose.

The committee has developed a DRAFT of a Strategic Plan we will present to the Board and then to the entire congregation. There will be suggestions for change... some great, some small. The document offers goals and action items to achieve them. It addresses many areas of congregational life from school to services, from purpose to programs, from finance to facilities. We will not recommend any compromise of the principles of Beth Abraham as a Conservative Jewish congregation.

Every member of Beth Abraham has a stake in the outcome of this plan. Take note when the meeting to

hear the Strategic Plan is scheduled, put the date into your calendar, and participate in the future of your synagogue.

I leave you with some words about change from famous people:

“The only sense that is common in the long run, is the sense of change, and we all instinctively avoid it.” – E.B.White

“The world as we have created it is a process of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking.” - Albert Einstein

“Change is such hard work.” – Billy Crystal

It is, as usual, something to think about.

*Lhitraot,
Elaine*

Support Our Soldiers Serving in the Israel Defense Forces

A Package from Home sends packages to Chayelim Bodedim (Combat soldiers without families in Israel) and severely injured soldiers needing long term care.

The son of our own congregants Stewart and Claudine Cohen is serving IDF. We can help to strengthen the spirit and resolve of each Israeli soldier and show our appreciation for the sacrifices that he or she is making in securing the safety and survival of Israel.

Summer package donations from the Beth Abraham community will include travel size bottles of shampoo and lip balm.

Each package also contains letters of appreciation sent by children and adults from all over the world.

We will have a letter writing station set up at the Yom Yerushalayim Festival to write letters to soldiers.

A donation box will be set up in the coatroom to collect shampoo and lip balm. These items will be delivered to A Package from Home this spring.!

For more information please contact Heidi Lovitz, Director of Education and Programming at (603)883-9844 or by email director@tbanashua.org

Make a Donation



Have a good topic for the Lunch & Learn? The Lifelong Learning Committee Wants to Hear from You

The Lifelong Learning Committee presents monthly Lunch & Learns after Shabbat services, at times working with the Religious School (for Shabbat Yachad) and the Sisterhood to present the lunch. This year our learning has covered topics ranging from Women and Jewish Rituals, the week's parsha, and Israel trip experiences to the life of Golda Meir and the book, *My Promised Land*.

As we move into our next season of Lunch & Learns, we ask for your help:

- Is there a topic you'd like to hear discussed?
- Would you like to help prepare lunch (or suggest a new recipe, or prepare one of your own)?
- Would you like to help sponsor a lunch (of any amount)?

The Lifelong Learning Committee comprises congregants who meet once a month to plan and support various events at the synagogue. The Committee tries to organize its events around a yearly topic; this year it was Israel. In addition to the monthly Lunch & Learns, we've hosted presentations by the German Consul-General and AIPAC, two events with the Boston Jewish Music Festival (Oren Etkin and Rosalie Gerut), and a contribution drive (and hat knitting session) for Packages for Israeli Soldiers. The committee also sponsors various other learning opportunities, including a monthly Bulletin article and weekly Torah discussions.

As the Committee begins its new year of activities, perhaps you'd like to:

- Join the committee (we meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8 PM at TBA)
- Suggest a subject to organize the year around
- Suggest an event to sponsor, or
- Give us some feedback

If you wish to participate in any of these activities please contact:

- Jeff Masors (lifelonglearning@tbanashua.org)
- Heidi Lovitz (director@tbanashua.org, 603-883-9844)
- Judy Goldstein (office@tbanashua.org, 603-883-8184)

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Torah Study with Rabbi Jon

Thursdays from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

We are studying the Wisdom books of the biblical *Ketuvim* (“Writings”), beginning with *Kohelet* (Ecclesiastes).

Kabbalah with Eitan Zeira

Saturday, May 30 -- 12:30 PM at Beth Abraham

Study concepts from the *Zohar*, the “Book of Splendor” that is the major source for Jewish mysticism.

BABKA: Beth Abraham Book Klub Association

Wednesday, May 6, at 8:00 PM

We will be discussing “Being Esther” by Muriel Karmel

Avodah She-balev: Service in the Heart

Meditation with Laura Hegfield

Wednesdays, May 13 and 27, 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Explore the wealth of wisdom and inspiration of the traditional Siddur (prayerbook) from the perspective of an attentive, devotional heart. There is generally a personal teaching, chanting, mindfulness meditation with instructions as needed, and twenty minutes of silent meditation.



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- Read recent and past High Holy Day and Shabbat sermons
- Podcasts and writings on Torah, ethics and Jewish topics of contemporary interest – also at iTunes (look up Rabbi Jon)
- Up-to-date analysis about Israel – also on Twitter (@TBARav)

Tikkun Layl Shavuot

9:00 PM until late Saturday, May 23



Be part of the tradition of all-night Torah study leading up to the anniversary of receiving the Torah at Mt. Sinai. We’ll have different sessions on Jewish texts and music, late into the night.

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Your Jewish Connection

Brought to you by the Lifelong Learning Committee

Written by Linda S Trapasso

Go to Israel – Just Let Your Fingers Do the Walking

I hope you are enjoying the spring – it's so nice to have all that snow finally gone! Now I can think of warm weather things to do. If I could, I would travel to Israel. But since I can't do that right now, I'll do the next best thing – travel there from the comfort of my home and favorite chair via the Internet!

One of the things you learn when surfing the Internet is that there are all kinds of things that can replace the .com in the Web address. For example, .org for nonprofit organizations, .edu for educational institutions, .gov for government, and .net for some businesses. The other thing that can replace .com is a country abbreviation, such as .ca for Canada and .il for Israel.

This month, we'll look at some Web sites for Israel.

What Web sites do Israelis like to view? Here are some lists that will get you started:

- [Top 50 sites in Israel for all categories](#) by SimilarWeb. It was interesting that many sites are not based in Israel.
- [The Jewish Internet Portal](#) has a list of many Israeli government sites, and includes lists for other categories, such as Business and Kids.
- [Top Sites in Israel](#) by Alexa, an Amazon.com company, lists sites in English, Hebrew, and Arabic.
- [Other Israel-Related Sites](#) is a mix of Israeli and other sites.
- Interested in checking out the job market in Israel? Go to [Employers.co.il](#). Though you need to read Hebrew to figure it out, it is a who's who of Israeli companies. And if you're looking for tech companies, read [25 Hot Israeli Tech Startups](#).
- Want to attend college in Israel? See the list of schools at [Universities in Israel](#).
- News – lots of folks want news about Israel. I've covered that in other articles, but here are some sourced in Israel.
- [Ynetnews](#) is the English-language edition of Ynet, Israel's largest and most popular news and content Web site. You'll see information and opinions here that you won't find here.
- [Arutz Sheva 7](#) is another news site, and much more. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click Services under Main. On the next page, click Daily Israel Report. A form displays where you can sign up for a daily newsletter. Also at the bottom of the page, you can find the Kotel Cam, with live, streamed video from the Kotel.
- [The Times of Israel](#) is a Jerusalem-based online newspaper founded in 2012 to document developments in Israel, the Middle East, and around the Jewish world.
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