Israeli Jewish leaders respond to Yom Kippur attack on synagogue in Germany

**BY JNS STAFF**

(JNS) — Israeli Jewish leaders issued messages of solidarity and calls for action after a neo-Nazi gunned down two people and injured several others in Halle, Germany, on October 9 during the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

The assailant, who has been identified as Stephan Balliet, 27, first attempted to break into a synagogue, but was unable to open the massive wooden doors, which were bolted shut. After failing to gain entry to the synagogue, Balliet shot a passerby, a woman in her 50s. Minutes later, he attacked a nearby kebab shop with bombs and improvised weapons, killing one. Balliet livestreamed the attack on Twitch, with the 35-minute video being viewed by 2,200 people in the 30 minutes before it was taken down, according to the video platform.

"On behalf of the people of Israel, I send condolences to the families of the victims and wishes for a quick recovery to the injured," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wrote on Twitter following the attack. "I call on the German authorities to continue taking determined action against antisemitism."

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin tweeted on October 9 that he was "stunned and saddened by the abominable antisemitic murders in Germany today, during the holiest and most important day of the year for all Jews around the world." He called on "the leaders of Germany and the free world to bring the full force of law against antisemitism and its results."

The president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, Josef Schuster, asserted on October 9 that "we have not experienced an incident of this kind ever before in Germany.... It shows that right-wing extremism is not only some kind of political development, but that it is highly dangerous and exactly the kind of danger that we have always warned against," he added.

Jewish Agency chief Isaac Herzog said in response to the incident that "the entire world sees and hears what is happening and must understand that there can be no compromise in the fight against hatred of Jews and antisemitism."

Herzog added that the Jewish Agency would support Halle's Jewish community. "We share in the mourning of the families whose loved ones were murdered, wish the wounded a speedy recovery and send strength to the worshipers and members of the community who are in deep mourning," he said. Herzog went on to say that he had spoken with German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, "who expressed his deep disturbance regarding the attack on the synagogue in Halle, saying, 'This is an attack on all of us. We all stand together on the frontlines against antisemitism.'"

Orthodox Union Executive Vice President Allen Fagin said in a statement that this "senseless act of antisemitic violence was not only a heinous attack on the Jewish community of Halle, but... yet another example of antisemitism in Germany, which continues to proliferate. Every Jew has the right to practice their religion without fear of being a victim of terror."

An attack on one Jew is an attack on all, said Fagin, adding that "our prayers and thoughts are with our brethren in Halle." Chief Rabbi of Berlin Yehudah Teichtal said, "We stand alongside the community that has been harmed and grieve over those murdered. The cruel method of the attacker is despicable, and especially the fact that it happened on Yom Kippur, the holiest day for the Jewish people."

Teichtal said he learned about the attack in the middle of the Yom Kippur prayers. "A senior security official approached me in the middle of the Musaf prayer and informed me of the attack. Immediately, the security of our synagogue was increased, alongside other synagogues," reported the Chabad rabbi. "We talked about the attack with our synagogue worshipers. We emphasized the great miracle the community had because their door was locked, thus avoiding a much more serious incident, and of course, strengthened their spirit, with a prayer for a year of good news."

**SPOTLIGHT**

Neve Michael children’s home “healing the souls” of Israeli kids for 76 years

**BY DEBORAH FINEBLUM**

(JNS) — Many a third-grade memory features vacations with family, swimming with friends or getting a new puppy. But Chofit remembers another sort of life. One marked by extreme poverty and regular visits to a big building where she would sit across from a man she barely knew.

"Say ’I love you, Abba,’" her mother would whisper.

These painful visits to her drug-addicted father were among the reasons that two years, they healed my soul."

Neve Michael is home to 150 youngsters born into a variety of tough circumstances, priming them for lives of drug addiction, poverty and crime. In addition, some 30 other children attend an after-school program that feeds them, helps with their homework and, equally important, keeps them out of the often dysfunctional homes until bedtime.

Israel is home to more than 30 youth villages designed to rescue kids at risk. Some are run by the Jewish Agency, others by nonprofits like Hadasah, WIZO (Women’s International Zionist Organization) and Emunah, the parent organization of Neve Michael.

Whereas many of the other villages have an educational focus, Neve Michael is primarily rehabilitative and therapeutic, giving some of Israel’s most troubled youngsters, starting at age 5, a stable home complete with on-staff psychiatrists, psychologists and social workers. Also on campus: therapy for 80 families, whom the Welfare Department insists come for counseling. And it’s the only youth village in Israel to house two 24/7 crisis centers for children and teens in need of immediate rescue.

"Because of who we are and what we offer here, the courts and welfare system know we are often the haven of last resort, so they send us the most troubled children," says programs and project director Hava Levene, who has been with Neve Michael for 30 years.

"One of the house mothers and a child at the Neve Michael children’s home in Israel. (Photo by Chanan Nachmani)"

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A new route to blocking children’s bone cancer

BY WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

REHOVOT, ISRAEL.—Ewing sarcoma is a bone cancer that appears mainly in teenagers. Caused by a single defective gene, it often spreads to distant organs and it is hard to treat. Researchers at the Weizmann Institute of Science have now discovered molecular pathways that can prevent Ewing sarcomas and proposed a potential treatment that has shown promise in a study in mice. The findings were published in Cell Reports.

Dr. Swati Srivastava, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Yosef Friedman, co-director of the Department of Molecular Genetics and a fellow in the laboratory of Prof. Yosef Friedman. “Our team saw changes in the signature genes of Ewing sarcoma,” Srivastava says. The fact that the study’s findings offer new hope to youngsters with this malignancy, especially in cases when the sarcoma has metastasized beyond the bone.

“Our findings provide the basis for a new therapeutic approach to the treatment of Ewing sarcoma,” Srivastava says. The use of drugs that have already been approved for other uses should facilitate the implementation of this approach.

Study participants also included Dr. Nishanth Belugali Nataraj, Arunanachal Kottapudi, Diana Dragu-Garcia, Dr. Donatella Romaniello, and Dr. Ilaria Marrocco of the Department of Biological Regulation; Dr. Chamatal Bernstein-Ovish and Prof. Iddo Amit of the Department of Immunology; Prof. Adi Kimchi and Drs. Lee Roth and Yuval Gilad of the Department of Molecular Genetics; Dr. Mattia Lauriola of the University of Bologna, Italy; Dr. Ron Rotkopf of Weizmann’s Life Sciences Core Facilities Department; Prof. Olivier Delattre and Andrei Zinovyev, and Drs. Orliver Mira- beaud and Didier Surdez of Institut Curie in Paris; and Prof. Heinrich Kovař of the Children’s Cancer Research Institute of the Medical University of Vienna.

The Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, has been called one of the world’s top-ranking multidisciplinary research institutions. The Institute’s 3,800-strong scientific community engages in research addressing problems in medicine and health, energy, technology, and the environment. The Weizmann’s multidisciplinary research approaches and说出来, unique combination of talents and resources are helping to solve some of the world’s most complex and pressing technological and medical challenges.

By Dr. Friederike Dittrich

Israeli researchers work to restore endangered turtles

BY JNS STAFF

(JNS) — The Israeli Sea Turtle Rescue Center released 18 sea turtles, some in the Mediterranean Sea in Israel recently as part of a conservation program aimed at helping the population of green turtles, which are listed as vulnerable.

Green turtles are threatened by hunting, intrusion by humans on the beaches where the turtles nest and pollution of their feeding grounds offshore, among other things.

Only about 20 female green turtles nest along the Israeli Mediterranean coast during a breeding season that lasts from March until August, according to the rescue center.

In 2002, the rescue center began a conservation program by recruiting turtles for breeding to help populate the sea with their offspring, according to Reuters. The group of turtles began to reach sexual maturity a few years ago and this year began breeding, with about 200 babies expected to hatch by the end of the year.

Roderic Mast, president of the Oceanic Society and co-chair of the IUCN-SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group, said it was encouraging to see the turtles making survival to release the hatchlings into the sea immediately.

In “terms of conservation, nothing is more important than protection of turtles, and their habitats and behaviors in the wild,” said Mast.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

University of Scranton Judaic Studies lecture by Holocaust survivors

On Tuesday, November 12, at 7:30 pm, in the Loyola Science Center PNC Auditorium, the Judaic Studies Institute of the University of Scranton will present a lecture by Bernard and Henry Schanzer, “A Twin Tale of Survival in the Holocaust.” The Schanzers will tell their story of survival, which was only made possible through the help of a righteous non-Jew.

JFS NEPA received $22,660 check from Glen Oak Ladies Golf Association

The Glen Oak Ladies Golf Association presented Jewish Family Service with a check for $22,660 from its Annual Golf Tournament held at Glen Oak Country Club on August 13. Each year, the women choose a local non-profit organization to receive the proceeds of the event, which includes a round of golf and a luncheon at Glen Oak.

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Meet Jerusalem’s deputy mayor: Fleur Hassan-Nahoum

BY ELIANA RUDEE

(JNS) – Fleur Hassan-Nahoum’s story is unique. She grew up in a Moroccan family in Gibraltar, moved to London at the age of 19 and then to Israel. Today, she is the deputy mayor of Jerusalem.

Hassan-Nahoum is a mother of four, with a husband serving as a judge in the Jerusalem District Court, and a PhD in International Relations from London School of Economics and Political Science. She is a former alderman of Jerusalem, Member of the Knesset for the Jewish Home party, and the first Arab woman to serve on the Jerusalem City Council in its history.

Meet Jerusalem’s deputy mayor: Fleur Hassan-Nahoum

Q: What is the municipality doing to improve education in eastern Jerusalem?

A: I’d like to see decent, educational curriculums. Too many students are learning the Israeli-Arab curriculum. There are only 10,000 students in the Jewish-Arab schools, and 100,000 kids are learning the Israeli-Arab curriculum.

Q: What is the municipality doing to improve economy in eastern Jerusalem?

A: The United Nations can get out of the way of economic activity. We don’t want to be picking and choosing which businesses to support. We should let culture and language hold them back, because it will be our greatest strength.

Q: How can we get traditional societies to the table?

A: We have to show them that they can benefit from inclusion. We need to open the door to everyone who wants to come and participate.

Q: Should the United Nations be held accountable?

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Q: Are there any problems with this curriculum – namely, it doesn’t teach the students Hebrew or English, the dropout rate is astoundingly high; and the curriculum is deliberately holding them back, as the policy of the Palestinian Authority leadership intends to maintain their power by keeping youth poor and uneducated. Their education has a lot of incitement against Jews, even in their math textbooks. How can we expect a future of coexistence with Palestinians when they are being taught kids hatred and sabotaging coexistence?

A: These kids are my responsibility, too. So I want to make sure the kids in my city are afforded the best education and we are making headway. More and more students in Jerusalem are going into Israeli-Arab curriculums because more parents want opportunities for their kids, to develop economically and as a people. We need to figure out how to live in a shared society. What does Shabbat look like with everyone living in the same space? How can we get in traditional societal into the startup nation and in path of economic opportunity? Those questions will only be answered in the city.

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Q: What is the role of immigrants to Israel (like yourself) in Jerusalem and how can they succeed here?

A: I believe that immigrants have a special role to play in Israel, to be that bridge to the Diaspora people, to bring with the richness of the diversity of our people. I would encourage immigrants who are interested in being leaders to take part in the political process. To not let culture and language hold them back, not to be intimidated by the system. If they rise to the occasion, they can have significant voice. I would love to see more olim in high office; it is something Israel could benefit from.

Q: Many aspects of your background and upbringing make you unique, from your Gibraltarian upbringing to being a national-sized citizen, or which we have self-determination – a city we built and to which we undoubtedly have a historical connection. And at the same time, I believe in the self-determination of all peoples. I believe that the Palestinians deserve autonomy, and this is what the Oslo Accords gave

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Q: It is a stark choice – be pro-human rights or pro-Israel, but you can’t be both. It’s OK to criticize Israel, there are a lot of things we need to fix. We must fight discrimination, give opportunities to everybody and develop the economy with more egalitarian infrastructure. But criticize Israel to strengthen it, not weaken it. At home, my kids fight, but outside, if one of them is picked on, the others come to their side. We fight indoors; we don’t fight outside.

Q: What is the municipality doing to improve sport in eastern Jerusalem?

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(JNS) – As Israel’s government ministries endeavor to represent and communicate the singularity and attractiveness of Israeli culture and industry to audiences abroad, wine has topped the list as one way to effectively represent Israeli culture and history. This past summer, Israel’s Ministry of Tourism opened a “brand department” as part of its new strategy of marketing the country through specific brands; “deserts,” “Tel Aviv” and “Jerusalem” are strong ones, said Dana Gazit, lifestyle brand manager for Israel’s Ministry of Tourism. Wine, she told JNS, was also decided as one of the main brands that will be used to market Israel overseas. Other governmental organizations, such as Israel’s Ministry of Economy and the Israel Export Institute, are similarly using the appeal of good vintages to gain interest and market Israel’s identity abroad. Gila Ya’acovi Gurvitch, director of tourism and culture for the Galil Development Authority, maintains that through wine tourism, tourists can get to know Israel through history, archaeology, agriculture, culinary arts, food and technology.

The ministries, said Gazit, are investing in bringing wine bloggers and experts to explore Israel, helping more people become “exposed to Israeli wine and encouraged to visit.” The attractiveness of the product, she added, is that each winery has a story visitors can connect to that “includes all the senses,” which allows for a “more comprehensive and memorable experience” in Israel.

A view of Israel’s Lotem Winery in the Galilee. (Photo by Dvor Arza) 

A view of Israel’s Tulip Winery, located north of Kfar Tikva, a first-of-its-kind communal settlement for adults with developmental and emotional disabilities. (Photo by Saguy Moran)

“Wine is something you can see anywhere in Israel, and it encourages people to leave the big cities and explore Israel more in-depth,” says Gazit, noting that the country is reflected through the variety of its winemakers and geographical terrains. Through wine, “Israel has so much to show,” she says. Much like itself, its wine industry can be defined by its rebirth, from the ancient Jewish presence in the land and its subsequent exile, to today’s modern Jewish state. Archaeological evidence points to a thriving wine industry during biblical times, only to be destroyed during Muslim rule of the land, as wine consumption is forbidden in Islam. Today’s wine industry, therefore, is a regeneration of the ancient Jewish wine culture. The logo of Israel’s Ministry of Tourism, Gazit points out, shows the biblical spies sent by Moses coming back from the land of Israel carrying grapes. “Israel wine spans throughout history – from biblical times until now,” she says. “Even today, you can follow the Bible and live it through wine tourism.” A look inside wineries communicates this rebirth as part of the formation of a new Israeli wine identity. Places like Recanati use ancient, indigenous varieties in their modern products to help “restore” the original Israeli-wine industry. Jerzeel Valley winery in Kibbutz Hanaton makes a varietal with indigenous Israeli grapes not found anywhere else in the world. Its ancient variety, “Argaman,” was created in Israel in the 1970s as a hybrid of Soudou and Carignan grapes, both grown in Israel, but originating from Portugal and Spain. Its name, referring to the color of the wines it produces, comes from the biblical word describing the deep red/purple color of the high priests’ ritual garments worn in the Temple. Jerzeel has also recently invested in egg-shaped tanks made of porous concrete that facilitated oxygenation of the wine and can be controlled via smartphone from anywhere in the world at any time.

Lotem Winery in the Western Galilee fuses technology and “spiritual science,” where the entire wine-making process is accompanied by calming music to enhance the final product. According to Lotem, the music influences water molecules to “become more symmetrical with certain music, changing the tannins and aromas of the wine.” See “Wine” on page 8.

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The report includes a detailed account of the Skokie students' proactive steps to introduce Judaism. The article mentions Riva Weiss, a student at Niles North High School, who is involved in the new club called “Teaching Palestine.” Weiss is one of the students who took part in the club's first meeting, and her involvement highlights the students' commitment to education and awareness.

In addition to Weiss, the article features Jac Copeland, another student at Niles North, who is also involved with the Israeli Students club. The students discuss the importance of understanding and educating others about Jewish culture and history.

The article also includes a quote from Rabbi Yochanan Posner, director of the Skokie CTeen chapter, emphasizing the students' determination to make a difference and fight against antisemitism.

The Quick Reference Guide to Planned Giving is included, offering insights into different situations and the potential benefits of charitable giving.

The image features a shofar, a traditional Jewish musical instrument, symbolizing the students' commitment to Jewish heritage and culture.
The remains of a 5,000-year-old city unearthed near Ein Iron in northern Israel.

(Photoby AssafPeretz, Israel AntiquitiesAuthority)

“These were the first steps the Canaanite culture took in the land of Israel, which took on its own character in the urban sites it founded... A city like this could not have arisen without someone to plan it and an administrative mechanism that was responsible for its construction. The impressive planning and the fact that tools imported to Canaan from Egypt and seals have been discovered at the site are testimony of that.

“There was an enormous city here -- a megalopolis in Early Bronze Age terms, where thousands of people lived, making a living from agriculture and who traded with other regions and even other cultures and kingdoms in the area.”

Discoveries at the ancient city include an unusually large temple that features a giant stone basin used in religious rites and an altar on which burned animal bones were unearthed, proof of animal sacrifices. The dig also turned up rare idols, including one of a human head.

The discoveries allow researchers to characterize the culture of the peoples who lived in the area in earlier times. The nearby springs and open spaces facilitated agriculture. The remains of the homes and public structures indicate an organized society with a clear hierarchy.

Like so many archaeological discoveries in Israel, the city was unearthed as part of the preliminary infrastructure work – in this case, preparations to construct a new highway interchange providing an exit to the newly developed city Harish, funded by the Israel National Roads Company Ltd.

Confronted with an unexpected ancient “New York,” Israel National Roads has changed its plans for the highway and will build an overpass over the site to allow the city to be preserved in situ so researchers can continue to delve into its secrets.

This article first appeared in Israel Hayom.
D'VAR TORAH
One nation, one people, united together in the service of Hashem

BY RABBI EVAN SHORE, SHAAREI TORAH ORTHODOX CONGREGATION OF SYRACUSE
Sukkot, Exodus 33:12-34:26
All five of the Jewish holidays have unique aspects and names attached to them. The holiday of Sukkot is no different. Our rabbis refer to the holiday of Sukkot simply as Hachag. The Holiday. What makes the yom tov of Sukkot so outstanding is that it is known as “The Holiday.” Sukkot possess a trait that is manifested more on this holy day than all the others. This trait is one of achdut, Jewish unity.

In Leviticus 23:40, the Torah commands us: “You shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of a citrus tree, the branches of date palm, twigs of a plaited tree and brook willows, and you shall rejoice before Hashem, your God, for a seven day period.” The Torah is calling out, screaming out, for all Jews to come together, regardless of level of observance and knowledge. The ultimate joy that we can experience is the realization that we are one: one nation, one people, united together as one. All Jews are needed for this to become a reality. If any are left out or excluded, we will not be successful. On the holiday of Sukkot, if we are lacking one of the four species, or if they are not tied together as one, the mitzvah is not fulfilled.

It is my hope and prayer that this year for Sukkot may all of Klal Yisroel come together as a united people. Please God, may we all merit rejoicing before the Lord our God and truly experience Hachag on its highest level.

Wine

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Heroes

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It was his years flying as a navigator-bombardier for the South African Air Force during World War II that Simon says prepared him for this “extraordinary life” and his role in Israel’s history.

In 1948, as newlyweds, Simon and his wife, Myra, who had been a meteorologist in the SAAF, joined a South African Zionist Federation group to volunteer to fight with their brethren in Palestine/Israel in what was threatening to be a serious war against the Arabs.

“Fighting the Nazis gave us the skills and the experience we needed to fight for Israel,” he says more than seven decades later. “Without that expertise, none of us would have known how to win that war.”

Still, he adds, “we had to muster all of our nerve to do the job against these powerful enemies. We were up against six Arab armies—the Egyptians were supplied by the Brits, the Syrians by the French, and we didn’t have a single combat plane of our own.”

What Israel did have: old German planes sold to them by the Czechs, smuggled in and reassembled in Israel.

And Simon reminds us of a statement made by the Arab League’s secretary-general, Abdul Rachman Azzam Pasha, on May 1, 1948: “If the Zionists dare to establish a state, the massacres we would unleash would dwarf anything which Genghis Khan and Hitler perpetrated.”

“These were difficult times,” acknowledges Simon. “None of us knew how the battle would turn out, but as proud as I’d been to be one of millions fighting to defeat the Nazis, it was even more emotional when you are part of a small bunch fighting for your own people, your own country.”

Those who lived through these harrowing times, he says, “can truly see how, with all the odds against us then, there is far more than human effort behind that victory. Returning to our ancient land, we are living a miracle of biblical proportions here.”

In fact, Simon’s first flight, on May 14, had the distinction of taking off from Palestine, later landing in the same spot when it was officially Israel, after Ben-Gurion declared the state while they were in the air.

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After the war, the Simons returned to South Africa, where their four children were born and he entered the insurance business. In 1962, the family made aliya, and with Moshe Wiesel, he established Simon and Wiesel. “In those years, the country had gone from a state of austerity to a growing economy,” he says. “It was a wonderful time to be here.” And his fledgling insurance firm found fertile ground in that burgeoning economy.

In 1968, Simon was elected as chairman of World Machal, representing nearly 5,000 volunteers from 59 countries who fought in the War of Independence. He has served in that capacity for a half-century, as more “Machalniks” have joined over the years to help strengthen Israel’s military.

These foreign soldiers are just part of the backing Israel has enjoyed over the years from Jews around the world. Simon says, “Without their support, in good times and hard times, too, Israel could not have survived.”

Still, he adds, “we had to muster all of our nerve to do the job against these powerful enemies. We were in the fortunate position to be in this place at that time,” he adds with his trademark grin. “We were fortunate enough to be able to be the arm of the Almighty.”

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Team of Israeli doctors fly to Cyprus to save woman’s life

A team of four Israeli heart specialists traveled to a hospital in Cyprus with life-saving technology to save a woman who was suffering cardiac issues following childbirth, the Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer revealed on Facebook on Oct. 6. The Medical Center said a 29-year-old woman from Nicosia, Cyprus, suffered “a severe problem in her left main cardiac arterial region during the course of childbirth.” Doctors at Nicosia Hospital were apparently “running out of time to save her life” since the medical facility lacked a life-saving Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (or ECMO) machine, which pumps and oxygenates a patient’s blood outside the body, allowing the heart and lungs to rest. The doctors made an emergency call to their colleagues at Sheba’s Leviev Heart Center. Within seven hours, a group of Israeli doctors arrived at the hospital with the ECMO machine, stabilized the patient and transported her to Sheba, where she is recovering in the Leviev Heart Center.
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"Neve Michael takes children with so many problems of all kinds and gives them a wonderful home with emotional and educational support," says child-developmental psychologist Jackie Weinberg, retired director of school psychological services for the nearby city of Hadera. “It’s almost impossible, but they do it—so much so that after they leave, they visit again and again because this is their real home.”

Another integral part of the program are the young adults who live on campus for weeks or months at a time, helping provide the love and support these children crave. “I live with them, help them with their homework and I’m their friend,” says Leora Bar-Chaim, a Florida native who arrived at Neve Michael as a summer volunteer at age 16. Three years later, she’s made aliya and returned to Neve Michael for a year of Sherut Leumi, Israel’s national service program.

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Teenagers who volunteer—typically four weeks in the summer—tend to receive as much as they give, says Rachel Bargad, Neve Michael’s director of international programs. “Coming from privileged homes, they’ve never been exposed to the hardships these kids have lived through,” she says. “Even with such differences, they form bonds that last for years.”

Funding this full-service village—one each living at Neve Michael costs 8,000 to 12,000 shekels (averaging $2,800 a month) involves a complex formula, including income from the government that pays about 75 percent of the kids’ basic needs, as well as donations from individuals and organizations. The youth village is part of Emunah, an organization devoted to helping Israel’s most vulnerable children and families, which oversees Neve Michael, in addition to Emunah’s four other youth villages and four high schools.

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References to Israel, the Jewish people and peace have been removed from 2019-20

Palestinian Authority textbooks, according to a recent study. The study, which was carried out by the Institute for Monitoring Peace and Cultural Tolerance in School Education (or IMPACT-se), states that the changes in P.A. textbooks for grades one through twelve represent radicalization and are “a clear deterioration in content,” and that the textbooks now fail to meet UNESCO standards. IMPACT-se, which tracks educational material in the Middle East, found that the only signed peace agreement between Israel and the P.A. remains the 1995 Oslo Accords (though Spain generally does not allow dual citizenship), and if their application is

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German government’s criteria for granting citizenship to British Jews, a move that

Austria will offer citizenship to British Jewish descendants of Holocaust survivors, thanks to changes in Austria’s nationality laws, which were approved unanimously on Sept. 19. Those who fled Austria before the end of World War II have long been able to reclaim their citizenship. Now, the descendants of those Jews will also be eligible. The decision will affect about 50,000 people, many of whom are grandchildren of survivors, but potentially to great-grandchildren as well. Those who will apply will not need to live in Austria or surrender their British citizenship.

Report: Israel letting in more Gaza workers as part of Hamas deal

International law experts have condemned an announcement by President Benjamin Netanyahu that he will soon allow Gaza workers to enter Israel to work, the AP reported on Oct. 1. As part of an unofficial Egyptian-brokered truce with Hamas, Israel is helping Gazans in return for fewer rocket attacks and weekly protests along the border fence, according to the report. In 2019, Israel deducted about a billion dollars from the existing defense ministry budget, cuts from other areas or an increase in taxes. The more

Europe's 8 million Jews face citizenship applications in Spain ahead of deadline

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were launched from southern Iran, a senior U.S. official told CBS News at the time.

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Germany cases nationality law for descendants of Shoah victims

German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer announced on Sept. 19 plans to ease the country’s Nationality Law to make descendants of Nazi victims eligible for German citizenship, with the number of people who could become German citizens expected to rise to up to 10,000. People who can apply include those who, as descend

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Netanyahu proposes air-defense system to defend against Iran

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposed an advanced air-defense system in a Cabinet meeting on Oct. 6 that would counter the Iranian threat, reported Israel radio.

Kan. After the strikes against Saudi oil facilities in September allegedly carried out by Iran, the defense system would focus on protecting against such cruise-missile attacks at a cost of millions of dollars for each round of strikes. The net cost of the new existing defense ministry budget, cuts from other areas or an increase in taxes. The more

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