

## The Jewish Federation rings in Israel's Independence Day with a vintage movie

The 1952 short film "Man on the Bus" is the story of the state of Israel. Though it takes place soon after the establishment of the state in 1948, the message rings true today.

Broderick Crawford, Walter Brennan and Rosemary VanCamp, known movie and TV stars of the 1950s, head the cast of various Israelis on a bus traveling to Beer Sheva. While waiting for help when

the bus breaks down, each gets the chance to tell his/her story of immigration to the fledgling state, and how Jews in America helped with their settlement and the growth of the country. After the bus is "rescued" by a group of *kibbutz* youth, Mr. Crawford, as himself, reaches out to the audience to contribute to United Jewish Appeal (now known as the Jewish Federations of North

America) and to support the valuable work of growing the state of Israel.

Today, in 2026, *aliyah* (immigration) to Israel continues to rise with the growth of worldwide antisemitism. Even though at war, planes of new immigrants from Europe, Canada and the United States arrive



at Ben-Gurion airport.

As we celebrate the 78th birthday of the modern state of Israel, let's continue to support UJA/Federation and the many ways it contributes to the growth of cities, educational and social service organizations, and charities.

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### In memoriam: Doris Fine ob"m

The Jewish Federation of Northeastern Pennsylvania extends its condolences to Rabbi Mordechai Dov Fine, longtime beloved rabbi of Congregation Machzikeh Hadas in Scranton, on the passing of his wife, Mrs. Doris Fine ob"m, over the Passover holiday.

For over five decades, Mrs. Fine stood at her husband's side playing a central role in building and nurturing the congregation and its community with unwavering dedication. Her warmth, kindness and genuine concern for others left a lasting impression on all who encountered her. May her memory be for a blessing and may Rabbi Fine and his family be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

*Daniel Chejfec, Ph.D., Executive Director*  
*David Falk, president*

## Scranton Hebrew Day School to celebrate 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary on May 17 at the JCC

With much gratitude to the *Ribbono Shel Olam* and the Scranton Jewish community, the Scranton Hebrew Day School looks forward to celebrating its 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its annual dinner at the JCC on Sunday, May 17, beginning with a reception at 4:30 pm, followed by Mincha at 5 pm and a gala dinner at 5:30 pm.

At the event, Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Dovid Walkin will be honored with the Marbitz Torah Award, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Zukerman, of Cleveland, OH, will receive the Grandparents of the Year Award.

The Memorial Legacy Tribute

will be paid to two day school alumni, Abish Seiff, Class of 1970, and Mr. Yonah Holland, Class of 1994, may their memory be for a blessing. Both of these alumni were active in day school life both as students, as parents and in the day-to-day functioning of the school. Abish Seiff was the renowned videographer whose video archive tells the story of the day school over the

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May 2026 Elan Blog: May is Arthritis Awareness Month

# Living well with arthritis: what every senior should know

BY DR. KEN SEBASTIANELLI

Every May, Arthritis Awareness Month shines a spotlight on one of the most widespread – and most misunderstood – health conditions facing older Americans. If you or someone you love has been dealing with stiff mornings, aching joints or the slow erosion of activities that once came effortlessly, you are not alone. Arthritis affects more than 58 million adults in the United States, making it the leading cause of disability in the country. For seniors, it is almost a rite of passage – but it doesn’t have to mean the end of an active, fulfilling life.

**WHAT IS ARTHRITIS?**

Many people use “arthritis” as if it were a single disease, but it is actually an umbrella term covering more than 100 different joint conditions. The two most common types among older adults are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Osteoarthritis – often called the “wear and tear” type – occurs when the protective cartilage cushioning the ends of your bones gradually wears down over time. It most commonly affects the knees, hips, hands and spine. Rheumatoid arthritis, on the other

hand, is an autoimmune disease in which the body’s immune system mistakenly attacks the joint lining, causing inflammation, swelling and pain that can be severe.

Other forms include gout, psoriatic arthritis and lupus-related joint disease, each with their own triggers and treatments. A proper diagnosis from your doctor is the essential first step – because the right treatment depends entirely on the type of arthritis you have.

**RECOGNIZING THE SIGNS**

Arthritis symptoms vary, but common warning signs include persistent joint pain or tenderness, morning stiffness that lasts longer than 30 minutes, swelling or warmth around a joint, reduced range of motion and a grating or clicking sensation during movement. It is easy to dismiss these symptoms as “just getting older,” but early diagnosis and treatment can significantly slow the progression of the disease and prevent further joint damage. If you have been putting off a conversation with your doctor,

this month is a good nudge to make that appointment.

**MANAGEMENT: MORE OPTIONS THAN EVER BEFORE**

The good news is that arthritis management has come a long way. Decades ago, the advice was often simply to rest and take pain relievers. Today, doctors recognize that a proactive, multi-pronged approach produces far better results – especially for seniors.

Exercise, though it may seem counterintuitive when joints are sore, is one of the most powerful tools available. Low-impact activities like walking, swimming, water aerobics, tai chi and gentle yoga help keep joints flexible, strengthen the muscles that support them and reduce pain over time. The Arthritis Foundation offers evidence-based exercise programs designed specifically for older adults, many of which are available through local community centers and the YMCA.

Medication plays an important role as well. Over-the-counter options like acetaminophen and

topical anti-inflammatory creams can relieve mild to moderate pain, while your doctor may prescribe stronger medications – including disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs (DMARDs) for rheumatoid arthritis – if needed. Always discuss any new medication with your healthcare provider, as some common pain relievers can interact with heart or blood pressure drugs frequently taken by seniors.

**SMALL DAILY HABITS, BIG DIFFERENCE**

Beyond formal treatment, simple lifestyle adjustments can meaningfully reduce arthritis symptoms day to day. Maintaining a healthy weight is one of the most impactful steps you can take: for every pound of excess weight, your knees bear roughly four additional pounds of pressure. Losing even 10 to 15 pounds can lead to a noticeable reduction in joint pain. Anti-inflammatory foods like fruits and vegetables, salmon, olive oil and nuts can also help calm joint inflammation from the inside out.

Heat therapy – warm compresses, heating pads or warm baths – helps loosen stiff joints and soothe aching muscles, especially in the morning. Cold packs are better after activity to reduce swelling and numb sharp pain. Assistive devices like ergonomic jar openers, wide-grip pens and shower grab bars can protect your joints while preserving your independence at home.

**A FINAL WORD**

Arthritis Awareness Month is a reminder that you do not have to accept pain as an inevitable part of aging. Whether you are newly diagnosed or have been managing arthritis for years, there are always new strategies to explore, new support networks to tap into and reasons to keep moving. Learn more about arthritis at arthritis.org.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Do symbols matter?

I recently saw a post on “X” (what some of us still remember as Twitter) about a group called “Kefiyus at Buchenwald” which applied for a demonstration on the day before Yom Hashoah at Buchenwald of all places. Their purpose was to “denounce Israeli apartheid” and the “Israeli Nazi-like genocide in Gaza.” The German police refused the permit. The group countered that their intention was to honor what came to be known in history as “The Oath of Buchenwald” by Holocaust survivors to fight for human rights and against fascism in all its forms.



### FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DANIEL CHEJFEC, PH.D.

Since I was not familiar with “The Oath of Buchenwald,” I did some research. What I found out was that this oath was taken by about 21,000 survivors of Buchenwald on April 19, 1945. These survivors were anti-fascists and communists who survived the war as slaves. Some Jews were among them, but as political activists rather than as Jews. While I agree with their sentiment, I think that this proposed demonstration was a problem.

For this group, which with a name like “Kefiyus at Buchenwald” is obviously a pro-Palestinian anti-Zionist group, and their choice to demonstrate at a former Nazi concentration camp on the eve of Yom Hashoah, carries a very obvious

ideological meaning. Not to mention the fact that it is openly antisemitic. So why does it matter?

It matters because symbols matter. Their attempt at demonstrating in that context is an obvious attempt to hijack a symbol of the Holocaust for their own political goals and for publicity. As another example of attempting to

hijack Holocaust symbolism, I could mention the plaza in Amsterdam where they displayed thousands of children’s shoes to symbolize the children killed in Gaza. If you ever visited the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, you probably understand the meaning of using shoes.

But the attempt to hijack symbols does not begin nor end with the Holocaust. The “Temple Mount” is referred to as “Haram Al Sharif,” Jesus of Nazareth is presented as “Palestinian” and the Gaza strip is referred to as “a concentration camp.” The intention is obvious.

It is important for us to stand up and reclaim our heritage openly and forcefully. I have been in situations where anti-Zionist activists have tried to define Zionism to me and even Jewish identity. I guess this is the newest political version of “mansplaining.”

As a Jew, I will continue to honor my ancestors and the victims of the Nazi genocide by living my life openly as a Jew, by supporting Jewish community and by defending the right of my people to self-determination. Anything else would be “Hilul HaZecher” – the defiling of their memory.

### DEADLINES

The following are deadlines for all articles and photos for upcoming Reporter issues.

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## Bar-Ilan awards honorary doctorate to Argentinian President Javier Milei

BY JNS STAFF

(JNS) – Bar-Ilan University awarded an honorary doctorate of philosophy to Argentinian President Javier Milei on April 20, in a ceremony held in Israel.

The degree was awarded “In recognition of his long-standing partnership with the state of Israel and his public international fight against antisemitism,” the university stated. “Especially for his firm stance in the international effort to secure the return of the Israeli hostages held by Hamas in Gaza.”

The released hostages abducted by Hamas on October 7, 2023, and their families, who are

members of the Argentine-Israeli community, were in attendance, including Yair Horn, David Cunio, Sharon Cunio, Luis Har, Clara Marman, Dalia Kushnir, Silvia Cunio, Luis Cunio and Yaakov Israel.

“Throughout his presidency, President Milei has expressed clear solidarity with Israel and its citizens, and has worked to strengthen ties between the two nations on the diplomatic and international stage,” the university said. Milei delivered a speech in Spanish at the ceremony in Ramat Gan.

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### Rabbi Abraham Skorka will present on “The Pope and the Rabbi: My Story of Friendship and Dialogue with Pope Francis”

Brennan 228, University of Scranton  
May 12, 2026 at 7:30 pm  
free admission

Rabbi Abraham Skorka is former rabbi of the Benei Tikva Congregation and rector of the Seminario Rabinico Latinoamericano, both in Buenos Aires. He is currently a Senior Research Fellow for Jewish Studies and Jewish-Catholic Relations at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. He is the author of many articles and several books, including “On Heaven and Earth” with the late Pope Francis.

Congregation B’nai Harim in Pocono Pines, PA, is hiring a part-time administrator for a hybrid 10-15 hours/week position. The job includes administrative functions, such as maintaining accurate membership records, payments and donations. The candidate must learn and maintain ShulCloud, the synagogue’s operating system. Updating the website and using Canva graphic software are important features of the job. The administrator will support the president, rabbi, treasurer, bookkeeper and committee chairpersons, as needed. For more information and the complete job description, please email Susan Aufhauser, President, at [susanbnaiharim@gmail.com](mailto:susanbnaiharim@gmail.com).

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# JCC Passover programs blend learning, fun and celebration

The Passover holiday was brought to life at the JCC through a series of meaningful and engaging programs that reached participants of all ages, creating opportunities for learning, connection and celebration across our community.

Our Early Learning Center students experienced the holiday in a fun and memorable way through a special “Chocolate Seder.” This creative, age-appropriate program introduced young children to the traditions and symbols of Passover using sweet treats, helping them begin to understand the story and meaning of the holiday in an interactive setting.

Intergenerational learning was also a highlight of this year’s programming. During the Morris Mertz Wellness Café for Older Adults, students from Beth Shalom Academy visited to share their knowledge of Passover with our senior participants. This exchange not only deep-

*See “Passover” on page*



## Beth Shalom Arts and STEAM Festival

Beth Shalom Academy is proud to present its upcoming Arts and STEAM Festival, a celebration of creativity, collaboration and purpose. This year’s theme, achdus – unity and togetherness – has been thoughtfully woven throughout every aspect of school life, from the classroom to the stage, including our much-anticipated school production.

The Arts and STEAM Festival



is a true reflection of this spirit. Students from across all grades and disciplines – art, music, STEM and Judaic studies – have come together to create a unified showcase that highlights both individual talents and collective achievement. Each project, performance and display is a testament to the power of working together toward something greater than oneself.

At the heart of this year’s festival is a beautiful garden theme, symbolizing harmony and growth. Just as a garden is made up of many different flowers, each unique in



color and form, so too are our students – each bringing their own strengths and individuality. When joined together, they create something far more meaningful: a vibrant, unified whole.

This theme is especially fitting as we approach Shavuot, a time when the Jewish people came together as one to receive the Torah. The traditional association of flowers with the holiday further enhances this connection, reminding us of the beauty that emerges from unity. It also echoes the message of Basi L’Gani – that this world is Hashem’s garden, and through our individual contributions, we help create a מקום where His presence can dwell.

Through this festival, Beth Shalom Academy not only celebrates the arts and innovation, but also

reinforces a deeper message: that when each individual shines, and we come together with purpose, we create something truly extraordinary.

For more information, please contact us at [www.bethshalomacademy.com](http://www.bethshalomacademy.com).



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# From Partition to Israel's independence

*(Sixteenth article of history series)*

BY DANIEL CHEJFEC, PH.D.

As soon as Resolution 181 (Partition) passed, violence between both communities in British Palestine began. While external forces (Arab countries) refrained from participating, they helped in the formation of militias to attack Jewish communities. The Arab Liberation Army (ALA) was an army of Arab volunteers from all over the Middle East, led by Fawzi al-Qawuqji and funded by the Arab League. The Holy War Army was organized by the Arab Higher Committee led by the grand mufti. The two militias were not coordinated, and in fact reflected a political tension between the mufti and the Arab League. The Holy War Army was commanded by Hasan Salama and Abd al-Qadir al-Husayni under the political control of Grand Mufti Amin al-Husayni from his Egyptian exile.

The Jewish militias were also, initially, uncoordinated. They included the Hagannah – the largest group – which responded to the Jewish Agency led by David Ben-Gurion, the Irgun Tzvai Leumi (Etzel), a splinter militia from the Hagannah commanded by Menahem Begin, and the Lochamei Herut Israel (Lechi) commanded by Yitzhak Shamir. The Jewish militias, while uncoordinated, were not confronting each other. The three militias focused on the defense of Jewish communities and the preservation of the roads connecting them to each other. For this reason, this initial phase of the war is sometimes referred to as “the battle of the roads.” This early on, the Jewish militias had no strategic goals beyond keeping the communities connected.

The Arab governments, looking from afar, had their own goals. They all saw the Mandate itself, and the Partition Resolution, as colonial enterprises against the Arab world. Syria saw Palestine as the southern part of Syria; Transjordan saw it as part of the kingdom, while Egypt had designs on the Negev.

The Jewish Agency tried, from the beginning, to somehow form a unified command or at least establish a better coordination with Etzel and the Lechi, but that would not happen until after the declaration of independence. The Agency's political focus was on planning for the opening of immigration for the European Jewish refugees and the acquisition of weapons for the open war they expected after the British left the territory. Their main supply line at the time was Czechoslovakia,

then under Soviet control. Another supply line was the smuggling of weapons, mostly from America, organized by Jewish communities supportive of the soon-to-be Jewish State. The Agency was faced with the reality of a fractured Yishuv, the absorption of a number of refugees expected to be equal to a third of the existing Jewish population and speaking multiple languages.

When the violence started, Jewish forces numbered about 30,000 while the Arab forces numbered about 67,000. This proportion would remain the fact until after Israel's declaration of independence, when a massive Jewish immigration and the participation of the Arab armies of surrounding countries changed the balance.

Even before the formal British withdrawal of their troops, on May 1, some Egyptian troops joined the battle in support of the ALA, fielding – initially – about 10,000 soldiers. Egyptian troops, while they entered the Mandate's territory, did not push forward until after the British left.

The violence before Israel's independence was a veritable war in everything but name with significant loss of lives on both sides. Some of the British soldiers chose to stay and side with one community or the other. Most of them sided with the Arabs, with just a handful supporting the Jews. As the British began withdrawing, a significant issue was the Taggart Forts, real fortifications built by the British during the Mandatory period and used to house their troops and their police forces. As they withdrew, most of them were handed over to the Arab militias. Two of these forts remain to this day – one in Latrun and one in Ramallah. The one in Ramallah now houses the government complex of the Palestinian Authority.

In April 1948, the Hagannah launched Operation Nachshon. The operation was intended to open the road between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem to secure the supply lines for the Jews in Jerusalem. While the Jewish forces prevailed initially, they would lose control of the road again by April 20. In the north, the confrontations with the ALA redefined the areas of control in ways that all but erased the partition lines. The Negev was initially lost because of the need of the Jewish forces to defend established communities.

On April 6, 1948, the Jewish Agency established a provisional government headed by Ben-Gurion. While the divisions among Jewish

troops remained, both sides made efforts to coordinate. As part of this coordination Menahem Begin notified Ben-Gurion of the impending arrival of the *Altalena*, carrying weapons for the Irgun. It was scheduled to arrive on May 15, a day after the last British troops left. It would be delayed – but the fight over the cargo between the Hagannah and the Irgun remains to this day a sour point in Israeli society.

As the time for the British withdrawal approached, violence intensified and many of the incidents of this period became deeply embedded in the narratives of both sides. The Irgun attack on Deir Yassin on April 8 is to this day a rallying cry for the Palestinians. It was followed by the Hadassah Medical convoy massacre of April 14 and, of course,

the multiple battles for control of the Jerusalem road.

On the morning of May 14, as the provisional government was getting ready to declare independence, Arab militias destroyed the Jewish communities of the Gush Etzion on the Hebron road, south of Jerusalem.

As the provisional government was gathering in Tel Aviv to declare independence before the beginning of Shabbat, the Jewish communities in the Negev were under Arab siege along with other communities in the Galilee, the Jerusalem corridor and Jerusalem itself. Egyptian troops had begun their advance along the Mediterranean toward Tel Aviv. Jews controlled less than 40 percent of the territory assigned to the Jewish State by the Partition

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# A warm welcome to Rabbi Yaakov and Mrs. Gitti Horowitz

Beth Shalom Academy is honored and deeply excited to welcome Rabbi Yaakov and Mrs. Gitti Horowitz to our Scranton community. This remarkable husband-and-wife team brings with them decades of experience in *chinuch*, a profound love of Torah, and a shared passion for nurturing children and families.

With strong roots in Scranton and a lifetime devoted to education and guidance, the Horowitzes embody the warmth, wisdom and dedication that define the BSA family. Their arrival marks not only a meaningful professional addition to our faculty, but also a heartfelt homecoming and an exciting new chapter for our school and community.

Beginning this coming fall, Mrs. Gitti Horowitz will be joining the administrative fabric of Beth Shalom Academy in an integral role. With more than 35 years of

dedication to Jewish education, she brings deep wisdom, clarity of thought and a sincere care for every child and family she encounters.

Mrs. Horowitz holds a degree in medical technology and has taught biology, physics and chemistry, bringing both scientific precision and intellectual depth to her educational approach. For many years, she served on the faculty of Maalot Seminary, where she taught courses in Mussar, Torah perspectives on contemporary issues and the unique roles of men and women within Jewish life. Her teaching reflects thoughtful engagement with Torah values and a commitment to helping students think deeply, grow responsibly and live meaningful lives.



Beyond the classroom, Mrs. Horowitz has spent over 25 years guiding parents through parenting classes and facilitated groups for families raising children of all ages. She combines professional expertise with personal insight as

a devoted mother and proud grandmother. She often shares that of all her accomplishments, her greatest joy is being a mother – and that warmth, authenticity and lived experience are clearly evident in the way she supports and partners with families.

In her role at BSA, Mrs. Horowitz will help strengthen the structure of our school and work closely with parents to ensure that every child is supported in learning, building confidence and reaching his or her fullest potential. Her empathy, To-

rah-based guidance and wealth of experience will undoubtedly enrich our entire school community.

Like his wife, Rabbi Yaakov Horowitz proudly grew up in Scranton, and his return brings with it a beautiful sense of homecoming. With over 40 years dedicated to the field of *chinuch*, Rabbi Horowitz has spent his life shaping, guiding and inspiring generations of *talmidim*.

For the past 35 years, Rabbi Horowitz served as a beloved rebbi at the Torah Institute in Baltimore. Beyond the classroom, he played a central role in nurturing the whole child. He directed the school choir, ran the Pirchei Agudath Israel youth program and led his own camp, demonstrating a deep understanding that children grow best when their intellectual, emotional and spiritual lives are all nurtured together.

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## Bais Yaakov springtime news

### OD YOSEF CHAI FAMILY DINNER AND CARNIVAL

The Od Yosef Chai Family Dinner and Carnival was held on

February 23 in the Machzike Hadas Social Hall on Monroe Avenue. The Bais Yaakov students created and ran carnival booths to raise money

for Od Yosef Chai, an organization that raises and distributes funds on Purim and throughout the year to help the poor of Israel. A large crowd turned out to enjoy the delicious dinner prepared by Mrs. Etty Fink and Mrs. Nancy Ben Dov. Bais Yaakov would like to thank

the following people who helped, Mrs. Chana Guzman, Mrs. Yska Arias, Mrs. Sora Avramowitz, Mrs. Zehava Ringel, Mrs. Michelle Ben Dov and Mrs. Avigayil Leaman. The carnival was a huge success enjoyed by many families in the community.

### BAIS YAAKOV SHALACH MANOS PROJECT

Bais Yaakov students packed and See "Bais" on page 10



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## Beth Shalom Academy marks Yom Hashoah

On April 14, our students marked Yom Hashoah with a deeply meaningful and developmentally appropriate act of remembrance, thoughtfully designed to help them

connect to our history in a way that is both sensitive and impactful.

At Beth Shalom Academy, we believe it is essential for our students See "Academy" on page 11



# Jewish Community Center of Scranton brings community together for meaningful Yom Hashoah commemoration

Nearly 100 members of the community gathered for a moving and reflective Yom Hashoah commemoration, honoring the memory of the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust and paying tribute to the resilience of survivors.

The evening began with a 40-minute program of remarks, readings and prayers, creating a tone of solemn remembrance and collective responsibility. Through carefully chosen words and liturgy, participants were invited to reflect not only on the immense

loss suffered during the Holocaust, but also on the enduring obligation to preserve its memory for future generations.

A particularly poignant moment of the program was the candle lighting ceremony. Families of survivors, along with community representatives, were invited to come forward and light memorial candles in honor of their loved ones. Each flame served as a powerful symbol of remembrance, resilience

and the enduring legacy of those who perished.

The commemoration was further enriched by the participation of See "Yom Hashoah" on page 11



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ened understanding of the holiday, but also fostered meaningful connections between generations, bringing energy and warmth to the program.

Throughout the building, the *ruach* (spirit) of Passover was evident in the decorations that symbolically reflected the themes of freedom and renewal. In addition, our youth programs embraced the holiday through a variety of Passover-themed arts and crafts projects, allowing children to express their creativity while reinforcing the traditions and stories associated with the season.

Together, these programs created a vibrant celebration of Passover at the JCC, engaging our community in ways that were educational, meaningful and joyful.



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Resolution. It seemed that the Jewish State was going to be stillborn. In spite of the danger and in spite of the dire military situation, the provisional government declare independence on May 14, 1948, as the last of the British troops were leaving the port of Haifa. This was the beginning of a very different war.

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 Daniel Chejfec, Executive Director  
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# Letter to Bishop Bambera and his response



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March 25, 2026

Bishop Joseph Bambera  
300 Wyoming Ave.  
Scranton, PA 18503-1279

Your Excellency Bishop Bambera:

We have been recently made aware by an article published by The Forward (attached) of your principled stand at the Conference of Bishops.

On behalf of the Jewish community of Northeastern Pennsylvania, we wish to wholeheartedly thank you for standing up for the dignity of the relationship between the Jewish people and the Catholic Church as stated in the document Nostra Aetate in 1965. We very much appreciate your support and leadership on this issue, especially in these times when our community is targeted with antisemitic attacks from both extremes of the ideological spectrum.

We also thank you for your defense of Zionism, the movement for self-determination of the Jewish people, and the historical emergence of the modern State of Israel, which is so much at the core of the way we define our identity.

Further, we want to express our firm support for you against those who attack you for taking a principled stand for the teachings of the Church. We agree that nobody is entitled to define Church teachings outside of the Church and use their misguided interpretations for their own political goals. Nostra Aetate made it clear that the Catholic Church considers the Covenant between the Almighty and the Jewish people to be as valid today as it was at the foot of Mount Sinai.


We are warmed in the knowledge that you are our friend, and we stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of our connection.

Thank you,

Daniel Chejfec, PhD  
Executive Director

David Hollander  
Vice-President

David Falk  
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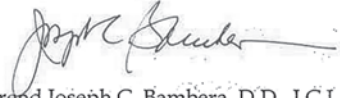
Dear Daniel,

Please know of my gratitude to you, David Hollander and David Falk for the kind words of support and appreciation extended recently to me and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. It is most disheartening that we were compelled to address the increasing number of antisemitic attacks on the Jewish Community. Yet, given the depth of our relationship that has emerged from the teachings of the Catholic Church in *Nostra Aetate*, we could not but respond with the truth that speaks to the fellowship that we share.

May we continue to stand shoulder to shoulder in our support of one another.

With prayers for a blessed celebration of Passover, I am

Sincerely yours,



Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.  
Bishop of Scranton

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delivered over 300 *shalach manos* packages throughout the community to residents of Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation, Elan Gardens, Plaza 550, Clay Commons Apartments, Meals on Wheels and many other people in the community who appreciate a taste of the Purim holiday. In addition, students also made *shalach manos* packages as a fund-raiser for the school.

**MASQUERADE PERFORMANCE**

On March 14, the Bais Yaakov students put on a hit production of “Masquerade!,” a hilarious Purim play, directed by Mrs. Maya Polatsek and co-director Mrs. Yska Arias, both teachers in Bais Yaakov. Choreography was done under the direction of Bais Yaakov graduate Shira Guz-



man as well as the Bais Yaakov girls. Musical accompaniment was by Mrs. Hindy Pressman. The play was followed by a delicious buffet *melava malka*, all held in the JCC of Scranton. We thank Mr. Don Cordonik and Mindy Van Fleet for their help.

Students performed a second showing for the residents at Elan Skilled Nursing and Rehab. It was very much enjoyed by the residents and staff.

**BAIS YAAKOV \$100,000 SWEEPSTAKES CAMPAIGN**

Tension mounted as the Bais Yaakov students and staff worked hard to raise money for the school scholarships. Devorah Klapholz, a former resident of Clarks Summit, daughter of Diane and Erwin Savad, *ob”m*, won the pot, approximately \$8,000, and Mrs. Marcia Ufberg, formerly of Scranton and now of Boca Raton, won a \$200 gift certificate. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to our sponsors



and to everyone who helped make the campaign a success. Special kudos to Mrs. Gilda Franzese for her amazing fund-raising efforts.

Thank you to our sponsors: Diamond – David Elliot Poultry Farm Inc. and Mr. Gary Davis; Gold – Chuny and Chavi Herzka Foundation, Ilya and Leah Epshteyn, and Wound Healing Technologies-Mr. Yitzchok Lichtenstein; Silver – Robert Rahm D.D.S dentist, DVASH Philanthropic Fund-Mr. Dov Horowitz, Ellen Fanning-Weiss, and Jedwab Dental-Dr. Gila Jedwab, D.M.D.; and Benefactor – Jewish Family Service of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

More sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Bais Yaakov at 570-347-5003 or [byscranton@gmail.com](mailto:byscranton@gmail.com).

**Milei** . . . . . Continued from page 3

The Argentinian president was also awarded the Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor by Israeli President Isaac Herzog on April 20.

Both ceremonies took place during Milei’s trip to Israel, after his stop at the Western Wall in Jerusalem and a meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, as well as a visit to the Hebron Yeshiva.

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**School** . . . . . Continued from page 1

last three decades. Yonah Holland was a board member who then assumed the co-presidency of the school until he and his family moved to New Jersey.

A special Tribute of Appreciation will be presented to Mrs. Kathy Police, Secular studies curriculum coordinator, for her devoted service to the day school students and fellow faculty members.

To place an ad in the commemorative journal distributed at the dinner and to make reservations for the dinner, please call the school office at 570-346-1576.



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He finds particular joy in sharing the beautiful words and timeless teachings of the Torah in ways that resonate personally with his *talmidim*. Through this process, meaningful relationships are formed and the bond between rebbi and *talmid* becomes lasting and impactful.

We are truly honored to welcome Rabbi and Mrs. Horowitz back home to Scranton and into the BSA family. We look forward to the warmth, wisdom, experience and passion they bring, and we are excited for the many ways they will help strengthen and elevate our school and community in the years ahead.

**Academy**.....Continued from page 6

to learn about the past in an age-appropriate manner, allowing them to understand the weight of history while feeling supported and guided. Through the “Names Remembered” initiative, each student lit a candle in memory of a life lost in the Holocaust, taking a quiet moment to reflect on the individuals behind the names – their lives, their identities and their stories.



million Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust, served as a powerful symbol. Lighting each and every candle was a deeply moving experience, reinforcing the magnitude of loss while honoring the individuality of every נשמה.

By scanning QR codes on the candles, students were able to explore brief biographies, many accompanied by photos, helping bring these

individuals back into focus. In doing so, our students were reminded that every number represents a person, a life and a story that deserves to be remembered.

At BSA, we are committed to ensuring that our students understand that our past is not separate from our present – it shapes who we are and guides the future we are building. As we reflected together, we recognized that the responsibility of remembrance is now being passed to the next generation.

May we continue to educate, to remember and to instill in our students the importance of carrying these stories forward with dignity, sensitivity and pride, ensuring that these lives are never forgotten.

Each candle, generously sponsored by Mindy and Usher Grossman in memory of the six

individuals back into focus. In doing so, our students were reminded that every number represents a person, a life and a story that deserves to be remembered.

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Scranton Mayor Paige Cagnetti, who read an official proclamation recognizing the importance of Holocaust remembrance and reaffirming the city’s commitment to standing against hatred and antisemitism.

The program culminated in a deeply impactful presentation by Holocaust survivor Esia Friedman, who shared her personal story via Zoom. Her testimony provided a powerful and

intimate connection to history, underscoring the importance of bearing witness and ensuring that the lessons of the Holocaust are never forgotten.

As the evening concluded, attendees left with a renewed sense of responsibility – to remember, to educate and to stand united against hatred. The strong turnout reflected the community’s deep commitment to honoring the past while working toward a more just and compassionate future.



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