

"Always the innocent are the first victims, so it has been for ages past, so it is now." — J.K. Rowling

As the war of Israel verses Terrorism continues, I find myself relooking at the successes and failures of both sides. Yes, both

sides have made terrible mistakes, no one is guiltless here.

Whenever I have been asked to speak about Israel, I always begin saying that I have a bias. I believe Israel has a right to exist. There have been articles which say that Israel has no right to exist because it was the haven for the European Jews who escaped the Czar of Russia and then the Nazis and were inserted into the Middle East.

But I believe that Israel has a right to exist for several other reasons, especially because of what it did for the Arabs, Muslim and Christian, who remained in Israel when it became a country. Israel's population is almost 20 % Muslim. Muslims solders in the Israel Defense force have risen to the rank of General. There have also been Muslims in the Diplomatic service, on University faculties and the Israel Supreme court. Also sadly, for only a short time, there were 3 Arab political parties in the Israeli government. Most importantly, it has raised the standard of living for the common Arab worker in Israel. I remember a newspaper article which described what happened when the 1948 border between Jordan and Israel was torn down and two groups of farmers, one Israeli Arab and the other Jordanian Arab, saw how the other farmed. The Israeli proudly showed off his tractor while the Jordanian farmer just kept plowing with his donkey! The 20th century verses the ?th century.

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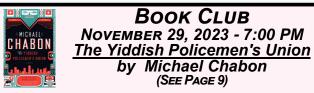
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TEMPLE BOARD MEETING Tuesday, November 7, 2023 - 7:00 PM (Zoom link on our website)

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Novemer 14, 2023 - The Early West Expansion: Up from Mexico, West From New York November 14, 2022 - 7:00 PM (See Page 10)

UNITED IN PEACE COMMUNITY WALK Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 1:30 - 2:30 PM Izay Park, Burbank (See Page 6)



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People often overlook how Israel changed in the years of 1949-54. Going from a refuge state for Holocaust survivors, Israel became once again a refuge country for escapees. This time however they were escaping Middle Eastern countries who expelled them. Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Yemen, all stated more or less, "You have a Jewish country. Go there, we don't want you here!"

600,000 people came. Interestingly enough, this was roughly the same number as Palestinian Arabs who fled the Palestine Civil War during Israel's Independence. Where did These Arabs go? Did any country take them in? Trans Jordan annexed their territory, and changed its name to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and started making large sums of tourist money from the Jerusalem Holy Sites. All the while they kept the true inheritors of the land in refugee camps. But Jordan was not alone, Egypt, established one of the largest refugee camps in the world. Guess where? The Gaza Strip. They and Jordan used these refugee camps as concentration camps and training grounds for terrorists. First called, Fedayeen then PLO, now Hamas. But I digress.

Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria all have had accomplices, including the United Nations and its agencies such as UNWRA and UNICEF. As a child how often did I carry my milk carton around on Halloween to gain pennies for UNICEF and turn in the money to my teacher!

But Israel is not free from responsibility for the current refugee problem either, from 1948 unto the mid-70's the Israeli policy was that there was no separate Palestinian people. Jordan was Palestine! How would you feel if an outsider annexed your land and the rest of the world said that the annexer was the real you?

We didn't realize we were continuing the degradation of the Palestinian people! But if we were guilty for pennies what about the Arab countries who were guilty for dollars and fortunes or the world who played NIMBY, not in my back yard, and refused to integrate Palestinian workers into their workforce. Is it any surprise that after 75 years as refugees, we have the inhumanity of HAMAS? If you have been told your life is worthless for 3 generations, you begin to think all life is worthless.

No one will not come out of this war unscathed! The only way I know to heal the wounds is to do something for the Israelis and the Palestinian Arabs.

First, everyone owns to their mistakes. We must demand that the leadership of the world especially, the Middle Eastern nations, tell the truth. Then call for a Middle East Organization to replace the Arab League. Call it the Abrahamic League, with Israel as a member, and demand in its charter that it promote truth in the conflict and the right of all nations in the region to exist.

Then raise funds for education! Think of it, little blue boxes, not for the Jewish National Fund but for the Palestinian National Fund. Those with no hope will have hope through education!

Also,have the member nations of the Abrahamic League dust off the old Proposals in the document called Middle East 2000. Now,9in 2023, Israeli technology, including Artificial Intelligence, matched with oil money transforms the Middle East into the 'paradise' we always dreamed it could be.

Finally, we all go on "Pilgrimage" to the Refugee camps and walk together with the residents to new homes. Those who were prevented from living in real homes for so many years will have them now!

B'ahava v'Tikvah,

Rabbi Mark



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - November 2023

It is impossible to watch the coverage of the Israel/Hamas war and not feel compassion for the civilian population of the Gaza Strip. We are, of course, human, and human suffering affects us. It is especially difficult to see children injured and killed.

This is only one of many reactions all of us feel at this time. We are angry over the brutal terrorist attack on October 7. We are concerned about the fate of the hostages taken by the terrorists. We feel threatened by the protests against Israel taking place

all over the world and here in the United States. We are anxious about the rise of antisemitism and the threats of violence against us. We are steadfast in our support of the people and the State of Israel, even though many of us are displeased with the current government, its apparent lack of preparedness prior to the attack and even its methodology in the prosecution of the war. We are dismayed to see the Congress play political games with aid to Israel (as well as to Ukraine). We are at a loss to see what alternatives there are and unsure of what will come to pass.

A couple of personal observations:

First - Jefferson advanced the proposition that people are imbued with certain unalienable rights, including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights governments are established deriving their powers from the consent of the governed. That being, as Jefferson noted, self-evident, the question occurs - Hamas is the governing power of Gaza. What are they doing to alleviate the suffering of their people? What preparations did Hamas make to care for its people in the event of disaster or war? Where are the Hamas-directed civil defense or relief efforts? What government starts a war without regard of the effect on its population?

Second - The first concern of Benjamin Netanyahu and his government obviously needs to be the safety and welfare of the citizens of Israel. But just as the Jews of the Diaspora have a duty to support the Land of Israel, the government of Israel owes a duty to the rest of the world's Jewish people. The utter destruction of civilian infrastructure and massive casualties among the civilian population of Gaza, albeit in the pursuit of the legitimate goal of the destruction of Hamas, has brought ridicule and danger upon Jews in other countries, including our own. Israel must be more than a refuge for Jews around the world, it must recognize it is the face of all Jews. When children in Gaze are killed, the rest of the world tends to forget the butchery of October 7, and puts the blame not only on Israel, but on all Jews.

With so much turmoil it can be difficult for our Temple community to focus on things such as the Thanksgiving holiday at the end of the month, but even in the worst of times we can find reason for giving thanks. We can look with gratitude at the support the Jewish community has received from most of our neighbors. Following the October 7 attack in Israel our Burbank Police Department has added patrol, maintained communication with other law enforcement and security agencies in the country, and there was even a patrol car in our parking lot when we held our special Service in Solidarity with Israel. We have also received many messages of support from our neighbors.

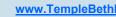
Yes, there has been an increase in anti-Semitic incidents in our country, but there has also been an increase in anti-Muslim incidents and we will resist and oppose both. And we continue to pray, as we do every Shabbat, "may the One who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us and all the people Israel, and for all earth's inhabitants."

Wishing you all of us a very happy and peaceful Thanksgiving.

-- IRA L. GOLDSTEIN, President











Chai Lights

November Birthdays

Emíly Jayne Míntz-Kreyns Shírley Abramson Keíth Goldberg Joanne Serín John Brody Samantha Brody November 6 November 1 1 November 1 3 November 23 November 24 November 25

November Anniversaries

Joel & Sarah Lava

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We walk together in the spirit of solidarity and remembrance of the many innocent victims of hate, aggression, terrorism, and violence in our region, nation and the world.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

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FROM THE SISTERHOOD TREASURER - Eileen Martin

The Sisterhood will have its meeting Sunday, November 5. We will be going through the kitchen to discover "treasures" there which we will sell at our upcoming Boutique. We will be selling some household items, Judaica, books and some toys and more. And...we will have Krispy Kreme donuts. Come and check us out.

This Is Your Personal Invitation to Join Temple Beth Emet's Sisterhood

Sisterhood is a group of friends who work together for our Temple, our children, and our community, in a very tangible way. Our President,

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November Yahrzeits

Name:	Remembered By:	Date:	Name:	Remembered By:	Date:
At	Temple November 3, 2023			At Temple November 17, 2023	
William Feinsilber	Bari Bucknam	November 1	Janita Haver	Congregation	November 12
Sarah Schiffman	Ilysha & Eric Buss	November 2	Anton Fulop	Barri Bucknam	November 13
Bess Jacob	Pyllis Shear	November 2	Celia Rothman	Sara Faden	November 13
Frances Rose	Eileen Martin	November 4	Meir Zollman	David & Leona Zollman	November 14
Frances Rose	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 4	Stephen Abrams	Iris Abrams	November 14
Penny Buss	Neal & Donna Friedman	November 4	Marta Berger	James P. Small	November 17
			Jack Bolter	Shirley Abramson	November 18
At	Temple November 10, 2023				
Fanny Schuster	Linda Mazur	November 5		At Temple November 24, 2023	
Helen Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 6	Albert James Hanlin	Neil Margolin	November 21
Norman Goodman	Congregation	November 7	Grace Fulop	Barri Bucknam	November 22
Hannah Davis	Marcia Jackman	November 8	Judy Hess	Linda Kranz	November 22
Edward Bernstein	Fran Bernstein	November 8	Joan Feinsilber	Barri Bucknam	November 22
Sam Miller	Marlene Dreyfuss	November 9	Dr. Edwin Butler	Mr. and Mrs. Neil Margolin	November 27
Helen Meyerfeld	The Congregation	November 9			
Moussa Hakakha	Rabbi Mark & Mina	November 9			
Leroy Stacel	Congregation	November 10			
Robert Margolin	Neil Margolin	November 10			
Leah Factor	Congregation	November 11			

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TEMPLE BETH EMET - BOOK CLUB

Temple Beth Emet Book Club

Conducted by Barbara Harmon. Book Club was founded by Fran Bourne Johnson Z"L* *Her memory will always be a blessing to us.



Where:

Blum Hall at Temple Beth Emet of Burbank

When:

November 29, 2023 - 7:00PM to 8:30 PM at Temple and on Zoom

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What book will we be reading?

The Yiddish Policemen's Union: A Novel, by Michael Chabon Synopsis:



For sixty years, Jewish refugees and their descendants have prospered in the Federal District of Sitka, a "temporary" safe haven created in the wake of revelations of the Holocaust and the shocking 1948 collapse of the fledgling state of Israel. Proud, grateful, and longing to be American, the Jews of the Sitka District have created their own little world in the Alaskan panhandle, a vibrant, gritty, soulful, and complex frontier city that moves to the music of Yiddish. For sixty years they have been left alone, neglected and half-forgotten in a backwater of history. Now the District is set to revert to Alaskan control, and their dream is coming to an end: once again the tides of history threaten to sweep them up and carry them off into the unknown.

But homicide detective Meyer Landsman of the District Police has enough problems without worrying about the upcoming Reversion. His life is a shambles, his marriage a wreck, his career a disaster. He and his half-Tlingit partner, Berko Shemets, can't catch a break in any of their outstanding cases. Landsman's new supervisor is the love of his life and also his worst nightmare. And in the cheap hotel where he has washed up, someone has just committed a murder—right under Landsman's nose. Out of habit, obligation, and a mysterious sense that it somehow offers him a shot at redeeming himself, Landsman begins to investigate the killing of his neighbor, a former chess prodigy. But when word comes down from on high that the case is to be dropped immediately, Landsman soon finds himself contending with all the powerful forces of faith, obsession, hopefulness, evil, and salvation that are his heritage—and with the unfinished business of his marriage to Bina Gelbfish, the one person who understands his darkest fears.

At once a gripping whodunit, a love story, an homage to 1940s noir, and an exploration of the mysteries of exile and redemption, The Yiddish Policemen's Union is a novel only Michael Chabon could have written.

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