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At Nashville's first Bonim Dinner held on Dec. 2, attendees learned more about how Jewish organizations including Federation helps make a difference in people's lives. Here are a few of the organizers and the dinner's guest speaker, from left, Bonim Dinner Chair Alyse Sprintz, Federation Annual Campaign Special Events Chair Karen Yazdian, Bonim Dinner speaker and Akiva Head of School Alina Gerlovin Spaulding, and Federation Annual Campaign Chair Steven Hirsch. Photo: Rick Malkin

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2013 World's Fair set for January 27 Event celebrates many family traditions

Our World's Fair: The Tradition Continues" will mix well-loved family traditions with familiar foods and a touch of theater, all to show how Federation helps enhance Jewish life and ensure its continuation.

The event, part of the Jewish Federation of Nashville Annual Campaign, will take place on Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4-6 p.m. at the Gordon Jewish Community Center.

"This year, the federation campaign adopted an overall theme of 'the tradition continues' at all of our events," said Steven Hirsch, annual campaign chair. "Last year's world's fair was the first time for the event. It was so successful that we resolved to establish it as a new tradition for the campaign."

"We're hoping that the theme this year will inspire people to come," said Karen Yazdian, Campaign Special Events co-chair.

"There will be videotaped vignettes from three different families and from young adults who will talk about their old traditions, their new traditions and how they pass on their traditions from one generation to the next."



"We're having tablescapes of different holidays and lifecycle events, with traditional foods from Sova Catering for each holiday or event," she said. Exhibits include Shabbat, Sigd (an Ethiopian Jewish holiday), Russian lifecycle traditions, Rosh Hashana Persian-style, and wedding traditions.

In addition, two performers will offer a look at how life may have turned out for two twentieth-century immigrants.

Federation Community Engagement Associate Joel Abramson and Singer-songwriter Ellie Flier will play the characters. Abramson majored in

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It's easy to attend

There is no charge to attend the World's Fair. Reserve your space by Jan. 18 by contacting Barbara Schwarcz, events coordinator, at (615) 354-1630 or barbara@jewishnashville.org.

The performance is recommended for school-age children or older. Babysitting will be provided but reservations are required and also can be made by contacting Barbara Schwarcz.

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Jerusalem conference puts politics aside for technology, entertainment and design

By Judy Lash Balint/JNS.org

Jerusalem played host to its second TEDx event during Hanukkah as 500 people filled the art deco auditorium of the YMCA building to listen to a diverse array of speakers in the signature style of the popular TED conferences: "ideas worth spreading."

Started as a four-day conference in California in the late 1980s, the annual TED (technology, entertainment and design) event in the U.S. features a steep registration fee and such speakers as Bill Gates, Sir Richard Branson and Al Gore.

In recent years, TED organizers started granting licenses to allow local independent groups to organize events called TEDx incorporating the TED format, where speakers present well-crafted talks or performances with an 18-minute limit.

Jerusalem TEDx organizers chose a lineup of local and international pre-



The welcome sign for the TEDx Jerusalem conference—in Hebrew, Arabic, and English. Credit: JUDY LASH BALINT

senters "with original and exceptional ideas who feel connected to Jerusalem," booked the politically neu-

tral YMCA facility, and charged a relatively reasonable \$50 registration fee.

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Five of the 16 presenters were Arabs; two speakers were from abroad. Most of the Israeli Jewish presenters chose to deliver their talks in English, while the Arabs spoke in Arabic, as the mixed audience fumbled with the simultaneous translation equipment.

Only two of the presentations dealt directly with Jerusalem. Haneen Magadl, a young social worker who works in eastern Jerusalem, spoke about her relationship with a young Arab cancer patient, while Yakir Segev, a co-founder of the Ein Prat Young Leadership Academy and a member of the Jerusalem City Council, addressed the topic "Jerusalem and me: how changing the city can change the world, and how it changed me."

For some audience members, the lack of specific Jerusalem content was surprising. Lisa Barkan is a community organizer and coordinator of the Jerusalem Village project that helps young newcomers build community and networks in Jerusalem. Barkan reflected that the TEDx Jerusalem program seemed to be "more about using Jerusalem as a global platform. It's about bringing ideas from the outside to us in Jerusalem."

"It definitely helps put Jerusalem on the global map," she acknowledged.

Saul Singer, co-author of the best-selling Start Up Nation, was attending his first TEDx conference. "This is such a natural place for something like this," Singer told JNS.org.

"The basic story behind the Start Up Nation is creative energy and there's so much of that here," he said. "It's almost endless what there is to offer."

One of the goals of TEDx Jerusalem organizers is to put Jerusalem on the map as an innovative, happening city. Beto Maya, a member of the production team, says the event steers clear of politics and religion, and tries to connect people via creative ideas. "The multiplicity of cultures in Jerusalem makes us a micro-cosmos of Israeli society so it's an ideal place for hosting something like this."

Many Jerusalem attendees are fans of TED and were excited to have the conference on their doorstep. Ruth Cohen, a London native who is currently a project manager at Tower Vision Ltd, an Israeli start-up that builds cellular towers in India, is a longtime TED devotee who appreciated the diversity of Jerusalem TEDx presenters. "It's important to have dialogue," she noted.

While the last TEDx Jerusalem was a small event held at Hebrew University in 2010, the 2012 conference was a full-blown production that included artistic performance by several renowned Israeli arts groups interspersed with the short talks.

The Mayumana performance art ensemble offered an inspired energetic piece that incorporated dance, visual art and music. Members of the Jerusalem-based Vertigo Dance Company opened the conference and Itamar Mendes-Flohr, a Jerusalem-born lighting design, artist and cinematographer showed how to paint with light and shadow.

Shaena Cantor, an advisor with the Yeshiva University One Year Programs, found the TEDx mix "refreshing."

Yael Feinblum, a Jerusalem high-tech worker came to get inspired by "ideas not related to high tech."

Feinblum's favorite presenter was Dr. Amir Amedi, a brain researcher who taught the audience how to "see" with their brain, a technique he's developed to benefit the blind.

More than 1,600 TED talks are available on-line and have been viewed more than a billion times.

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included the Schusterman-Israel Foundation; Leichtag Foundation; New Spirit Organization; ROI Community and Israel's Mifal Hapayis national lottery.

More than 1,000 people applied to attend Jerusalem TEDx with 500 turned away for lack of space, leading organizers to promise to make TEDx Jerusalem an annual event. □

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in theater studies at Kent State University and worked there as a professional actor, appearing in "West Side Story," "Dames at Sea," and "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

"We're taking their story line and bringing it through the theme of advancing tradition," he said. He and Flier will perform between the videos, tying together personal stories, the theme of tradition and Federation's role in keeping traditions alive.

The tale is set in New York after the two escaped Russia and made it to the United States, Flier said. The skits will show how they "adjust to a new culture and how they keep their Jewish values alive in this new world."

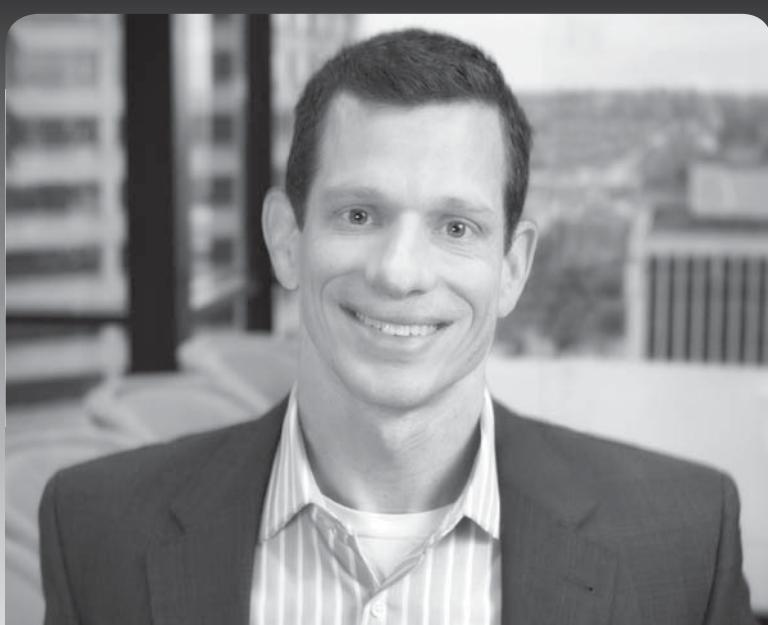
"It's nice to be able to give back to

the Jewish community and Federation," she said. "Since moving here, the Jewish community has been my rock," helping her get accustomed to her new town.

Abramson said people often ask him about Federation. They can learn firsthand at this event. "The World's Fair is an expo of what Federation does, a really neat way to see what Federation does to affect this world in a positive manner," he said.

The World's Fair "is a great opportunity for the Nashville Jewish community to get together and celebrate what defines us as unique and what brings us all together as a Jewish family," Hirsch said. "All the elements of a great family get-together will be there, including good food, good stories, and good friends." □

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UN upgrade could shift Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the courtroom

By Gil Shefler
JNS.org

Israel and the Palestinians have fought each other on many battlefields and many diplomatic fronts for decades, but the passing of the resolution upgrading the Palestinians' status at the United Nations indicates the next war between the two might take place at a very different venue: courtrooms.

The Nov. 29 resolution—which gave the Palestinians “non-member observer state” recognition—could have far-reaching implications regarding Israel’s legal standing in the world. Palestinians might hope to translate their victory in New York into action at The Hague, the sleepy Dutch city that is home to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Advocate Ido Rosenzweig, a researcher at the Israel Democracy Institute and expert in international humanitarian law, explained to JNS.org that the Palestinian Authority is likely to try gaining statehood recognition in the international courts after a previous attempt failed.

“In such a case the court would have to address the Palestinian Authority’s legal status again in order to determine whether it corresponds with the definitions of statehood,” Rosenzweig wrote in an email.

However, Dr. Allan Gerson—the former legal council to U.S. ambassadors to the UN Jeane Kirkpatrick and Vernon Walters, and author of *Israel, the West Bank and International Law*—argued that Palestinian claims to statehood based on the passing of the resolution were flawed for three chief reasons.

“First, the resolution is not binding because it was not a decision reached by the [UN] Security Council,” he told JNS.org. Secondly, Gerson said that while there have been exceptions to the Security Council rule such as the 1947 Partition Plan for Palestine, the 1947 exception was based on the recommendations of a UN committee and received support of all Security Council members. Finally, “in law you need a formula for statehood and the Palestinians do not meet the criteria of authority and control,” he said.

The UN General Assembly passed the resolution over Israel’s objections with 138 members voting yes, 41 abstaining and only nine—including the United States—voting no.

Outside North America and the Czech Republic, most of Israel’s support came from island-nations like Palau and Micronesia in faraway Oceania, where Old Testament stories of Israelites returning to their Promised Land resonate strongly among the fervently Christian locals.

Even Israel’s regular allies at the UN like Germany could not risk breaking with their European Union partners and abstained. Meanwhile, the Palestinians were backed by Paris, Beijing and Moscow, in addition to a solid bloc of Islamic states.

After the resolution passed, Israeli officials downplayed its importance. Israeli ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor told JNS.org that an automatic majority “has been voting against in the General Assembly for decades, rubberstamping any Palestinian resolution no matter how ill-advised, ill-conceived, or illogical.” The latest vote was “another sad chapter of that unfortunate legacy,” he said.

“Some of those who voted for this



Members of the Palestinian delegation at the United Nations General Assembly celebrate Nov. 29 upon the vote to upgrade Palestinian status to a non-member observer state Nov. 29. Credit: UN Photo/Rick Bajornas.

one-sided resolution may have thought that they were advancing peace, but they only placed another obstacle in its path,” Prosor said.

The decision in New York changed nothing on the ground in the Middle East, but Abbas still had reason to rejoice. First, it put his Fatah-led PA back on the international stage. The round of violence between Israel and Hamas that ended two weeks ago boosted the latter’s profile in the Arab world. Arab leaders trying to arrange a ceasefire spoke to the heads of the Islamist group in Gaza while completely ignoring their rival Abbas, still the nominal leader of all the Palestinians. Fatah bet that a successful bid at the UN would prove to the Arab world and its own base of support that it is still relevant.

On the legal front, if the Palestinians attained statehood status in international courts, they could challenge Israel on several grounds. For instance, the PA could ask the ICC to prosecute Israel for war crimes: Think Goldstone report—the controversial

probe that accused both Israel and Hamas of war crimes—but with legal teeth. If the prosecution went ahead with such a probe, its jurisdiction would not be retroactive. In other words, Operation Cast Lead would not be under its scope of investigation, but any future flare-ups between Israel and the Palestinians would be. Israeli settlements in the West Bank would also come under scrutiny, given that international law prohibits states from settling occupied land with their own citizens. If Israelis were found guilty at the end of such proceedings, it could lead to arrest warrants being issued against top officials.

All of this is highly hypothetical and subject to extensive future legal wrangling, but the IDI’s Rosenzweig stressed that the potential for a Palestinian gambit in the international courts is real.

“I think it’s worth mentioning the fact that it’s a bargaining chip due to the stress that such procedures might cause both internally in the Israeli systems and in the Israel-Palestinian conflict,” he told JNS.org.

However, Rosenzweig added that such a course of action might backfire because Palestinians could also be charged with committing war crimes.

Regarding the ICJ, Gerson said that if the Palestinians went to that court asking for statehood recognition, he did not know whether they would pass the statehood threshold—but in his opinion, they would not. Either way, such a course of action on the part of the Palestinians would only lead to conflict rather than peace, according to Gerson. □

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Numbers tell story of Israel's friends in Gaza

By Alex Joffe

(Jewish Ideas Daily) – Hamas was quick to declare victory in the latest conflict with Israel. A closer look at the price it paid in terms of personnel and equipment shows that its bravado was false. But the fact that Israel was able to destroy so many installations, weapons teams, smuggling tunnels, and high-ranking personnel, including Hamas's military chief, Ahmed Jabari, reveals another, less evident fact: substantial numbers of people in Gaza have "betrayed the Palestinian cause," in Hamas's terms, and collaborated with Israel by providing it with intelligence.

Israeli intelligence capabilities are estimable, but collecting precise information about an enemy territory like Gaza poses particular problems. Israel's intelligence collection starts in space, where Israeli satellites (like their far more numerous U.S. counterparts) track Iranian weapons moving by ship to Sudan, Egypt, the Sinai, and the Gaza coast. But these satellites make their rounds only a few times a day.

Compensating for this limitation, Israeli unmanned aerial vehicles can stay aloft for hours or even days. Night and day, electro-optical, infrared, and radar sensors allow the aircraft to see what goes on above ground and, to a limited extent, even below it, by detecting minute variations in heat or soil composition. The drones detect and jam electronic communications. They are the eyes of attack aircraft and artillery and can even attack targets themselves.

But what Israel accomplished in its bombing campaign required more information than drones can provide. There were strikes on 1,500 sites, including 19 command centers, 140 tunnels, and 26 weapons manufacturing and storage facilities, as well as what an IDF spokesman laconically called "hundreds of underground rocket launchers" and "dozens of rocket launchers and launch sites."

This feat could have been accomplished only with the much richer information that Israel had: a vast, three-dimensional map of Gaza's every street, block, building, and floor, including names of families, their relationships, and their telephone numbers. And movements in and out of this maze were not only mapped but to some extent tracked in real time.

Israel's vast targeting lists could have been compiled only through use of human informants.

Why some work with Israel

Since the beginning of the Zionist enterprise, substantial numbers of Palestinians have been willing to work with it, selling land and providing information. Many of them, as Hillel Cohen makes clear in his book "Army of Shadows" (University of California Press), have done so for their own reasons, such as personal gain, family

grudges, social divisions, and a kind of "local nationalism" that aimed to preserve their particular lands and possessions. Such motivations are still at work. Some, Cohen notes, actually view collaboration with Israel as patriotic, because it pursues a vision of the Palestinian national project – not Judeophilic, certainly, but resigned to Israel – that is marginally realistic.

Mainstream Palestinian movements are understandably bitter about this phenomenon: few epithets are more contemptuous than "collaborator," and the shocking recent spectacle of bodies of murdered collaborators being dragged behind Hamas-driven motorcycles sent a clear message (though, it turned out, at least one of those murdered was not a collaborator but an Islamist rival).

Under this circumstance, the fact that Gazans inform at all is notable; and the extent of collaboration, though unquantifiable, is clearly large. It speaks to the failure of Palestinian nationalism, as opposed to local and family identification, to attract the loyalty of Palestinians. Villages and clans remain more dependable and predictable repositories of allegiance than the reliably authoritarian and kleptocratic Fatah movement.

Less of a monolith?

The fact of collaboration also shows the shortcomings of Hamas's Islamized version of Palestinian nationalism, confounding easy notions about Hamas's iron control and the radicalization of the populace, as opposed to the leadership. Hamas leaders indeed love death, but for other people. They are happy to consign eager young men to suicide and to contemplate the blood of the children who are sacrificed as human shields when Hamas hides near schools and hospitals to avoid Israeli airstrikes.

The attraction of dying for Islam has limits. Gazans, like other Palestinians, have no love for Jews and Israel and readily celebrate their murder; but they are not anxious to die themselves.

Does this realization change the military calculus? It certainly made possible the most detailed sort of pinpoint bombing campaign. It also shifts perceptions of the conflict, at least slightly. But it yields few specific prescriptions. Palestinian collaboration, however widespread, is hardly a sign of a people who wish to be free, or even free of Hamas. As America discovered in Iraq and Afghanistan, militarily defeating fascism, religious or otherwise, means little unless populations challenge its patriarchal, theocratic, or authoritarian culture. Supplying human intelligence is not the same thing. So, the war continues. □

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Women get firsthand account of Operation Pillar of Defense

By Kathy Carlson

When Nashville singer-songwriter Joie Scott Poster reached Israel after a long planned-for trip last month, her host in Ashdod mentioned a "little rocket incident" and told her the city was outside the range of rockets from the Gaza Strip.

Not two minutes later, sirens wailed. She, husband Avi Poster, Avi's sister Sarah and other family members took shelter in the safe room, also used as a walk-in closet. It was mid-November at the very start of a major conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

"I was so nervous I could not even talk," she said. There they waited until they heard a boom, meaning that either the Iron Dome had intercepted the rocket or there had been a direct hit.

Scott gave more than 30 women a first-person account of life in Israel during the recent Operation Pillar of Defense against Hamas and other terrorists and militants in Gaza.

She spoke (and also performed five original songs) at the Jewish Federation of Nashville's Dec. 11 luncheon for Lion of Judah and Pomegranate members, who support Federation's work in Nashville, in Israel and around the world. The event, titled "Miracle of Miracles," celebrated the traditions and spirit of Chanukah in song and in a walk through history with West End Synagogue Director of Lifelong Learning Sharon Paz. Attendees listened intently to learn about the Sephardic connection to potato latkes and hear a very personal account of living under



Event chairs Dianne Berry (left), Rae Hirsch and Cindee Gold



Marisa Mayhan (left) receives her Pomegranate pin from Rae Hirsch as Dianne Berry pins Alina Spaulding, with Harriet Shiftan at right



Mary Jones (left), Carol Hyatt and Linda Kartoz-Doochin join Lion of Judah program.

attendees pledged to join as well.

"I knew about Lion of Judah but not (the) Pomegranate program," said Marisa Mayhan. In making the Pomegranate commitment, she said, "It makes more sense to do the thing I know I can do" while working toward even greater support of Federation.

Linda Kartoz Doochin views her contribution as a joint action with her husband, Michael Doochin. "This is a big birthday year for me. Michael and I were talking – it's a good way to celebrate a birthday ... You come to a certain stage in life; it's very nice to be able to share personal milestones with others." □

rocket fire in Israel.

Scott told the group about making "more than 40 visits to the safe room in the next six and a half days."

"It could not have been any more moving than having Joie tell her story," said Rae Hirsch, who co-chaired the Pomegranate event with Dianne Berry. "It all blended in beautifully and I think everyone was so touched." Cindee Gold chaired the event for the Lion of Judah program. Goldie Shepard catered the event.

Scott said sometimes there would be silence in the safe room, sometimes singing and telling jokes. More than once, her 10-year-old great-nephew passed out candy he had stashed there.

When she asked Sarah how she lived with the possibility – and reality – of attacks, Sarah said, "This is our home. It's our way of life. Staying here to protect it (demonstrates) our right to live here."

After four and a half days in the apartment, Scott said, they ran out for groceries. A siren went off during the trip, sending the group to a stairwell. Afterward, they saw "two vapor lines in the sky – one from a rocket from Gaza and one from the Iron dome shooting it

down right over our heads. ... I was a total wreck," she added.

Then the family went to Jerusalem, assured that it was too far for the rockets to hit. Again, a siren sounded while they were driving there. The only thing they could do was lie low on the ground and cover their heads. "The Israelis are so good at this, so disciplined. They do everything to protect their citizens. ... When it was over everyone calmly got into their cars (and) continued on to Jerusalem as if nothing happened."

Scott said her admiration for the Israeli people, already strong, grew even stronger after the stay in Ashdod. "I would go back tomorrow," she said.

"For me, Joie's experience just brought home the importance of what we do in Israel and gave it a personal perspective," Carol Hyatt said afterward.

The Lion of Judah program recognizes women who have committed to supporting Federation Annual Campaigns through yearly donations of \$5,000 and up. The Pomegranate program recognizes those who have committed to gifts of \$1,800 and up. Several women were recognized at the luncheon for joining the programs, and two other

Chanukah facts

These bits of information on the eight-day holiday come from Sharon Paz, director of lifelong learning at West End Synagogue. Paz told how Chanukah is celebrated around the world.

- The second night of Chanukah takes place on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, next year.
- The custom of eating fried foods started 900 years ago.
- The miracle of the eight days of oil is first mentioned in the Talmud.

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Bonim attendees learn how we change lives - together

In our Nashville Jewish world, we may not fully realize how we, individually and together, change one another's lives. That was one message from what is hoped to be an annual community event, the Jewish Federation of Nashville's Bonim Dinner.

Some 80 people attended the dinner on Dec. 2 at the Gordon Jewish Community Center. The dinner recognized the ongoing support of the bonim or builders, key Federation donors who make gifts of \$1,000 and up to the Annual Campaign.

"They were treated to a wonderful story from Alina Spaulding (head of school at Akiva School), who told her personal story about her family's amazing journey from the former Soviet Union and the role that Jewish Agencies played in helping the family," Annual Campaign Chair Steven Hirsch said.

Spaulding came to the United States in 1979. Even though they were Jewish, she and her family led a comfortable life in the Former Soviet Union because her father was an Olympic hopeful. A serious injury in 1974, however, ended his Olympic dream and the family quickly lost its position in Soviet society. In the blink of an eye, the family was evicted from a nice apartment and moved to a small one they shared with others. Her father was unable to obtain needed medical care and he became gravely ill.

The family left the FSU with the help of Jewish agencies that Jewish Federations – including Nashville's – support. Eventually they came to the United States and settled in New Jersey. Federations helped every step of the way, with housing, clothing, food, and medical care for her father.

She credits Jewish community organizations for the life she leads now.

"Alina Spaulding was a very dynamic speaker," Annual Campaign Special Events Chair Karen Yazdian said. "You could hear a pin drop because her story was so compelling. ... I think she made an impact on a lot of people. A lot of gifts were increased from that story."

Spaulding "has an unbelievable story to share," said Teena Cohen, who attended the dinner with her husband. "As a librarian, I saw her as an autobiographical storyteller. I went through such emotion listening to her – I was

not alone."

"It was so upbeat," event chair Alyse Sprintz added. "People really enjoyed it. ... Alina has such stage presence; she's so poised, so energetic. People who had filled in pledge cards earlier asked for them back so they could increase their gifts."

"We hope that we are starting a new tradition with the Bonim dinner, giving our donors the chance to interact with their neighbors and friends who share their beliefs in supporting Jewish programming and relief efforts here in the Nashville area and wherever the need arises," Hirsch said.

"For an inaugural event we were pleased with the attendance," Yazdian said. "I hope next year more people will come and feel a part of the whole community by being there."

"It's a way of showing that at all levels, giving makes a difference," Cohen said. □



Bonim Dinner participants shared a meal and learned how Jewish agencies and Federation helped bring Akiva Head of School Alina Spaulding to the United States. The dinner was catered by Bobbie Limor. Photo: Rick Malkin



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New Congress will be missing some of its longtime pro-Israel pillars

By Ron Kampeas

WASHINGTON (JTA) — When the new Congress convenes in January, it will be missing several longtime pillars of support for Israel on Capitol Hill.

Gone from the House of Representatives will be veteran Jewish Reps. Howard Berman (D-Calif.), the ranking member on the House Foreign Affairs Committee; Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), the ranking member on the committee's Middle East and South Asia Subcommittee; and Steve Rothman (D-N.J.), a point person on funding Israel's missile defense efforts. Absent from the Senate will be Sen. Joseph Lieberman (I-Conn.).

Jewish politics watchers agree that the departures represent a loss of pro-Israel brainpower of a scope not seen for years.

"People like Berman and Ackerman, both Congress and the pro-Israel community will miss having people of that seniority who know issues inside and out," said Jeremy Ben-Ami, president of the dovish Israel policy group J Street, referring to the top senior Democrats on the Foreign Affairs Committee, each of whom served in Congress for 30 years.

Martin Frost, a Jewish Democrat who represented Texas in Congress from 1979 to 2005, said that Berman's departure is a "real loss." But he expressed confidence that support for Israel would remain strong in Congress.

"You always hate to lose anyone, but I think we're in good shape," Frost said.

The reasons for the departures vary: Berman and Rothman were defeated in intra-party battles sparked by redistricting, while Ackerman and Lieberman are retiring. Other notable departures of Jewish pro-Israel lawmakers include Reps. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), a leading liberal who is retiring, and Rep. Shelly Berkley (D-Nev.), a hawkish voice on Israel who was defeated in her bid for a Senate seat.

A staffer for a House Democrat said the loss of veteran Jewish lawmakers is significant in that their colleagues looked to them for guidance on Israel-related issues.

"They connect the dots, they look at the big board and see how a leader on a particular issue votes," said the staffer, who asked not to be identified, citing Capitol Hill protocol. "There are a lot fewer data points now for them to work with."

The staffer said that top Jewish lawmakers would garner support for Israel by showing leadership in other areas embraced by Democrats.

"The real concern I have is how those older members functioned in the caucus as a whole — that because they were good Democrats, what they favored was seen as good for Democrats," the staffer said.

Multiple sources cited as a particular blow the loss of Berman, whose long congressional career is coming to an end following his defeat by fellow Jewish incumbent Rep. Brad Sherman (D-Calif.) in a bitterly contested race.

"Howard Berman had the ability to work across the aisle," said Douglas Continued on page 12

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Beginning in January 2013, the Observer will become a monthly publication, offering more of a magazine feel to readers. In addition, in keeping with a trend toward greater use of online media, readers can rely on more frequently updated news posts on the Observer web site, jewishobservernashville.org.

There will be one more Observer for 2012, dated Friday, Dec. 14. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for this Observer is one week earlier, or Friday, Dec. 7.

Deadlines will be easy to remember once the Observer becomes a monthly publication. Ads and articles should be submitted on the 15th of the month before the Observer is published, unless the 15th doesn't fall on a business day. For example, the deadline for the January 2013 Observer will be Friday, Dec. 14, because Dec. 15 falls on a Saturday.

The format in which we deliver news is changing but our commitment to inform you remains the same. The recent Operation Pillar of Defense, aimed at



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Contact Observer editor Kathy Carlson at kathy@jewishnashville.org. Observer Advertising Manager Carrie Mills can be reached at carrie@nashvillejcc.org. □

Chabad of Nashville to complete, dedicate new Torah scroll on Jan. 6

The Torah scroll, one of the Jewish people's most sacred objects, has roughly 600,000 handwritten letters. With a feather and special mix for ink, the scribe writes the five books of Moses on roughly 54 pieces of parchment. The average process takes over a year to produce the beautiful workmanship of a Torah scroll.

When a scroll is completed it calls for great celebration by the city greeting it to its new home – the Holy Ark in the synagogue. All the Torah scrolls join the greeting procession as they accompany the dancing which begins from the street.

The new year of 2013 will begin on a spiritual high as a special Torah scroll

will be completed at the Chabad Center, a Jewish outreach, educational and social service organization. Participants will have the opportunity to write a letter in the Torah, together with the expert scribe, Rabbi Gad Sebag, to complete the final letters of this scroll. This will be followed with a march in the streets of Bellevue together with the Torah scroll leading the way, and a festive brunch.

The event will take place on Sunday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. at the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life, 95 Bellevue Road, in Nashville. All are welcome to come join the celebration.

This event is one of many programs coinciding with the 13th anniversary Bar Mitzvah celebration since the establishment of Chabad of Nashville. For more information please call 615-646-5750. □

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... to the family of Marvin Schefflin, who died on Dec. 7 at age 86. Mr. Schefflin is survived by his wife, Ruth Cash Schefflin; children Sheryl Sanders, Jody Martin, Kathy Levine, Myrna Pendery, Joanne Karnatz and Laurie Spivack; 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Donations can be made in Marvin's memory to Congregation Micah.

... to the family of Richard Murray

Small, who died on Dec. 12. Mr. Small was born on Oct. 7, 1934, and was the son of Estelle Silverman Small and M. Horace Small. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda Small; son Kevin Small and daughter Heather Small Gilbert; and grandson Evan Oscar Gilbert.



Richard Small

Mr. Small was a past Board member of The Temple – Congregation Ohabei Shalom, Congregation Micah, Vanderbilt University Hillel, Vanderbilt University's Canby Robinson Society and Harding Academy. In addition, he was a past member of Leadership Council, Vanderbilt University Kennedy Center, a current member of the Shriners (50-year membership), past Chairman of the Port Authority Commission of Nashville, past Chairman of the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers, past President of Horace Small Manufacturing Co. At the time of his death, he was the Chairman of Angiology Corporation of America. In lieu of flowers, you may send donations to the following: Jewish Federation of Nashville – Richard Small Philanthropic Fund or to Congregation Micah.

... to the family of Gerold Feldman, brother-in-law of Arlene (Kenneth) Lyons. Mr. Feldman is survived by his wife, Bobbie Gilbert Feldman, children Staci Monde and Andy Feldman, and his grandchildren, along with his sister-in-law, Arlene Lyons. The funeral was to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Slide show highlights an Israel some visitors don't see

When Linda and Michael Doochin and daughter Arielle visited Israel earlier this year, they not only visited popular sights like the Western Wall and Masada, but they also took in sites that other visitors may not know exist.

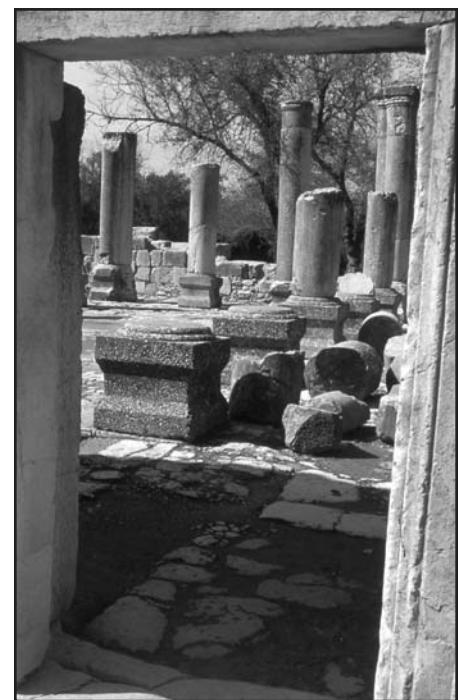
Chabad of Nashville announced in a news release that Linda and Michael Doochin will present a slide show of these sites – and tell the stories behind the photos – at a presentation on Sunday, Jan. 13. The presentation starts at 5 p.m. at the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life in Bellevue.

The Doochins aimed to not only visit modern Israel but also to see how the Jewish people had lived for millennia in relationship with the land. With its geographical and natural diversity, encompassing sea level and mountains and desert and temperate forests, the land has shaped the character of the Jewish people, creating a unique heritage and history. To see the land at its greenest and enjoy the most comfortable days for walking the sites, the Doochins visited in late March.

Photographs cover the Hezekiah



Bar'am Synagogue



Um al Kanatir

Tunnels, Qumrun, Herodium, Megiddo, Beit She'arim, Tel Dan, Bar'am Synagogue, Tzfat synagogues, Um al Kanatir, Gamla, Katzrin, Montfort Fort, and Rosh Hanikra. Each of these sites gives insight into the challenges that

Jews faced at different times.

At Hezekiah Tunnels and Megiddo, for example, viewers can compare how critical water sources were secured from enemies. Just a walk from the Lebanese border, at Baram, are the ruins of one of the oldest synagogues. Other slides compare it to the one at Katzrin during the Talmudic period, and those created more than a thousand years later in Tzfat. At Gamla note how geography was just as critical a factor as at Masada. At Qumrun, see the site where the oldest copy of the Bible was found.

At Um Al Kanatir (Mother of Arches), see how with the aid of computer technology a synagogue in the Golan is being reconstructed with the original stones, exactly as they were placed before an eighth-century earthquake destroyed it.

The Genesis Campus for Jewish Life is at 95 Bellevue Road. The slides will be shown in the Bernard Social Hall and dinner will be available from the Thyme Cafe after the slide show. Attendees also may nosh while viewing the pictures. For more information please call (615) 646-5750. □

Chabad of Nashville hosts kosher Chinese dinner, concert on Dec. 25

The custom of Jewish families dining out at Chinese restaurants, especially on Christmas day, has long been a joking matter.

During Elena Kagan's United States Supreme Court confirmation hearings in 2010, South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham directed the discussion to the 2009 Christmas Day bombing attempt on a Detroit-bound airliner.

Graham then asked the candidate where she was on Christmas Day. Justice Kagan famously answered, "You know, like all Jews, I was probably at a Chinese restaurant."

Her comment provoked laughter and reduced the level of tension in the room. Recognizing that some in the room might be unfamiliar with the custom, Sen. Charles Schumer of New York then explained how Jews had a special affinity with eating out at Chinese restaurants on Christmas because they were the only restaurants open in New York City.

So what do you do if you are looking for kosher Chinese on Dec. 25 and you are in Nashville? Chabad of Nashville says in a news release it will be hosting a grand Chinese Buffet Dinner that will include many Chinese delicacies and a broad menu of Chinese food. The dinner will be served on Dec. 25, from 5-7 p.m. at the Genesis Campus for Jewish Life, 95 Bellevue Road, in Bellevue. Reservations must be made online by Dec. 20 at www.chabadvnashville.com.

Diners will be entertained by a musical group of local talent, led by Michael Simon and Sheldon Kahan. The group will include singer and guitar player Jeff Jacob, drummer Rick Malkin, guitar players Michael Simon, Sheldon Kahan, and Bob Kitchener, cellist Jeremy Buma, bass player Ben Rosenberg, and Gil and Josh Kentoff on the banjo and the fiddle.

For more information please call (615) 646-5750, or go to www.chabadvnashville.com to make your dinner reservations. □

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Moviegoers gather at the Closing Night Supper & Song, catered by Cabana Restaurant and held at Pancake Pantry. The closing night film was AKA DOC POMUS, and the dinner featured the music of Pomus performed by Michael Fair, Morgan Karr and Teri Reid. For more information on the Nashville Jewish Film Festival, go to nashvillejff.net.

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Bloomfield, an opinion columnist for Jewish media outlets who in the 1980s was the legislative director of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. "He was a legislator as well as a policy person. He was a respected voice, people took him seriously."

Berman was seen as critical to brokering the deal that achieved overwhelming congressional backing for enhanced Iran sanctions in 2010. He worked closely with the Obama administration on the issue.

"Howard was beloved by everybody," said Ira Forman, who headed the Obama campaign's Jewish outreach efforts and is a former president of the National Jewish Democratic Council. "AIPAC people like him, people who were dovish like him."

Also on the Foreign Affairs Committee, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), who is considered a strong ally of Israel, is relinquishing her post as the committee's chairwoman, as required under the House Republican Caucus rules that limit how long its members can serve in committee leadership roles.

Even with the loss of so many veteran pro-Israel voices, observers stress that there are still devoted friends of Israel in key congressional positions.

They include Jewish pro-Israel stalwarts such as Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), who now leads Democrats on the powerful Appropriations Committee, and Rep. Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), who is replacing

Berman as the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

"Engel knows his stuff very well, he is similar to Shelley [Berkley] in being a real pro-Israel stalwart," Forman said.

Engel at times has taken a more critical stance than Berman toward the Obama administration's approach to Israel.

Newer members also may find themselves taking more of a leadership role on Israel issues. Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Fla.), elected in 2010, already is a leader on Iran sanctions issues, and Rep.-elect Brad Schneider (D-Ill.) has strong ties to Chicago-area chapters of pro-Israel groups.

"The longer I've been in Congress, the more I see that Congress is a living body, we lose some good people and we gain some good people," Engel told JTA.

Engel said there is "an excellent crop" of incoming freshmen, and that "those of us who are around have been around for a while. We're eager to carry the torch."

But Bloomfield suggested that an emerging generation of Democrats could spell long-term changes in the traditional structure of two-party support for Israel.

Younger Democrats, he said, do not naturally come by the sympathies Israel accrued when it was under attack in its earlier decades. Additionally, Bloomfield said that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's hawkish policies alienate a demographic that favors Israeli-Palestinian reconciliation. □

The image features the Argent Trust logo on the left, which consists of the word "Argent" in a stylized script font above the word "TRUST" in a smaller, sans-serif font. To the right is a photograph of three individuals: a woman with glasses and short hair, a man with glasses and a suit, and a woman with long brown hair, all smiling.

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