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Tashlich ceremony near the pond at the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens.

FROM THE EDITOR

BY LARRY GORDON

Peres, War, And Peace

In one of the many essays and interviews offered up after the passing of Israel's former president and prime minister Shimon Peres, he was reported describing his family as "chareidi," but not observant Jews.

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The Yom Kippur Avodah

Remembering Yom Kippur In The Times Of The Beis HaMikdash

BY R' NISON GORDON

Yom Kippur *Mussaf*, when the *chazzan* approaches the *Avodah* part of *davening*, the shul empties out and the *machzorim* are placed on the



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HEARD IN THE BAGEL STORE

BY LARRY GORDON

Days Of Davening

We just completed two days dominated by and devoted to essentially one thing—*davening*.

Most of us have done this for years, if not decades, and though it is repetitious, it is a way in which we are able to



Cantor Joel Kaplan

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SPEAKING OUT ON BDS



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A delegation of Jewish activists thanked members of Congress for their opposition to the BDS movement. Above (L-R): Ezra Friedlander, Senator Ted Cruz, Joseph B. Stamm, Andrew Friedman, and Duvi Honig. See Page 93

WHERE GLOBAL MEETS LOCAL

J. Mark Interiors Jerusalem

BY TAMMY MANTIN

New York Interior design firm J. Mark Interiors has officially gone global, opening its Israel showroom in the heart of Jerusalem. An international city with biblical excavations

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37 Cyclists From Across The U.S. Join Wounded IDF Veterans For Bike Ride Throughout Israel

Supporters of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) recently concluded a six-day bicycle ride through Israel. Joining the American FIDF supporters for this cross-country ride, which began in northern Israel on September 18, was a group of wounded Israeli combat veterans who have benefited from FIDF rehabilitative programs and prosthetic devices. The ride allowed participants to show solidarity with the brave men and women of the IDF and experience Israel in a whole new way.

danian border, then climbed the Golan Heights toward Mt. Hermon, Israel's tallest peak, before descending to the lowest point on Earth, the Dead Sea, and riding through the Ramon Crater in the Negev Desert. The tour ended at Tel-Aviv's scenic Mediterranean beach. Along the way, the group visited Israeli military bases, national landmarks, and ancient historic sites.

FIDF was established in 1981 by a group of Holocaust survivors as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization with the mission of offering educa-



The group of 37 cyclists and FIDF supporters from across the U.S. at a memorial in the Golan Heights Valley of Tears, the site of a major battle during the 1973 Yom Kippur War



Former IDF 1st Lt. David Peretz, who lost his leg in a battle in Lebanon in 1985, on the FIDF Cycling Tour of Israel

"This cycling tour was an incredible opportunity to bring FIDF supporters together with Israeli soldiers and strengthen the bonds between them," said FIDF Cycling Tour leader Dany Saar, a former IDF soldier and avid cyclist from West Bloomfield, Michigan. "Biking across Israel with wounded veterans allowed participants to really connect with the brave men and women benefiting from FIDF programs."

The 37 cyclists from across the U.S. covered more than 400 miles and a total vertical climb of about 32,000 feet. Cyclists began near the Sea of Galilee and rode along the Jor-

ditional, cultural, recreational, and social programs and facilities that provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and Jews worldwide. Today, FIDF has more than 150,000 loyal supporters, and 16 regional offices throughout the U.S. and Panama. FIDF proudly supports IDF soldiers, families of fallen soldiers, and wounded veterans through a variety of innovative programs that reinforce the vital bond between the communities in the United States, the soldiers of the IDF, and the State of Israel. For more information, visit www.fidf.org. ❖

Delegation Urges Congress To Increase Pressure On BDS Movement

BY HANNAH LEVIN

On Thursday, September 22, a prominent national delegation of Jewish leaders from the United States—Israel Security Alliance—an initiative dedicated to strengthening the U.S.—Israeli relationship—gathered on Capitol Hill to thank

(R-Maine); Senator Steve Daines (R-Montana); Senator Ted Cruz (R-Texas); Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah); Senator Ben Cardin (D-Maryland); and Senator Richard Burr (R-North Carolina).

On the House side, the group was joined in dis-



U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-Maine)



Andrew Friedman, Joseph B. Stamm, U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch, Ken Abramowitz, and Ezra Friedlander

leading members of both the Senate and the House for supporting legislation to combat the anti-Israel BDS movement.

The mission was organized by Ezra Friedlander, CEO of The Friedlander Group, and chaired by Joseph Stamm, CEO of MedReview; Stanley Treitel; Dr. Alan Kadish,

cussion by Rep. Marc Veasey (D-Texas); Rep. Billy Long (R-Missouri); Rep. Tom McClintock (R-California); Rep. Bob Gibbs (R-Ohio); Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-Florida); Rep. Andy Barr (R-Kentucky); Rep. Brad Sherman (D-California); and Rep. Scott Tipton (R-Colorado).

"BDS is like a plague."

president of Touro College; Nathan Herzog, president of Royal Wine Corp. and Kedem Food Products; Andrew Friedman, Esq.; Duvi Honig, founder and CEO of the Orthodox Jewish Chamber of Commerce; and Mark M. Appel.

The delegation met with over a dozen members of Congress including: Senator Susan Collins

As BDS continues to advocate for the boycotting of Israeli products and goods, this mission came at a critical time. These boycotts have come in many forms, including, but not limited to, anti-Israel protests calling for boycotts, calls for divestment from certain Israeli products, and resolutions for universities to divest from Israeli compa-

nies. The anti-Israel BDS sentiment is seeping into corporate boardrooms and trade unions, with a growing trend in Europe to ban or label products made in Israeli settlements. Due to this movement, there have been disruptions of Israeli cultural events, pressure to cancel events with cultural figures in Israel, as well as strong efforts to gain support for BDS from important religious institutions. The BDS movement, while claiming peace, will not stop until Israel is on her knees.

Senator Cruz summed up the danger of the BDS movement by stating, "BDS is like a plague . . . of anti-Israel and anti-Semitism . . . In my view, we should be using every tool we have to stand up with Israel, to stand against BDS." He continued, "U.S. support for Israel isn't benevolence; our interests are intertwined. It is in the United States' national-security interests to have a strong Israel fighting the same enemies we are fighting in the United States."

Missions like this one convey a clear message to the United States Congress that it is imperative to condemn the BDS movement and limit its ability to continue its effort to delegitimize Israel. A key way of doing so is by passing legislation, both on the federal and state level.

Coming on the heels of successful efforts by a number of state legislatures to pass or consider such legislation, the significance of this mission was increased. As Senator Susan Collins stated after hearing from members of the delegation, "If federal legislation could be passed, then you don't have to fight the same battles over and over again in all 50 states."

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