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Italian Journalist Giulio Meotti – Why Israel is the World's Best Nation

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By Italian Journalist Giulio Meotti

I don't know another nation on earth which since its founding, less than seventy years ago, had to sacrifice 23,000 soldiers. I don't know another nation on earth without recognized borders.

I don't know another nation on earth whose population lives under a perpetual emotional strain.

I don't know another nation on earth threatened to be wiped off the map.

I don't know another nation on earth so threatened by boycotts all over the world.

I don't know another nation on earth where winners tend to lose wars.

I don't know another nation on earth which provides its own enemy with water, electricity, food, weapons, and medical treatment.

I don't know another nation on earth where guests on official visits utter disrespectful and offensive words.

But I also don't know another nation on earth which has recorded so many miracles.

Imagine a helpless, naked Jew at the gas ovens facing a Nazi official, who thinks he will get rid of the "Jewish cancer", get rid of this unique phenomenon of 2,000 years.

Could that helpless, naked Jew imagine that in 50 years other Jews will be flying F-16's in the skies over Israel ?

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Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel's population today would be nine times that of 1948, the year of the state's creation?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is much happier than all the European countries?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel has the highest production of scientific publications per capita in the world?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel has the highest worldwide publication of new books?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is the only nation which began the XXI century with a net gain in the number of trees?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel has with largest number of chess grandmasters per capita of any city in the world?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is the nation whose academics produce more scientific papers per capita than anywhere else in the world?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is the nation with the highest ratio of university degrees to the population in the world?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is the country which, in proportion to its population, with the largest number of startup companies in the world?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is the country with the highest percentage in the world of home computers per capita?

Could that helpless Jew imagine that Israel is the nation with the largest immigrant-absorbing model on earth?

Unfortunately, you will not find Israel's goodness and superiority in the media (also Israeli), because it doesn't fit in with the stereotype of the colonialist Zionist occupier.

In the world's consciousness, the word "Israel" must be equated with fear.

Israel just came out of another war against terrorists whose value is less than that of animals.

Do you know of any animal species sheltering behind its own children?

But the Jewish State, despite its media, its cynical politicians, establishment, once again showed the world it is the best humanity has to offer.

This hope is impressed in the faces of Israel's fallen soldiers, its wounded and injured soldiers. In those faces there is joy de vivre, not sadness or hatred.

Terrorists and their Western appeasers want to destroy Israel because it is a light unto the nations.

B'Nai Torah Mitzvah Committee

The Mitzvah Committee is here for CBT's members in times of need.

Contact Elissa at 303-666-0853 or eroselyn@mindspring.com if you or another member you know is in need of help (such as a health crisis) or if you are interested in being called when a need arises.



Volunteer Spotlight

If you don't know the Barclay family, you haven't been to services in a very, very long time. Shame on you. Robert, Erin, David and Leah are staples at Friday night services, as they are with all CBT events. Erin, among many other things, coordinates the annual honey cake contest that we enjoy so much after Rosh Hashanah services and break the fast after Yom Kipper. David celebrated his Bar Mitzvah in 2013, and Leah is preparing for her own Bat Mitzvah in 2018.

And then there's Robert, the rock behind our bar and bat mitzvahs. If the religious school were a baseball team, Robert would be batting cleanup. He has been preparing our religious school students for their transition into Jewish adulthood since 2012. He takes our students from their elementary understanding of Hebrew and Judaism, and transforms them into able bodied B'nai Mitzvah students, learned in prayers and fully capable of reading Hebrew. He is a crucial link in their evolution of becoming Jewish adults. Suffice to say, without Robert we'd be lost.

If that was all he did, it would be enough (dayenu). But Robert offers more of his time and energy, ever ready to lead services when the rabbi is unavailable. He leads Shabbat services as a fully capable and confident lay leader, offering his own observations and insights to a delighted congregation. If you missed it, Robert also joined our beloved Diane Firestone, as a special cantorial vocalist during High Holy Days. He offered a strong, male voice that both accompanied and complimented Diane and Rabbi Moskowitz. Always a happy smile on his face, Robert is a key ingredient in the recipe that is CBT, and we cannot express our appreciation of him enough.

At a recent service honoring our teachers, Barb Jacobs, our Religious School Administrator had this to say.

Robert – Thank you. For keeping students who've been with us since pre-school interested and involved and completely prepared for bar or bat mitzvah. For taking students with little or no previous Jewish education and advancing them to achieve their special day - and teaching them all that bar or bat mitzvah is not the end of being Jewish but the beginning. And lastly for his years of dedication to doing thisthank you.



Announcement

We are starting to do some programming for our varied population at CBT. We are starting a 20's-30's Something Kid Free Zone Night Out (SKIP) Something's Kid-Free Interesting Programming is what I'm calling it. We will gather once a month for an event that will include some Jewish learning provided by the Rabbi and some fun relaxing activity, no children allowed although acting like a kid is okay! First activity will be eating although that's not the only Jewish part, there will be a learning component as well. We will meet at Namiko's Japanese Sushi Restaurant on August 6th at 7pm as we conclude Shabbat and eat Sushi (Yay!). The address is 7310 W. 52nd Ave, Arvada 80002. The event is open to anyone in this age range, post college 20's thru 30's ish, either unpartnered or partnered, wants Jewish connection, members and non-members are welcome, invited guests are welcome although we will each be paying for our own food, Jewish learning and conversations are free!

Please RSVP by July 30th to email of Rabbi Moskowitz at moskobain@comcast.net

We are also planning an ADL (Anti-Defamation League) session on learning how to respond to Anti-Semitism, Racism and Anti-Jewish, Anti-Israel remarks and acts. Since there is a lot of traveling congregants going on this summer it has been a challenge to plan this so that the college students who are home and off of school as well as the teens can attend. More info on this will follow but if you are interested in this programming called Words to Action, then please email Rabbi Moskowitz at moskobain@comcast.net so that an appropriate date can be chosen. I am planning to do this on Sunday July 24th in the afternoon if there is enough interest. This program is geared for teens and college students, but we will likely do an adult version as well depending on the response.

Also in the planning stage is a Jewish response to stress and anxiety through meditation and prayer. This will be a program for teens and adults. Rabbi M. will lead the first session and provide some options for further continued group work and/or individual work. Also, email Rabbi Moskowitz at moskobain@comcast.net if you are interested so an appropriate date, time and frequency can be planned.

Adult Ed will continue on Saturday July 23rd at 10am with a study of Talmudic and Jewish text References to gender roles and definitions. Adult Ed is open to anyone connected to our congregation who is of Bat/Bar Mitzvah age and older. Topics and discussion are not appropriate for children, so please arrange for childcare if needed. Please RSVP to Rabbi Moskowitz if you plan to attend so we know if this program is viable on this date or should be moved to another date. moskobain@comcast.net

Sending out Brachot (Blessings) to the world, Healing to all, and may calm, joy and peace be our crowning victory,

B'shalom,

Rabbi Anat Moskowitz



Religious School Happenings

We ended the Religious School year with 2 very successful Bat Mitzvahs. Halli Rose and Olivia Corn both worked very hard under the direction of their teacher, Robert Barclay, Rabbi Moskowitz and Cantorial Soloist Diane Firestone - to achieve this milestone in their life.

In mid August I will be sending a packet to current and prospective Religious School families containing a Welcome letter, an RS Calendar and an application.

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This summer, Nolan went to sleep-away camp for the first time. He was gone for four weeks and returned home yesterday (July 11th). We had been travelling, so didn't see his letters home until today, when we had the opportunity to read them all at once.

The Union for Reform Judaism runs 16 summer camps across the United States and Canada. For more information about these camps, check their website. <https://urjyouth.org/camps/>

First letter home:

Mom –

Can you mail me origami paper and colored pencils? Thank you.

- Nolan

Dear Mom –

I've made 4 friends. 3 of them are staying 4 weeks. Can you send me more letters and envelopes, plus ~~tons and tons~~ some books?

P.S. – Don't look on the other page. Give it to Dad and tell him to read the second page in the second envelope.

- Love Nolan

Dear Dad –

Please send Magic cards. Tons and tons and envelopes too. You can read Mom's letter too.

- Love Nolan

Mom –

Can you send me rainbow loom, and lanyard string?

- Love Nolan



Birthdays

July

Karl Schneider 7/1
Paul Franks 7/1
Robert Gilmore 7/3
Ginny Hall 7/3
Rick Jacobi 7/6
Tyler Gartin 7/7
Howard Fear 7/8
Marco Hakim 7/8
Ellen Pilecki 7/13
Jacob Clark 7/15
Arianna Hakim 7/20
Ryan Clark 7/22
Marcy Rose 7/24
Elyea Rose 7/24
Rebecca Weisel 7/28
Stella Fowler 7/31
Dorothy Handler 7/30

August

Mike Weiss & Paula Farkas 8/8
Phil Handler 8/9
Alex Schwartz 8/14
Ed Moss 8/16
Paula Emeson 8/21
Bruce Emeson 8/24

Anniversaries

Paul Franks & Lynette Lobmeyer 7/4
Michelle Zeles-Hahn & Andy Hahn 7/4
Fran & Jack Kaufman 7/5
Liz & Jim Hendricks 7/6
Rabbi Moskowitz & Jeff Bain 7/19
Jill & Jim Kingen 7/22
Marsha Corn & Michael Penka 8/25

Yahrzeits

July 9th-Sonya Fear
July 20th-Albert Perkins
July 25th-Charolette Levy
July 28th-Bill Milstein
August 1st-Jacob Daskal & Herman Hoffman
August 16th-Lori Needler
August 19th-Sylvia Bockstein-Bronstein
August 31st-Jerry McNamara
August- Renee Greene



Cooking Corner

YIELD: 4-6 SERVINGS

SESAME NOODLES

This easy sesame noodles recipe can be made in just 15 minutes, and can be served either warm or cold. It's also great with some extra veggies or proteins mixed in!

PREP TIME: 5 MIN COOK TIME: 15 MIN TOTAL TIME: 20 MIN

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound (16 oz.) linguine or spaghetti (I use whole-wheat)
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger (or 1/2 tsp. ground ginger)
- 2 tablespoons rice vinegar (or red wine vinegar)
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon vegetable or canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon sriracha or hot chili oil
- 1/2 cup thinly-sliced green onions
- optional garnishes: extra thinly-sliced green onions, toasted sesame seeds, coarsely-ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS:

Cook pasta al dente according to package instructions in a large pot of generously salted water.

Meanwhile, in a separate mixing bowl, combine soy sauce, garlic, ginger, vinegar, sesame oil, vegetable oil, and sriracha (or hot chili oil). Whisk until combined. When the pasta is ready, drain it. Then immediately toss with the dressing and 1/2 cup green onions until the pasta is evenly coated with the dressing. Serve immediately, topped with extra garnishes if desired.

DIFFICULTY: EASY CATEGORY: VEGAN

Recipe can be found at: <http://www.gimmesomeoven.com/sesame-noodles/>



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