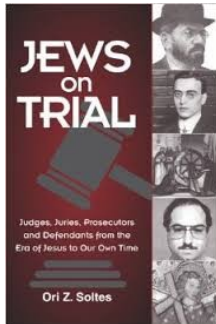




## Hiram & Berdie Kleinstein Memorial Lecture

### **JEWES ON TRIAL**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 at 8 PM**



**Judges, Juries, Prosecutors and  
Defendants from the Era of Jesus to  
Our Own Time**



**Dr. Ori Z. Soltes**

## **From the Desk of Rabbi David Wise Population Growth**



When you bring me, your rabbi, a question, what motivates you? Are you looking for guidance that is specific to your situation, or do you consider the impact of the answer to your question on the Jewish People at large? My guess is the former, and that's fitting, because despite a large repository of Halakhic (Jewish legal) codes, Jewish law is primarily case law.

The contrast between individual and national needs is made clear in the book I read for this month's edition of *The Rabbi's Nightstand*. Though I had bought it years ago and used selections from it, I decided the time was right to read *Birth Control in Jewish Law*, a work of exhaustive scholarship by Rabbi David Feldman, who died in December. Few Conservative congregational rabbis had the scholarly credentials of Rabbi Feldman, who served the Jewish Center of Teaneck for many years.

One of the more interesting features of the book is his comparison of the Jewish and Catholic doctrines regarding birth control and abortion. While noting significant doc-

### **April at HHJC**

April 1, 8, 29  
Yoga

April 1, 29  
Hebrew Reading Class

April 12  
Beastly Blessing

April 13, 20, 27  
Adult Ed - Beginnings  
of Judaism

April 15  
Joint Synagogue Yom  
Hashoah Commemoration at  
Hillcrest Jewish Center

April 18  
Simcha Shabbat

April 18  
Mini Minyan

April 19  
Men's Club Trip to Jewish  
Sports Hall of Fame

April 19  
Hiram and Berdie Kleinstein  
Memorial Lecture -  
Jews on Trial

April 22, 29  
Defensive Driving

April 26  
Sisterhood Shopping Trip

### **Daily Service Schedule**

Monday & Thursday  
6:45am & 7:30pm

Tuesday  
7:00am & 7:30pm

Wednesday  
8:00am & 7:30pm

Sunday & Legal Holiday  
9:00am & 7:30pm

Friday Morning 7:00am

Rosh Chodesh 6:30am

Shabbat Mornings 9:00am



### Shabbat Schedule



Friday, April 3, 2015

Erev Pesach

Candle Lighting 7:04 PM

Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 4, 2015

First Day of Pesach 9:30 AM

Mincha 7:05 PM

Havdalah 8:08 PM

Friday, April 10, 2015

Seventh Day of Pesach

Candle Lighting 7:11 PM

Mincha 7:10 PM

Saturday, April 11, 2015

Eighth Day of Pesach 9:00 PM

Mincha 7:00 PM

Havdalah 8:15 PM

Friday, April 17, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:18 PM

Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Shmini 9:00 AM

Mincha 7:05 PM

Havdalah 8:22 PM

Friday, April 24, 2015

Candle Lighting 7:26 PM

Mincha 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Tazria-Metzora 9:00 AM

Mincha 7:10 PM

Havdalah 8:30 PM

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 ★ The next few months are a ★  
 ★ time for many joyful occa- ★  
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 ★ It's just the right time to ★  
 ★ sponsor a *Kiddush* after ★  
 ★ Saturday services and ★  
 ★ share your *simcha* with the ★  
 ★ Temple family! Call the of- ★  
 ★ fice and confirm your date. ★  
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We now have a list in the office of members who will help give rides to doctor's appointments during the week and to synagogue on Saturday morning. If anyone needs help please contact the synagogue office. If anyone else is interested in signing up to help, please contact the office.

#### Handicap Access

We have an operating handi-capped lift. This is available for all who may need access to any level of the building. Please contact the center office to arrange for one of our staff to assist you in its operation. There is also a handicapped restroom located past the Menchel Social Hall.

*The House Committee*

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 A WEEK EVEN IF YOU DO  
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***If you are bringing pre packaged food into the Synagogue, please consult with Rabbi Wise.***

**The Bereavement Support Group meets every Monday night at 7:30 PM with compassionate, caring, warm and concerned friendly people. Refreshments are always served and are complimentary. All faiths are welcome. Led by Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes and Marty Kevelson.**



Cantor Sol Zim



What can I say? It is rare that I am speechless but quite frankly, I am trying to find the right words to express how thrilled I am to have been able to bring so many of my incredibly talented & clever colleagues and friends together, to our Synagogue, to sweep us off our feet. OK, I just got over my temporary moment of speechlessness...here goes...

Firstly, I want to thank my very dear friend, **Joan Waxgiser**, my Concert Chairperson. She helped me tremendously and was truly my right hand during the whole process. Thank you to my dear friend **Michael Borman**. The best MC you can find. You were better than ever. Since you are in charge of the upcoming *Night of Roasting*, I can just imagine what you have in store for us. I also must thank **Lou Ann Boscarino & Nancy Morse**. They are intelligent and very capable and wonderful to work with. I truly appreciate all their hard work and dedication. Thank you **Tony and Richie** for your hard work and devotion! For our delicious and beautiful Reception, thank you to **Prestige Caterers** and my dear friends **Joel Katz and Peter Weiss** who are always so gracious to me, especially this year. Thank

**Our Cantor's Voice**

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Together**

you to our wonderful President, **Paul Reich**, who has been so supportive of our HHJC cultural & music programs, making our Congregation a leading force in the Queens Community. *Today Rabbah* to my current pulpit partner and good friend, **Rabbi David Wise**. I am honored to share the *Bima* with you. My dear friend, **Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes**, you will always be near and dear to me and June. Please accept my sincere appreciation to each and every one of you who donated, participated, supported, traveled from near and far & attended this very special concert celebration. I was very thrilled to share this time with all of you.

How about **Cantor Steve Stoehr**, our CA Concert Host! I have worked very closely with Steve on many projects throughout the years and always knew he was not only a wonderful and sweet Cantor but an extremely clever and humorous individual. He surpassed my wildest expectations and added a unique dimension to the whole celebration. You must admit, I can really take it! I kept having the ball slammed at me but I kept catching it and not once faltered. *"I CALL IT"...* **SELF CONFIDENCE**.

I felt such incredible warmth emanating from every corner of our Synagogue, the entire afternoon. The Orchestra, Choir and all Cantors performing started rehearsing at around 11:00 AM. It was a long day, but honestly,



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trinal differences between the two faiths, particularly on the subject of abortion, Feldman notes that one point marks common ground: economics are an inadmissible factor in determining the legitimacy of abortion. That is to say, though Judaism is generally more permissive of abortion in situations where the mother's health is at stake, financial convenience is not a reason to permit terminating a pregnancy in Jewish Law.

Here, too, we should note the relationship between personal and national concerns. In the years since *Birth Control* was first published (1967), the "population explosion" has become an even greater concern for those who study global sustainability issues. To some, ZPG (Zero Population Growth) is a global ideal. Interestingly, according to *halakhah*, the minimum obligation on Jewish couples is precisely this: the *mitzvah* of *pru urvu*—"be fruitful and multiply"—is fulfilled by having one son and one daughter—an exact replenishment of the human species!

But when individuals ask rabbis about birth control and abortion, they're more likely thinking of their own circumstances, not global issues. And maybe this is another one of those places where Judaism differs. On the one hand, a couple consulting with their rabbi weren't often concerned with overpopulating the world. In fact, in certain times in Jewish history, the very opposite was the case. As

Feldman writes, "the Jewish community was very often in a position of seeking to replenish its depleted ranks after pogrom or exile. It is very much in such a position today" (p. 304).

Later this month, we will commemorate Yom HaShoah, and we will remember both our personal losses and the grievous depletion of the ranks of the Jewish People worldwide. I'm reminded of a responsum by the Law Committee from 2007 called *Mitzvah Children*, in which Rabbis Kassel Abelson and Elliot Dorff advocated for couples to strive, if able, to have more than two children, and for Jewish institutional support for that commitment through affordable Jewish education and other similar initiatives.

While the world is concerned with maintaining a population balance, the Jewish People worry about replenishment. Should we think globally, nationally, or individually, when planning families? *Birth Control in Jewish Law* is a fine book to explore first thoughts about this crucial question.

Until next book, blessings!  
Rabbi David Wise

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I enjoyed every single minute. Then, one by one, all of you started entering the Temple. I was so excited to see you. I was especially proud to introduce all of you, my HHJC family, to my colleagues and friends of the Cantors Assembly. By meeting you, they could feel your warmth & realized why I chose to make HHJC my home.

By the way, when I got home after the concert I had already received almost a hundred emails. I thank everyone for their loving sentiments. The next morning the phone started ringing off the hook. It was so nice to hear all your feedback.

REMINDER – SAVE THE DATE and RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW...SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM ...HHJC SIMCHA DINNER DANCE. Put on your dancing shoes and come join me as my Jubilee Anniversary Celebration continues at the HHJC. Let's dance, laugh, reminisce, enjoy fantastic music, savor delicious food and maybe even cry some sweet tears of nostalgia and happiness together.

Also, SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015 at 2:00 PM...A MEMORABLE REUNION OF CANTOR SOL ZIM'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR from all years past. It will be a BLAST! It will be a time for *sharing memories. Fun, Food and Laughs! Don't Miss It!* Everyone is invited... No Charge.

Love to all. See you in Shul.



## **Ohr Chadash News**

### **Spring in Kitah Aleph**

**By Morah Zehava Baruch**

The boys in Kitah Aleph have been super busy the past few months. Since the start of the spring term, the class has spent a portion of each session preparing for a truly special event. On Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the members of Kitah Aleph will receive their first Siddur (Prayer Book). The children have learned about the importance of prayer in their lives and are busy practicing their parts. In addition to presenting a mini-Tefilah session, incorporating some of their favorite tefilot and songs, they will also share their individual feelings about this milestone event.

Additionally, the children also spent the past few months learning about some of their favorite holidays. Purim is always a favorite with a mixed cast of characters, comparing the costumes they plan to wear on Purim and sampling Hamen-tashen. As soon as the Megilot were packed away, we started preparing for Pesach (Passover). From "Mah Nish-tanah" to "Chad Gadya" and all the songs in between, the children learned the history of the Jews exodus from Egypt and the many laws of Pesach. We prepared ourselves by checking our books and backpacks for crumbs.

## **CHESED**

It's Spring, it's Spring the lovely month of Nisan. With the echo of crisp matzo in our ears and the sight of daisies and tulips we can look forward to months of NO SNOW, no winter boots and later this summer a new administration. I would like to take a moment to thank our dedicated committee members who have cared for our synagogue family. They have been there whenever there was a need. I would also like to thank my dedicated knitters. The caring and compassion of my committee members has been stellar. I encourage every one of them to consider signing on with whoever the incoming administration chooses to chair the committee. I also hope more and more members will consider joining this very important committee.

*To my wonderful Hollis Hills family,  
Thank you for your warmth  
and kindness during this  
difficult time.*

Hugs from Rita Plush

## **HHJC - Sisterhood Gift Shop**



**For all your Judaica needs!**

## **Sisterhood**

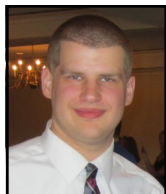
Hooray!!!! Spring is finally here. Our Purim Project, during which we made and distributed Shalach Manot packages, went off without a hitch. We had fun. Everybody enjoyed the goodies and we made some money to give to charity and support our synagogue. Well done ladies! Special thanks to our chairperson, Maris Blechner. Our Women's Seder was beautiful, spiritual and delicious. Thank you all who participated and created music and ruach with us. Special thanks to our chairperson, Gaby Weilmann.

Our after Passover shopping spree at the Deer Park Tanger Outlets will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. We will carpool from the synagogue and caravan to the mall. This is purely social, recreational fun as well as the beginning of our spring and summer wardrobes. Hope to see you then.

This year we tried something new, with some success. We want to thank those women who bought their Mahjong Cards through Sisterhood. Ida Weisser and Sandy Lukin organized this project which ran seamlessly. If you play Mahjong, contact Ida for Cards through Sisterhood. Thanks.

We are very excited about our May 3<sup>rd</sup> outing to the Nassau County Museum of Art, which is located in Roslyn Harbor, Long Island on the former Frick Estate. It is situated on a spectacular property in the heart of

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**Youth Director****Youth Group  
News**

Dan Bacharach

It's hard to believe, but we're already entering the home-stretch of our year at H2! March was a great month...we started off preparing for Purim by making chocolate lollipops in Purim shapes and decorating graggers, and continued the fun on March 8 with our Purim Carnival at Hillcrest. As the month went on, our groups took part in the second "Mitzvah Stations" program of the year, in which they worked on making items to be donated to organizations across the country, and our younger groups celebrated the beginning of spring by decorating clay pots and planting seeds! As the month came to a close, we were honored to host the first ever Sababa Spring Kin-nus at Hillcrest JC, which brought together teens from across the New York metropolitan area for a meaningful Shabbat experience. We wrapped up the month with our annual Chocolate Seder, which was a huge hit, as always.

April promises to be another great month. After resting up over Spring Break, our programming resumes on Wednesday, April 15 as we encourage all of our members to attend the joint Yom HaShoah program at Hillcrest Jewish Center. This promises to be an incredibly meaningful program and we hope our families will be a part of the com-

memoration. We continue the month on Sunday, April 19 as we celebrate Yom Ha'Atzmaut with exciting programming that will take our youth on an "adventure" through Israel! From April 24-26, all those in seventh grade and up are invited to attend METNY Regional Convention and Seventh Grade Experience at Hudson Valley Resort. More information on registering for that program is available at [www.metnyusy.org](http://www.metnyusy.org). Our month concludes on April 26 with an "Anything Goes" Olympics for our younger groups and a Post-RC Lounge Night for our USYers.

Wishing all of you a zissen Pesach!

We are now established with "Terracycle", a recycling organization that makes new things out of old. Our team is the "HJR Memorial Environment Fund" and the charity we support is the Hollis Hills Jewish Center. Please send in your old cell phones as soon as possible and let's start collecting, recycling and earning money for the HHJC now!

Please visit our Facebook Page at  
<http://www.facebook.com/hollishillsjc>

**Pesach Service Schedule****Friday, April 3 - Erev Pesach**

**Ta'anit Bechorot** (*Fast for First Born*) and **Siyyum** 6:45 AM  
Candle Lighting 7:04 PM  
Mincha & Ma'ariv 7:00 PM

**Saturday, April 4****First Day of Pesach**

Morning Services 9:30 AM  
Mincha 7:05 PM  
Shabbat Ends 8:08 PM

**Sunday, April 5****Second Day of Pesach**

Morning Services 9:30 AM  
Mincha 7:05 PM  
Havdalah 8:09 PM

**Monday, April 6****Tuesday, April 7****Hol Hamoed**

Services at 6:30AM and 7:30PM

**Wednesday, April 8****Hol Hamoed**

Services at 8:00AM and 7:30PM

**Thursday, April 9****Hol Hamoed**

Morning Services 6:30 AM  
Candle Lighting 7:10 PM  
Mincha 7:10 PM

**Friday, April 10****7th Day of Pesach**

Morning Services 9:00 AM  
Candle Lighting 7:11 PM  
Mincha 7:10 PM

**Saturday, April 11****8th Day of Pesach**

Morning Services 9:00 AM  
Yizkor 10:30 AM  
There is **no** late Yizkor  
Mincha 7:00 PM  
Yom Tov ends 8:15 PM



**Queens Village**  
**Chit Chat 'Bout This & That**  
**By Sue Heppenheimer**

It has been a rough March weatherwise, and seeing the mountains of snow and the icy spots that go along with that, has been difficult for a number of people. But - we are facing warmer climates, and since Pesach has been celebrated, we hope that everyone enjoyed celebrating the Holiday and the Seder evenings with friends and families.

We wish some of our congregants a Happy and healthy Birthday: Joseph Rosenberg, Ronnie Gersten and Marion Sacher are April celebrants. Mazel Tov to them!

We hope we will see each other again in the near future, and that Mother Nature will cooperate with warm Spring weather for the occasion.

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Danny's Drive In Cleaners:

190-05 Union Turnpike

Fairway Supermarket:

242-02 61st Avenue, Douglaston



**PJ Library**

Wasn't Tu B'Shevat wonderful, special thanks go to the Solomowitz family for all their hard work. I hope that those members of our PJ family who planted parsley seeds were able to nurse them to the right height for Seder plate placement. While we all enjoyed our last event I hope we won't become a once a year group. We are looking for parents willing to plan and execute future events. Tell us what you want, what you need and when you would like to chair an event and we will be right there alongside your committee to help make it possible. As always you can reach me by email at [rebecca@cencarp.com](mailto:rebecca@cencarp.com).

**Temple Family**

Mazel Tov to Rona & Lawrence Padolsky on the birth of their new grandson, Kobe De Putron.

Mazel Tov to Joyce & Bob Fogel on the recent marriage of their son Philip to Sophia Ariel Merkin

Mazel Tov to the Brooks and Landau families on the birth of a new baby girl in the family, to Bela & Steve.



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Long Island's fabled Gold Coast. Aside from the displayed art work and beautiful architecture, there are walking trails and gardens. We will pray for good weather so that we can enjoy the whole package. Robyn Rosenberg is the chairperson for this event. She has been in touch with our docent who promises a fabulous visit. Stay tuned for further details. Flyers and reservation forms will be mailed out shortly. Our tour starts at 3PM. We will car-pool from the synagogue or you can travel on your own. Save the time and date!

We are happy to announce two upcoming fundraisers which will help you beautify your homes and your holiday tables. Please watch for information regarding Honey for the New Year and Flower Power, which will enhance your gardens and homes.

Our ongoing events continue. Our Sisterhood gift shop has been doing well so that older merchandise has been sold and new items are filling the spaces. Please check out our new goods before Passover. Our weekly yoga classes which are held in the ballroom on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM are continuing. It is taught by our own Gaby Weilmann, who is a certified yoga instructor and physical therapist. Please come and join us for some fun and healthy movement.

For those who want to become more involved or those who

want to remain involved, please feel free to come to our planning meetings. We will be meeting in Menchel Hall on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM and June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 PM. We are looking for volunteers for a nominating committee, to fill our executive board positions for next year. Please contact me at 718-740-4708 if you are interested.

Our end of the season event will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This event promises to be relaxing, cordial and fun. Refreshments will be served. Hold the date.

Beth Diker  
Co-President of Sisterhood



Have you visited our website lately? The web address is [www.hollishillsjc.org](http://www.hollishillsjc.org).

The site has been given a new look with more up-to-date information. There is a section where you can find Shabbat hours for the coming weekend. There is an events section to keep you informed on all of our exciting programs.

Please check out all the changes and let us know if you have any suggestions to further aid us in putting our best face on the web for current and potential members.

More about Purim: Special thanks to the ten women who came forward to help "stuff" those goody bags. Because of you, it only took one hour to do 2 4 0 b a g s !

Also, for those who may wonder where Sisterhood donates the charity dollars that you give as part of the Purim Project - here is where donations for 2014 were sent : American Friends of Neve Hanna, an Israeli Youth Village; the American Zionist Organization's purim project to assist disadvantaged Israeli youth; DOROT, a New York group helping the elderly; Friends of Yad Sarah, a major Israeli charity that watches out for shut ins, the elderly, and the disabled; the Masorti Foundation's IDF Lone Soldier Project; the Masorti Foundation's project to help provide Bar and Bat Mitzvahs for Israeli children with special needs; MAZON, a Jewish Response to Hunger; Nalaga'at Center, working with the Israeli deaf and blind; Tomchei Shabbat of Queens - feeding the needy.

If you know of a charity — local, regional, national, or international — that could use help with a relatively small check, please just drop a note to the Sisterhood.



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Sandie Baker  
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*Rossinsky*  
Susan Mintz

*In honor of Robyn Rosenberg,*  
*Jaye Solomowitz and Violetta*  
*Mordukhayeva to thank them*  
*for taking such good care of*  
*Aryeh when he came to school*  
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*In memory of Sydney G.*  
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Rose Solasz

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Anita Goldowski

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Melvin Fastow

*In memory of Sydney Gersten*  
Ronnie Gersten

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Harold Feinberg & Family

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*Izzy Farber*  
Suzanne & Nathan Heilweil

*Wishing a continued recovery*  
*to Paul Reich*

Linda & Arthur Liederman

*In honor of the birth of Cara &*  
*Michael Trager's new grand-*  
*son, Max, to Eric & Alyssa*

Linda & Arthur Liederman  
Carol & Joel Lieber  
Beate & George Axelrad  
Michelle & Neil Zitofsky

*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to*  
*Mrs. Gaitman*  
Marty Kevelson

*In memory of Daniel Siegel*  
Barbara & Steven Siegel

*In memory of Lillian Ulrich*  
Eleanor Ulrich and Family

*In memory of Rita Hertz*  
Harriet & Bernd Bildstein



*Wishing Refuah Shelemah to  
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Lynne & Marty Kevelson

*In memory of Alexander Pfau*

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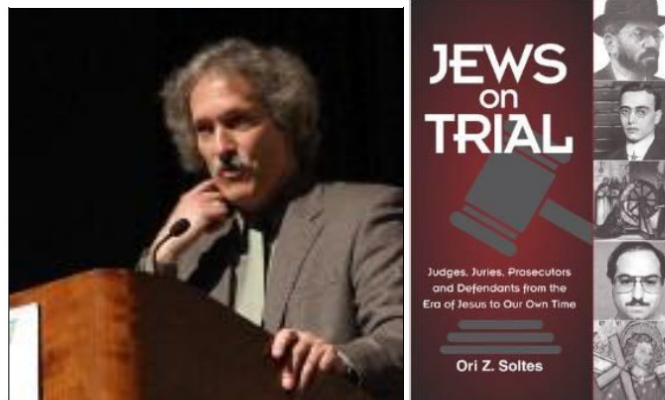
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Dr. Ori Z. Soltes teaches at Georgetown University across a range of disciplines, political history, art history, theology and philosophy. Last year he spoke at Hollis Hills on the topic: *Untangling the Web in the Middle East*. He is the author of over 240 books, articles, exhibition catalogues, and essays on a range of topics. Recent books include *Jews on Trial*; *Our Sacred Signs*; *Jewish, Christian and Muslim Mysticism*; and *Untangling the Web: A Thinking Person's Guide to Why the Middle East is a Mess and Always has Been*. Recent lectures on the Middle East have taken him from Turkey to California; and op eds on "The Arab Spring" and "The Two-State Solution" have appeared in a number of media.

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**Rabbi Dr. H. Joseph Simckes**  
**Life After Retirement**  
**Jews, Guns and Gentiles**

Clint Eastwood (Director) and Brad Cooper (leading role) can take justifiable pride in the incredible commercial success of their cinematic block-buster, "**The American Sniper**", the highest grossing war-film of all time. The film highlights the amazing military career of Chris Kyle, the most lethal sniper in U.S. history. Apparently, millions of Americans have become enamored of this gun-focused film ... and its hero. Not the director, not the leading actor or the real life hero, Kyle, upon which the entire film is based is of the Jewish faith. For some reason, this exclusively gentile-gun connection seems absolutely normal.

In addition, despite some negative buzz from various PC anti-war critics, this great gun-film has won many coveted national film nominations and awards this past year, as I am sure "*everyone knows*". Are you also aware, that a film with a similar title, "**The Sniper**", captured significant audience attention back in 1952. It dealt with domestic American rifle-use rather than military. Again, I don't know of any public Jewish figure involved in that gun-film.

Question: Do Jews as an ethnic entity have any particular specific relationship with guns - pro or con- in cinema or beyond ? Well, one particular instance of a very positive nature occurred in the mid- nineteenth

century when a Jewish gentleman named Philo Jacobi\*, made an international name for himself as a real life, gun- totin'/ rifle-shootin' Jew. By trade, he followed a more stereotypical career. He was the publisher of the San Francisco newspaper, "**The Hebrew**".

In 1868 he made it over to Germany where he won the Berlin shooting championship, leaving all the other European and other international competitors in the dust. At the time, he represented the American Sharpshooters Association of New York. Think of it: a Jew and his trusty gun outshot every gentile in the world present in the competition!

In fact, I've heard tell that out in the American far west at that time there were a few fearsome Jewish gunslingers who made a name for themselves as very handy with a shootin' iron! (As a boy growing up in Salem, Mass., I even heard it whispered that the reason **The Lone Ranger** wore a mask was that he didn't want his Jewish grandmother, Bubbie Sorreh Leah, to know that he played with guns!).

Levity aside-, in the Israeli Defense Forces today, the relationship between guns and Jews is very deep and strong, indeed. The Israeli army has a definitive, official philosophy. It is called, "*Tohar Haneshek*, i.e. *The Purity* (or, perhaps, even more nuanced), *The Sanctity Of Weapons*", whereby guns and other instruments of war

must be handled with the greatest of care and respect, used only for purposes of self-defense and the preservation of life.

Visitors in Israeli synagogues today will notice that certain Jews present will be carrying pistols or rifles on Shabbat or Yom Tov – for obvious security reasons – and no one will even blink.

This subject- is a serious, complex one, for sure. But this seems abundantly clear: both Jews and gentiles have the legal right,- nay, the necessity and moral obligation!- not only to bear arms (in the proper manner and appropriate time, of course) but to use them within the parameters of a just society in the interests of Shalom.

Rabbi Dr. Hirsch Joseph Simckes.

\* - Two years later, in 1870, Sgt. Leo Karpelis, of the 11th New York (over half were Jewish!) received the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in "The Battle of the Wilderness", the first Jew to be so honored. We know of at least 7,000 other Jews who fought for the north in the bloody US Civil War.



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