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### Jewish Senior Life Receives \$2 Million Gift

Jewish Senior Life is very pleased to announce a transformational gift from the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation.

This generous gift of \$2,000,000 combined with the Farash Foundation's initial campaign pledge of \$5,000,000, will be the largest single gift to the Jewish Senior Life Power of One capital campaign. The campaign supports the Jewish Home's \$83 million campus transformation project.

To commemorate the Farash Foundation for their generosity, the Jewish Home tower will be named "Farash Tower"



Max and Marian Farash (farashfoundation.org)

in honor of Max and Marian Farash, who were both quiet and generous benefactors to the Rochester community.

"The Farash Foundation has  
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### David's Sling System Goes Online Amid Heightened Tension



A test of Israel's David's Sling missile defense system in November 2012. (Israeli Ministry of Defense/Flash90)

BY ADAM ABRAMS

Israel's David's Sling anti-missile system became operational Sunday, marking the completion of the Jewish state's three-tiered air defense arsenal.

David's Sling, also known as the "Magic Wand," joins the Iron Dome and Arrow systems, with all three missile interceptors jointly developed and funded by the U.S. and Israel. As the middle tier of Israel's missile defense apparatus, David's Sling is designed to intercept mid-to-long-range ballistic missiles with ranges between 25-190 miles. Iron Dome inter-  
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### Letter Written to Grand Mufti From Himmler Uncovered



Himmler and the Mufti shaking hands

The archives of the National Library of Israel have revealed another document that attests to a connection between Nazi Germany and Mufti Hajj Amin  
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### In Era of Trump and Iran Deal, AIPAC Conference an Exercise in Managing Reality

BY JACOB KAMARAS

WASHINGTON — In recent years, the AIPAC lobby's policy conferences have centered on hot-button issues such as the emerging and later finalized Iran nuclear deal, tension between the Obama administration and Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's controversial speech to Congress, and the surprising rise of candidate and now President Donald Trump.

For the 2017 iteration of arguably the world's largest annual pro-Israel gathering, the issues remained sensitive, but reality set in. The Iran deal and a Trump presidency have become facts of life, albeit highly contested ones. The Obama era has come and gone.

At the AIPAC conferences of the past several years, questions on outcomes hovered over the summits: Who will be the next president? Will



Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair (left) and former CNN correspondent Frank Sesno on the 2017 AIPAC Policy Conference's stage Sunday. (AIPAC)

world powers and Iran reach a deal? This year, there were questions on implementation: How should Trump handle the chaotic and complex Middle East? How can America work

to curb Iran's regional aggression? The discourse on AIPAC's flagship issue — the U.S.-Israel relationship and its associated priorities — has shifted from  
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### How to Survive Political Arguments During the First Seder of the Trump Era

BY BEN SALES

NEW YORK (JTA) — After Donald Trump won the presidential election, Sheila Katz wasn't sure she wanted to come home for Thanksgiving.

As the politically liberal member of a conservative family, she had been comfortable sparring with her relatives during the Obama administration. But as Thanksgiving approached, she found it hard to get over the fact that her

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(Richard T. Nowitz / age fotostock / Getty Images)

### Initial Victory for Plaintiffs in Path-Breaking Lawsuit Against ASA for its Boycott of Israel

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States District Court for the District of Columbia (D.C.) has rejected efforts by the American Studies Association (ASA) to suppress a lawsuit filed against the Association by its own members challenging the ASA's adoption of a boycott of all Israeli academic institutions. The judge ruled in favor of the ASA professors in four out of six claims, and authorized the case to go forward.

According to the plaintiffs, the boycott adopted by ASA  
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In December 2013, the American Studies Association approved a boycott of Israeli academic institutions, such as the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (pictured). (Yonatan Sindell/Flash90)



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# CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

APRIL 2017																				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22

## FRIDAY, APRIL 7

**Clergy Day the Sacred Calling — Teaching With Our Special Guests**, at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 8:30 a.m. RSVP required. For more information, trichardson@tbk.org.

**Challah Baking**, at Temple Emanu-El, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. With Rabbi Drorah Setel. The dough will be prepared at 9 a.m. and braided at 11 a.m. Come at either time. Free, family-friendly, and open to the community. 266-1978.

**Shabbat Reception & Services**, at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 5:15 p.m. For more information, trichardson@tbk.org.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 8

**Chevra Torah Study**, at Temple Emanu-El, 9:15 a.m. every week until April 29. Rabbi Drorah Setel leads Chevra Torah study, an in-depth discussion of the weekly Torah portion that combines traditional commentaries with contemporary perspectives and the wisdom of our own experience. Free and open to the community. For more information, 266-1978.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9

**(Re)Introduction to Judaism**, at Temple Emanu-El, 10 a.m. This year-long course, taught by Rabbi Drorah Setel, is an exploration of Judaism as an adult tradition and practice. It is intended both for those new to Judaism and those who would like a more contemporary and nuanced understanding of Jewish experience. For more information, call 266-1978 or email rabbi@emanuelrochester.org.

**Sunday Series**, at Temple B'rith Kodesh Adult Lounge, 10 a.m. Speakers and discussions on a variety of current topics. Coffee and bagels available at 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Kelly Levy: "Shalom Y'all! Wait, there are Jews in the South?" For more information, call 244-7060.

**J-Serve: The International Day of Jewish Youth Service**, at M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, 2:30 p.m. Projects may include gardening, cleaning indoor and outdoor spaces, and/or a non-violence workshop. This event is open to all teens in 6th-12th grades. RSVP requested. For more information, rgordon@jewishrochester.org.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11

**WXXI Reachout Radio** reads *The Jewish Ledger*, 1 p.m. 258-0333.

## FRIDAY, MONTH DATE

**Challah Baking**, at Temple Emanu-El, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. See April 7.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 15

**Chevra Torah Study**, at Temple Emanu-El, 9:15 a.m. every week until April 29. See April 8.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16

**(Re)Introduction to Judaism**, at Temple Emanu-El, 10 a.m. See April 9. **NO CLASS THIS DAY.**

## High-Stakes

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Islamic State.

A third conflict involves heavyweight regional actors — Jordan, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states, and Israel — each pursuing their interests in Syria, with a clear alignment of Israeli-Sunni-Gulf interests.

The Syrian Civil War, Magen said, is "approaching an end" thanks to Russia's "smart use of limited power, which got the rebels to agree to negotiate. Separately, Islamic State is being

pushed aside."

Russia is now pushing to create a federal entity in Syria, and is trying to provide each regional power — including Israel — with a portion of influence designed to fulfill their key interests, Magen argued. For example, Russia is likely seeking to meet the Israeli and Jordanian interest in creating an Iranian-free zone in southern Syria, although Moscow cannot eject the Iranians from all of Syria.

At the same time, Russia is trying to meet the interests of

Iran and Turkey, while keenly waiting for the Trump administration to formulate its own position on Syria, Magen said.

Israel's regional military prowess means Russia has no choice but to take Israeli interests into account, Magen believes. Israel can act as "the great spoiler" of Russia's plans if Jerusalem's interests are not cared for, he said.

"Russia will continue to work hard to implement a solution," said Magen, "and wait for the U.S. to clarify its position." ✦

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## Jewish Senior Life

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been a long-standing partner and supporter of Jewish Senior Life," said Mike King, President and CEO of Jewish Senior Life. "This will help us take person-centered care to the next level by updating our campus to redefine home and revolutionize care for the individuals we serve."

"It was important to our Foundation to support this sweeping upgrade to Jewish Home facilities," said Nathan J. Robfogel, Chair of the Farash

Foundation Board of Trustees. "In terms of care and environment, these changes will accrue greatly to the benefit of Jewish Home residents far into the future."

About the Farash Foundation: Residents of Rochester for virtually all of their lives, Max and Marian Farash cared deeply about their community. In 1988, they established the Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation, which makes grants to nonprofit organizations in Monroe and Ontario

Counties, half of them for Jewish projects and programs.

About Jewish Senior Life: Serving people of all faiths and ethnic backgrounds, Jewish Senior Life is guided by the values of honoring family and emphasizing aging in place — allowing people to remain in the place of their choice longer. Jewish Senior Life is a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), offering all levels of care from independent living to skilled nursing care on a single campus. ✦

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and the Ladies Auxilliary**



*Sunday, May 7*  
**4:30 p.m., \$30/person**  
*Atkins Center of the Jewish Home*  
**2021 S. Winton Road**

**Reservations to Seymour Weinstein 427-8852**



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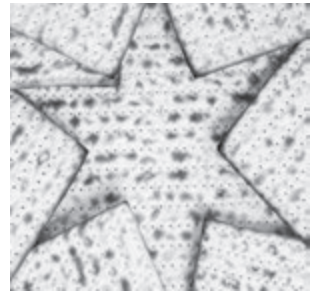
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