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Jewish Senior Life Appoints New Chief Medical Officer

Jewish Senior Life™ announced the appointment of Dr. Karyn Leible as its new senior vice president, medical services and chief medical officer. In this role, she will be responsible for overseeing Jewish Senior Life's medical department and will be part of the senior management team.



Dr. Karyn Leible

Leible came to Jewish Senior Life from the Pinon Management Company in Lakewood, Colo. where she had clinical oversight

of 12 long term care facilities.

Leible is currently the president of the American Medical Directors Association. She completed her M.D. degree at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, and her residency

in internal medicine and a fellowship in geriatrics also at the University of Colorado. Leible is Board Certified in internal medicine, hospice and palliative care and is a certified medical director. ★

Adelsons Donate \$5 Million to Birthright



Sheldon and Miriam Adelson

(JTA) — Sheldon and Miriam Adelson are contributing an additional \$5 million to Birthright Israel, which the organization says will move 2,000 applicants from waitlisted to traveling this winter.

The contribution announced Wednesday, a day after the Adelsons were honored in Washington by the group, doubles their contribution for this year to \$10 million.

“In light of this announcement, Taglit-Birthright Israel is now sending letters to 2,000 North American young adults who had applied for a trip this winter but were waitlisted, informing them that they will now be able to go on the free, 10-day educational trip in the coming months thanks to the new funding,” the group said. “Nearly 22,500 North Americans had registered for Taglit-Birthright Israel trips this winter and over 10,000 young adults had been waitlisted.”

The Adelsons' foundation has given Birthright more than \$100 million since 2007.

Adelson, a casino magnate, is a major giver to Jewish and conservative causes. ★

Israel Releases Funds to Palestinian Authority

BY ETHAN BRONNER
JERUSALEM (New York Times) — Israel agreed on Wednesday to transfer to the Palestinian Authority about \$100 million in tax and customs payments that it has withheld for four weeks in protest over the

Palestinians' membership efforts at the United Nations and pursuit of power-sharing with Hamas.

The decision to release the money was made at a meeting of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's senior cabinet ministers “after the Palestinian Authority stopped taking unilateral moves,” according to a message from Netanyahu's office sent to journalists. “If the Palestinians return to taking unilateral steps,

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Barney Frank Leaves as He Served: With a Sharp Wit

BY RON KAMPEAS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — Barney Frank's talk of retirement was anything but retiring.

The veteran Jewish congressman's announcement on Monday that he would not seek reelection was replete with the same caliber of verbal bombs — lobbed and received — that characterized much of his career.

Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat, attributed his decision not to run in 2012 in part on what



Barney Frank

he said was the Republican polarization of the legislative process.

The House GOP caucus, he said at his news conference, “consists half of people who think like Michele Bachmann and half of people who are afraid of losing a primary to people who think like Michele Bachmann,” referring to the GOP presidential hopeful and conservative Minnesota congresswoman.

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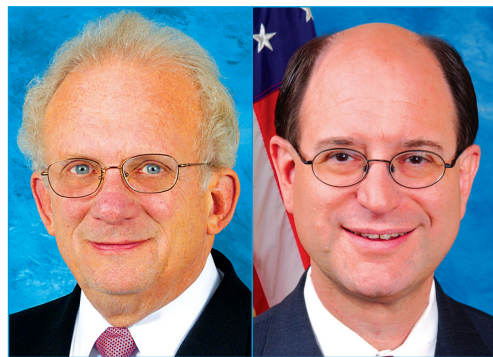
In Sherman-Berman Race, Grass-Roots Strength Faces Off With Capitol Hill Heft

BY RON KAMPEAS

WASHINGTON (JTA) — The California race between Democratic congressional incumbents Howard Berman and Brad Sherman is seen as pitting experience against energy, compromise against confrontation and — painfully for many in the Jewish community — pro-Israel stalwart against pro-Israel stalwart.

“These are two guys who are extraordinary leaders on issues of importance to those who care about Israel,” said a pro-Israel insider in Washington who, like many others in the community, asked not to be identified in order not to offend either congressman.

“Congress will be lessened by one of them not being there,” said the insider, who likened the choice to Solomon's judgment



Howard Berman (left) and Brad Sherman

to split the baby.

Berman, 70, and Sherman, 57, currently represent adjacent districts in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley. They have been thrown against one another because of the post-census redrawing of California's electoral map by a nonpartisan commission.

Both men reside in the new 30th District, which encompasses most of Sherman's current district in the western San Fer-

nando Valley. Berman opted not to run in the new 29th District in the eastern San Fernando Valley, which includes much of his current district but has a larger Hispanic majority than he now represents.

The 30th includes a substantial Jewish community, making it a natural fit for either lawmaker — but not for both.

Under California's election laws, the two top vote-getters in the nonpartisan June primary will face off in the general election. In a strongly Democratic district, that means a Berman-Sherman showdown in November is likely.

While they do have some policy differences on issues such as trade policy — Berman last month supported recent trade

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What Is the Progressive Case for Israel?

BY DAVID HIRSH

What is the progressive case for Israel? Why should a nation state need somebody to make its case? What is the progressive case for France or for Poland? Before the French Revolution, the question of France was still open. Was Marseille to be part of the same Republic as Brittany? When there was a political movement for the foundation of France, then there was a case for and also a case against France. When Poland was half engulfed by the Soviet Union and half by the Third Reich, there was a progressive case for Poland. But today, thankfully,

Poland exists. It doesn't need a 'case.'

There are reasons to be ambivalent about nationalism. Nationalist movements have often stood up against forces which threaten human freedom. Nationalism offers us a way of visualizing ourselves as part of a community in which we look after each other. But being part of something also means defining others as not being part of it, as being excluded from it. The left should fight for freedom with the nationalists but we should also remember the dangers of nationalism. Like John Lennon, we should imagine a world

where people no longer feel the need to protect themselves against external threat, but until it exists, it is wise for communities to retain the possibility of self-defense.

Progressives in France or Poland might hope to dissolve their states into the European Union, or into a global community. In that sense there is still a possible case to be made for Poland or for France. But nobody thinks that either has to justify their existences to anybody outside. Not even Germany after the crimes of the Second World War had to justify its existence.

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