



## One Million Jews in Over 1,000 Cities Take Part in Global Shabbat Project



The Shabbat Project in Buenos Aires (*The Shabbat Project*)

BY ANAV SILVERMAN

This year's global Shabbat Project encompassed 1,150 cities in 94 countries around the

world, drawing a record number of participants as over one million people took part in the (*Shabbat Project* – Page 4)

## 270-Year-Old Chanukah Lamp Fetches \$440K at Auction



(JTA) — A 270-year-old Chanukah lamp became the most expensive artifact of its kind sold in the Netherlands in recent memory after it fetched \$441,000 at auction.

The menorah, which belonged

to the family of a Dutch Jewish resistance fighter killed by the Nazis, was sold last week by the Venduehuis der Notarissen auction house in The Hague to an unnamed Jewish collector, the Omroep West broadcaster reported.

Manufactured in Amsterdam in 1747, the menorah, which used to be part of the collection of the family of George Maduro, triggered an international bidding war that caught the auctioneers unprepared, according to the NOS broadcaster.

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## Travel to Israel From North America Will Jump 5 Percent in 2016, Officials Project



A cable car ascending the Masada fortress, one of Israel's most popular tourist destinations. (K.Szajowski via Wikimedia Commons)

A record number of North Americans have traveled to Israel so far this year, and Israeli tourism officials expect to finish out 2016 with a 5-percent increase during the last year.

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## Jewish Senior Life Foundation Launches Public Phase of Capital Campaign

Jewish Senior Life has raised \$20 million in support of its capital campaign and is now launching the public phase of the campaign to fund the remainder of the project. Edward Bloom, Esq., and Michael Haymes, Chairman of the Jewish Senior Life Foundation Board, are leading the campaign as co-chairs.

The purpose of the "Power of One" campaign is to help support Jewish Senior Life's campus transformation, an \$83 million project that is trans- (*Capital Campaign* – Page 2)



## Campus Warrior Tells High School Seniors About College Anti-Semitism



Tammi Rossman-Benjamin's talk before high school seniors in Rochester, NY, November 16. (Tim Altier)

BY JNI.MEDIA

On Wednesday, November 16 Tammi Rossman-Benjamin,

co-founder of the AMCHA Initiative which combats campus anti-Semitism in America, spoke

with 25 Brighton High School students in Rochester, NY. Later, in the evening, she spoke to an audience of 150 concerned parents, educators and community members. Both events were organized by Roc4Israel.

In early November, the Rochester Campus Times reported confrontations between pro-Israel and pro-Palestinian students at an event organized by the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) after the screening of "The Occupation of the American Mind: Israel's Public Relations War in the United States."

Noah Spivak, president of the (*Campus Warrior* – Page 7)

## Jewish Opposition Grows to Keith Ellison's Bid to Head Democratic National Committee

BY RAFAEL MEDOFF

WASHINGTON — A growing number of pro-Israel activists and Jewish community figures are expressing concern that Minnesota's U.S. Rep. Keith Ellison will turn the Democratic Party away from Israel if he is elected party chairman.

The election of Ellison "would bode badly for Jews," longtime Democratic consultant Dr. Hank Sheinkopf told JNS.org. "His positions on Israel fit the pattern, noted by recent research, of identified liberal anti-Israel bias and the movement of Democrats away from Israel."



Rep. Keith Ellison speaks at a Hillary Clinton campaign event at the University of Minnesota in October. (Lorie Shaull via Wikimedia Commons)

### Defending Farrakhan

Ellison's controversial statements and actions date back

to the 1990s, when he served as a local spokesman in Minnesota for Louis Farrakhan's

Nation of Islam movement. Ellison raised eyebrows when (*Keith Ellison* – Page 6)



# Iran Transfers Surplus Heavy Water to Oman

Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency is reporting that the country has transferred some of its surplus heavy water to Oman for sale.

The late Sunday report quotes Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, as saying, "In view of the progress of talks with several foreign firms and countries to purchase heavy

water, some quantities of Iran's surplus production has been transferred to Oman."

Iran was criticized last week by the head of the UN's atomic watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, for Tehran's second minor breach this year of the 2015 nuclear deal with major powers.

A report showed that Iran's stock of so-called heavy water

had inched above the level agreed under the landmark accord.

Heavy water, a modified form of normal water, is used in certain types of nuclear reactors.

The 2015 nuclear deal states that Iran's "needs" are estimated to be around 130 metric tons of heavy water.

"It is important that such situations should be avoided in future in order to maintain international confidence in the implementation" of the deal, Yukiya Amano, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said last week in Vienna.



Iran's heavy water nuclear facilities near the central city of Arak. (CC-BY-SA 3.0/Wikimedia/Nanking2012)

The 2015 nuclear deal went into effect in January to cap Tehran's nuclear activities in

exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions. ★

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## Senior Hamas Official Believes Trump is Secretly Jewish

A senior official from the Palestinian terror group Hamas believes President-elect Donald Trump is secretly Jewish due to Trump's love for money.

"Trump loves the Jews, and not only because he likes the Jewish religion. I do not rule out the possibility that he is a Jew," Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar told Al-Jazeera earlier this month, according to a new report from the Middle East Media Research Institute.

"He loves the Jewish religion," al-Zahar added, "and the most important thing in the Jewish religion is Jewish money."

Following Trump's election victory, Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said the identity of the U.S. president makes little



Donald Trump. (Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons)

difference to the Palestinian terror group.

"The Palestinian people is not very much concerned about the changes in American policies towards the Palestinian cause because such a policy is constant

and is based on bias in favor of the Israeli occupation," Zuhri said. "However, we urge the American president to reevaluate this policy and to work on bringing justice to the Palestinians." ★

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## Capital Campaign

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forming long-term care housing into a small-home setting for residents and expanding transitional care to meet a growing need. Three modern three-story buildings, housing a total of nine small homes, are taking shape on the Jewish Senior Life campus, progressing toward a fall 2017 grand opening. The full project is expected to be complete in February 2019.

"For nearly a century, the Jewish Home of Rochester has been committed to meeting the unique needs of the elders in our community, and to this day our residents are at the center of everything we do," said Mike King, President and CEO of Jewish Senior Life. "With the help of our generous donors, we're taking person-centered care to the next level by updating our campus to redefine home and revolutionize care for the individuals we serve."

Primary campus updates include:

- Construction of three modern three-story buildings with a total of nine homes, with 12 residents to each home. Homes are being built under the Green House® Project model, a nationally-accredited organization representing a new standard in long-term and post-acute care. Jewish Senior Life will be one

of the largest Green House communities in the United States.

- Renovation of the existing Jewish Home to incorporate a small home model featuring all private rooms and bathrooms for all long-term care residents.

- Expansion of The Jewish Home of Rochester's Transitional Care program (short-term rehabilitation) to better serve its hospital partners. All transitional care rooms will be private rooms inside The Jewish Home. Transitional Care at The Jewish Home will be one of the largest post-acute care providers in Monroe County.

Jewish Senior Life broke ground on the project in June 2016, starting with a celebration that brought together donors and community leaders, employees, residents and residents' families.

"Community support for our vision and project has been extraordinary," said Joel Weiss, Senior Vice President of Advancement, Jewish Senior Life Foundation, "While there is much to do, we fully expect to reach our goal."

For more information on how you can support the Jewish Senior Life Foundation, please call (585) 784-6378. To learn about Jewish Senior Life's continuum of care and community-based services, please visit Jewish Senior Life online. ★



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