

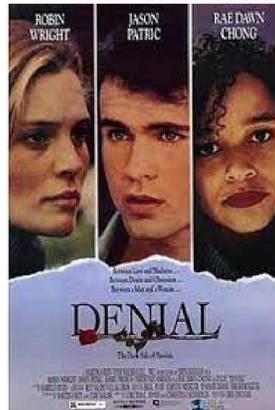


National Council of Jewish Women  
Saddleback section presents



Friday November 12, 2021  
9:30, Clubhouse 5  
(and ZOOM)

## Movie, Denial



A biographical film based on Deborah Lipstadt's book History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier. It dramatizes the Irving v Penguin Books Ltd case, in which Lipstadt, a Holocaust scholar, was sued for libel by Holocaust denier David Irving.

In preparation for the meeting it is suggested that you watch Ted Talk-*Behind the lies of Holocaust denial* on You Tube. "There are facts, there are opinions, and there are lies," says historian Deborah Lipstadt. (15 minutes)

We will be collecting goods for South County Outreach: warm socks, toiletries, combs, toothbrushes, throw away safety razors, toothpaste, deodorant, coloring books and pencils for the children.

Questions about the program: Linda Mendelsohn 949 309 1442

**Members Free**

**Guests \$3.00 donation**

**9:30 am wrapped cakes, coffee and conversation**

**10:00 am Movie will start promptly**

For Laguna Woods residents and their guests only.

**PROOF OF VACCINATION REQUIRED.**

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### Mission Statement

The National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. Inspired by Jewish values, NCJW strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and families and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

## President's Message

by Sharon Beck, President  
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Aloha, we are in beautiful Hawaii. Things are gradually opening up, but many things are permanently closed like other things in the USA. Masks are a must everywhere.

On September 29, 2021, NCJW, along with partners CatholicsChoice, Ultra Violet, NARAL, Pro Choice America Foundation, Move, and MOMS Rising delivered a petition asking the Senate to pass the Woman's Health Protection Act. It is still awaiting a vote on the Senate floor. Women all over the country need our support.

Last month we had a speaker from the LGBTQ organization in Orange County. The speaker was projected onto a screen to the live audience via zoom. It was great to see everyone in person. We need to thank Rabbi Joe for helping us with all the technical aspects. Members brought diapers and supplies that were taken to MOMs of OC.

On November 3rd, we will have a coffee welcoming new members. So far, eight are planning to attend.

At our next meeting we will show the film Denial. This is really a very interesting film about Holocaust deniers. See the flyer on the first page.

Now that we can do more together, I am looking forward to meetings and events. We are planning a Game Day as well as a luncheon Fashion Show.

So what can you do? Bring friends to meetings, volunteer to work on a committee, keep informed by going to the NCJW website and pushing the **ACT** button.

We look forward to seeing more of you at meetings. Stay well.

# Advocacy

by Linda Mendelsohn

The speaker at our October meeting, Pat Corley, Executive Director of The LGBTQ Center, was very informative and presented the material in such a way that everyone left with a greater understanding of the trials and tribulations that being LGBTQ means to individuals. When one understands the scope of the challenges that each must face, you come to appreciate organizations, such as the LGBTQ Center, who have been active in the community for 50 years.

Most attendees brought in donations for MOMS and Ginny Frogel will deliver them on our behalf. Later on in the year we will once again collect diapers and other items needed so be on the lookout for sales.

At our November meeting we will be watching the movie "Denial," which is a biographical film based on Deborah Lipstadt's book *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*. It dramatizes the *Irving v Penguin Books Ltd* case, in which Lipstadt, a Holocaust scholar, was sued for libel by Holocaust denier David Irving. In order to be able to view the movie in its entirety we will need to start the meeting promptly at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be available from 9:30 and in order to start on time, Sharon Beck, the President of the Saddleback Section, will speak while we are enjoying our breakfast snack.

In preparation of the meeting I suggest that you watch *Ted Talk-Behind the lies of Holocaust denial* on You Tube. "There are facts, there are opinions, and there are lies," says historian Deborah Lipstadt, telling the remarkable story of her research into Holocaust deniers and their deliberate distortion of history. Lipstadt encourages us all to go on the offensive against those who assault the truth and facts. "Truth is not relative," she says. Please put this on your calendar and join us.

Also at this meeting we will be collecting goods for South County Outreach. I would like you to bring in items to be used by women and children who find themselves without a home at this time in their lives. No clothing or shoes, but warm socks are most appreciated. Think of coloring books with colored pencils, sketch pads, toiletries, combs, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, throw away safety razors. Put yourself in the mother's position and think about what you would want. Rabbi Joe Mendelsohn, the Chairperson for our connection to SCO, will deliver the goods to them.

# Israel Report

by Diane Levin

**Chess for Peace** To mark International Peace Day on September 21st, Israeli organizations Chess4All and Sharaka (Arabic for “Partnership”) hosted an international “Peace Day Chess Tournament.” There were over 600 participants including from Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Bangladesh.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=201h97erlog>

**Aliyah up by 31%** Despite the pandemic, immigration to Israel has increased by 31% over the same period last year to over 20,000. From the USA the increase was 41%, from France 55% and South Africa 56%.

**They will all come to Jerusalem** Approximately one million people visited the Western Wall during the High Holy Day season this year. Rabbi of the Western Wall, Shmuel Rabinowitz said it was “proof of the Jewish nation’s connection with the Western Wall, which unites us all through preserving tradition and its holiness.”

**Innovating in the Bible** Excellent Hashana Rabba OU (Orthodox Union) lecture by Michael Eisenberg. He highlights how Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph were innovators. Maybe Jews and Israelis inherited these characteristics! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jDITBdEsd4k>

**Exports rose 24%** Israeli exports of goods and services rose 24% in the first half of 2021 to \$67.6 billion compared to the same period in 2020. Exports rose an unprecedented 38% in the second quarter.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/israeli-exports-rise-24-percent-after-unprecedented-recovery-680422>

**Microsoft believes in Israel** Microsoft says it will double the number of employees in its Israeli research and development (R&D) department to 4,500 in the next four years. Microsoft’s 2,000 R&D staff is 30% more than 18 months ago. Meanwhile, Microsoft’s venture fund M12 invested in Israeli employee tech GrowthSpace.

**Investment in Israeli startups** **Orca Security** raised \$340 million; **Valens** raised \$155 million (IPO) **Totango** raised \$100 million; **Optimove** raised \$75 million; **Speedata** raised \$70 million; **EquityBee** raised \$55 million; **Avo** raised \$45 million; **Aviv Scientific** raised \$40 million; **Empathy** raised \$30 million; **Buligo Capital** raised \$20 million (TASE IPO); **Appwrite** raised \$10 million; **MetoMotion** raised \$5 million; **Joyned** raised \$4 million; **Tasq.ai** raised \$4 million.

**Making beautiful music together** On 26th September, the StandWithUs Interfaith Alliance held a musical celebration of Israel. Christian and Jewish voices came together in support of Israel.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EJAoFJRfvvc> <https://www.standwithus.com/interfaithalliance-live>

**A new way to promote coexistence** Israeli organization “A New Way” connects Arabs and Jews through drama, sports, music, discussions, and volunteering. Initially a project between two schools in Kfar Kassem and Ramat Hasharon, it now serves many thousands (children and adults) in dozens of Israeli communities.

**Help for Afghans** Israel’s SmartAID is helping give mental health support to at-risk women in Afghanistan. They are also providing cell phones, data packages and solar battery packs. Separately, Israel’s Global Development Corporation is rescuing Afghan refugees and even received praise from CNN.

**Israeli-American shares Nobel Prize for Economics** Professor Joshua Angrist has just won a share in this year’s Nobel Prize for Economics for his work on “natural experiments.” Angrist made Aliya in 1982 but gained his master’s and PhD in the US. He taught at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Harvard, and MIT.

**Joint statement to the UN from Abraham Accords nations** UAE, Bahrain and Morocco issued a joint statement at the United Nations Human Rights Council. Based on U.N. Resolution 1325; the statement stressed the value of women's influence on human-rights matters, peace, sustainable development, and security.

**Technion top in Europe for AI research** CSRankings (Computer Science Rankings) has rated Israel's Technion Institute Europe's number one institute for machine-learning research. It also placed the Technion at number 11 in the world for machine learning research and 15th in the world for AI (Artificial Intelligence) research.

**A better name search engine** Scientists at Israel's Ben-Gurion University have developed algorithms that can identify names that sound similar but are not necessarily written in the same way. It will help companies to search job applicants or individuals who might want to search for a distant relative.

<https://in.bgu.ac.il/en/pages/news/name-search.aspx>

**End of the 4th wave?** The number of serious Covid cases in Israel is now under 400 (mostly unvaccinated) and several hospitals have closed their Covid wards. Over 3.8 million Israelis have now had the booster vaccination. The government plans to allow in fully vaccinated, individual tourists from 40 countries from late November, 2021.

**Personalized Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy** Israel's Sagol Center at Shamir Medical Center is the world's largest hyperbaric medicine and research facility. Israel's Aviv Scientific has partnered with Sagol to provide personalized cognitive and physical HBOT training. It also has clinics in Florida and Dubai.

**A med-tech visionary** Israel's PixCell Medical has won the 2021 MedTech Visionary award for Best Medical Device, plus MedTech Visionary in the Field of Medical Devices for Real-Time Blood Testing. PixCell's HemoScreen allows blood tests to be performed by anyone, anywhere.

<https://nocamels.com/2021/10/israels-pixcell-medical-wins-2021-medtech-visionaries-award/>

**Helping Jordan tackle Covid** Mohammed Al-Hadid, president of the Jordanian Red Crescent, praised Israel for training his paramedics to face the Covid pandemic. He said Magen David Adom was "a fantastic organization" and the staff they trained "were instrumental in the Covid crisis."

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***WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!***

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### **ACT**

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### **Community Services**

Reminder: please don't bring clothing to the meetings. Call the chairpeople to make arrangements.

#### **Friendship Shelter**

Chair: Bobby Rosenfeld 583-1895  
Bed linens, towels, blankets and unopened toiletries.

#### **Laura's House (for abused women and children)**

Chair: Linda Berkowitz 859-2775  
Gently used clothing and household goods  
Laura's House Resale Store

#### **SOS**

Chair: Diane Levin 380-1179  
Unopened toiletries, baby clothes, and children's  
books and games.

#### **South County Outreach**

Chair: TBD  
Clothing and household items.

#### **Meals on Wheels**

Chair: Chris Schecter  
Drivers needed for one and a half hours each month  
to deliver meals within Laguna Woods Village.

#### **MOMS Orange County**

Chair: Ginny Frogel 858-220-4617