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The Jews are a people twice born.

We were born first through the outstretched hand of God, who brought us from Egypt, through the parted sea, and delivered us into freedom. That is the birthday we celebrate on Pesach.

But we experienced a second birth at Mt Sinai, when God gave us the Torah, our constitution as a people which sealed our covenant with God. This is the birthday we celebrate on Shavuot.

The first birth, says Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, was the Covenant of Egypt. It was one of shared historical circumstance — what Soloveitchik calls “fate.” That covenant is rooted in the Jewish people’s shared past.

The second birth was the Covenant of Sinai. It was self-chosen. It looks not backward to where we came from, but forward to our shared common purpose — what Soloveitchik calls Jewish destiny.

We needed to be born twice in order to bestow upon us the unique character of the Jewish people. All people, by definition, share a common history. Every people and nation on earth undergo trials together. One might say that the minimum common trait of every nation is just this, its common past. Were the Jewish people only to have a Covenant of Egypt together, then we would really be, as we’ve often desired to be, ככל הגוים, indistinguishable from all the other peoples and nations of the world.

But the experience of Sinai transformed us into something wholly new. We would not have only a common past, but a shared future, as well. We would have a joint project, a purpose, a *telos* as a people. That *telos* was to be bound up forever with the mysterious and demanding gift of the Torah. Our Covenant of Fate, our common historical experience, would no longer be free standing. The project now will be for the Jewish people to work together on making meaning of our past and put that meaning to work in building our future.

Take, for example, the shared experience of living as an oppressed, exploited and persecuted minority in Egypt. Had the Jewish people only shared that experience, and never been given the Torah, we would not know what to make of it. Perhaps the lesson might have been a policy like Rome’s toward Carthage: Raze Egypt to the ground

and sow its fields with salt. Or, perhaps, it might have been to say: Never again will we allow ourselves to be subject to another power; at all costs, we must remain strong. Instead, we were given a rule about the ethical implications of that experience for Jews’ treatment of others: “You shall not oppress a stranger, for you know the experience of being a stranger, having yourselves been strangers in the land of Egypt (Exodus 23:9). As Rabbi Shai Held forcefully argues:

[I]t’s easy to miss just how radical and non-obvious [this injunction] is. The Torah could have responded quite differently to the experience of of oppression in Egypt. It could have said, Since you were tyrannized and exploited and no one did anything to help you, you don’t owe anything to anyone; how dare anyone ask anything of you? But it chooses that opposite path: Since you were exploited and oppressed, you must never be among the exploiters and degraders. You must remember what it feels like to be a stranger. Empathy must animate and intensify your commitment to the dignity and well-being of the weak and vulnerable. And God holds you accountable to this obligation.

(The Heart of Torah, Vol. 1, Mishpatim #1)

Now, the Torah itself hardly resolves all questions of interpretation. As we see today, with the Jewish people split so often between a particularistic and universalistic application of the lessons of our history, Torah is not self-enforcing. But it creates a shared language and framework within which the Jewish people can puzzle out the mystery of our common destiny together.

I worry that the Jewish world is split today not between the universalists and the particularists, or Israel and the diaspora, or orthodox or Reform. All of these divisions are, I believe, profoundly healthy for the body politic of the Jewish people. Just last week, Education Minister Naftali Bennett made this point at the award ceremony of the Israel Prize, that though he himself was convinced that his far-right politics are what’s best for Israel, he would not wish away the tremendous diversity of political views in Israel if he could. Said Bennett: “If I had a button I could push and make all Israelis share my opinion, I would not

push that button. Of course I want to convince those I am debating, but I wouldn't want to make the debate disappear. A number of ideas clash within our people. One group emphasizes the nationhood, others emphasize religion, and a third segment puts universalism and human rights in the center. We need all of them. We must listen to each of these forces. Every side in the debate balances the other, and improves it."

I worry that the Jewish people is split between those who actively participate in working through the Covenant of Sinai — that is, the Jews who understand that what makes us unique is Torah and our ongoing obligation to wrestle with it — and those who have forsaken that covenant and cleave only to the Covenant of Egypt. Jews for whom national belonging is everything. Jews who don't make it a priority to learn, for whom Jewishness is an arbitrary ethno-historical heritage and nothing more. In that split, only one side will prevail: The side that holds fast to Torah. It is Torah that made us *unlike* the other nations. It is Torah that preserved us and sustained us thousands of years beyond the Canaanites and the Edomites and the Seleucids and the Romans. It is for the sake of Torah that the Jews have been sustained.

We must not let Jewish belonging degrade only to Covenant of Fate. We must educate ourselves and our children so that they might take up the mantle of Torah, too. Shavuot must always follow Pesach.

NEW...
Ramah Sports Academy



Ramah Sports Academy is an exciting new Jewish overnight camp for students who are currently in 3rd through 10th grade. The Ramah Sports Academy (RSA) will launch its inaugural summer in June 2018 on the beautiful campus of

Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut, approximately 1.5 hours from New York City. RSA is excited to offer campers top level collegiate athletic fields and facilities that include gymnasiums, an indoor pool, fitness and conditioning facilities, and more. RSA will offer three two-week sessions over the course of the summer. These intensive athletic experiences will take place within an inspiring Jewish environment that has been the hallmark of Ramah camps.



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Ramah (continued)

Campers choose a "major" from among RSA's signature sports: soccer, basketball, baseball, swimming and tennis. Based on demand, additional signature sports may be offered. Campers participate in their major sport for two time blocks each day, totaling approximately 5 hours. All campers also have the opportunity to choose from a wide variety of electives for two hours each day. They may choose to use this time to play one or more of the signature sports or they may choose from a wider range of other electives, including fitness training, Ultimate Frisbee, flag football, spinning, Zumba, yoga, meditation and more. Campers and counselors live in a beautiful college dorm in a private corner of the Fairfield University campus. Ramah has exclusive use of the facility featuring its own kosher kitchen, meeting rooms and lounges. Each dorm room has its own private bathroom and showers and houses up to four people. Campers of similar ages are roomed together adjacent to staff rooms to ensure appropriate supervision and accessibility. The staff consists of senior management, certified athletic coaches, and college-age counselors, who also serve as assistant coaches. Counselors provide leadership and supervision throughout the day, serving as Jewish role models as well as assistant sport instructors.

Throughout the summer, Ramah Sports Academy will focus on four guiding principles, the 4 C's. Through Coaching, Confidence, Community, and Connection, RSA will strive to meet the goals of campers of all athletic ability levels. Ramah Sports Academy has received generous startup funding from the Jim Joseph Foundation and the AVI CHAI Foundation through the Specialty Camp Incubator of the Foundation for Jewish Camp. For additional information or to arrange a personalized meeting about RSA contact info@ramahsport.org visit www.ramahsportsacademy.org or call 1-855-577-7678



A Message from the Executive Director

Several weeks ago, David Oppenheim, who we all know as the Shabbat Usher who greets everyone so warmly on Shabbat morning, sent me an email in which he enclosed a copy of a "Message from the President" that I wrote for a synagogue bulletin 20 years ago. I was prompted to write that article in 1998 for David's 40th birthday, and the fact that on that birthday, he chanted his Bar Mitzvah haftarah for the first time since his 13th birthday. Here we are, 20 years later, and we were blessed to hear David chant the haftarah once again on his 60th birthday. On a personal level I was very touched by the fact that David had saved the synagogue newsletter with my message about his celebration for these 20 years. As a representative of the synagogue, I still believe that what I wrote about 20 years ago and what made our congregation so special then is still true today. May we never lose sight of what make CSFA such a special place. The 20-year-old article follows. I hope you enjoy.

Last Shabbat morning our Synagogue was alive and renewed by one of the most beautiful experiences I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing in our little shut.

David Oppenheim, a young member of our Congregation who is a regular attendee at Shabbat services and other Synagogue functions throughout the year, chanted the same haftarah he chanted at his Bar Mitzvah, and one which I believe is one of the longest ones of the year. Many of David's friends and relatives had come to services on Friday night and again on Shabbat morning to join David on this special morning.

We were lucky to have a Torah reader that morning who did an excellent job, and then it was David's turn- He approached the shulchan, pulled out the haftarah copy from which he had studied, and began to chant a long and difficult haftarah portion.

As he finished, one could see the same smile and happiness overcome him, the relief of finishing and the burden lifted, and the pride in his accomplishment. As one who is often in the Synagogue at odd hours in the evening, or on a Sunday morning, I had seen David there many nights and Sundays, when he would meet his teacher and spend hours and hours preparing for this moment. I fell in at once with his joy and was almost as excited for him as he was for himself. There was a smile across my face as well as David's, and I was genuinely able to partake of the joy of watching him.

Now comes the truly beautiful part. When David finished his haftarah, the Congregation burst out singing Siman Tov v'Mazel Tov. It was as though David, was 13 years old and this was his Bar Mitzvah Day, or he was about to get married and this was his aufruf. There was no secret plan ... no one had made arrangements for the Congregation to start singing... yet suddenly a warmth, a oneness, a love and affection for someone who had worked so hard that a spirit entered into each person in that room and the eruption into song was spontaneous.

It is that feeling... that ability of an entire congregation to be at one with one of its members and fully to be a part of his or her joy that makes a house into a home, and a Synagogue or Jewish Center into a Beit Knesset and Beit Tefilah, a house of coming together and a house of prayer. It binds its members into a community and lifts them up as a community to a higher level where they are truly capable of seeing God's work.

I thank David for allowing us to be a part of his celebration... for creating a moment that caused Rabbi Bardack to stop and

make a special mention of that unique experience.

Yet, for all of us who are a part of the Conservative Synagogue of Fifth Avenue, moments like these are all around us. At Rabbi Bardack's Installation Ceremony on February 1st, the same warmth and outreach was almost tangible in Greenberg Lounge. Everyone seemed to feel happy and part of a community that was lifted from the mundane to a higher spiritual level, even if only for those few hours.

The coming months will provide all of us to experience that wonderful feeling again. We have Purim coming up on March 11th and 12th, and the levity and celebratory atmosphere of Purim should once again lift us to higher heights.

Our community is sponsoring a "5-week Crash Hebrew Reading" course... a chance for involvement and participation. The Rabbi is beginning a new adult education course, 'Women in Genesis', an opportunity for our members to learn and grow together. Later in March we will be able to join with our children to craft our own Seder Plates, which can then adorn your Pesach Seder Table wherever you may celebrate your Passover this year and in the years to come.

The Synagogue is sponsoring a Congregational Second Seder at Lou Seigel's on the, second night of Pesach. The Anfang family is hosting a special Shabbat lecture on the Saturday morning preceding Mother's Day. We are planning a special celebration of Israel's 50th Birthday as well as our annual Gala Reception and Journal, which is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 and honors our immediate past president, Marla Newell.

There is 'so much going on... and with each event and "happening" we are provided by our Synagogue, our Community, our People and our Religion to be a part of something much greater than ourselves: To be a part of the perpetuation of our faith and of our peoplehood and to be a bridge, a link, that connects all that which has come before us with all that which is yet to come.

The future of our people is in your hands. Do not deny yourselves the pleasure and the beauty of experiencing what those of us who were in shul had the ability to experience with David Oppenheim. During those moments, the weight of the world disappears, our petty angers and obsessions disappear, and for a moment we are able to experience divinely inspired happiness.

Best wishes for a Happy Purim. I look forward to seeing all of you at services, at Megillah reading, and at many other Synagogue Community events in the coming months.

What was true 20 years ago is still true today. May we all be able to come together and experience the joy of this year's Anfang Shabbat, Shavuot, our Gala and Journal, and all the times we continue to come together in the future. I look forward to seeing everyone there ... and Thank You David for sharing yourself and your family with us.

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**A MESSAGE FROM THE
ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS
COMMITTEE**

By Pam Wolf

Hi everyone! We've had some successful and very well attended events this past month, such as the Yom Hazikaron-Yom Hatzmuot evening. We have a lot of things going on in May such as Lag B'Omer, the Sadie Anfang weekend, and Shavuot.

The Sadie Anfang event, which is always held on Mother's Day weekend, features a special guest speaker and an elaborate lunch held in the garden, weather permitting. This annual special event is sponsored by Harold Anfang in memory of his beloved mother. This year's speaker is Jeremy Dauber, a yiddishist and expert on Jewish comedy.

On May 17th, prior to Shavuot, Lynn Kutner, our very own cooking instructor, will show us how to prepare blintzes and other Shavuot-appropriate delicacies.

As a heads up, on June 5th we will have Annie Polland speak to us about immigration, certainly a timely subject.

Annie was formerly the Vice President of Programs and Education at the Tenement Museum, and is currently Executive Director of the American Jewish Historical Society.

As always, check your emails for details concerning the above events.

CSFA ISRAEL COMMITTEE

**By
Stella Schindler**

I am in Israel with the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces. I look forward to sharing with everyone when I return. Best wishes to all for a Happy Shavuot. L'hit,

CSFA CHESED COMMITTEE

**by
Susan Leimsider**

The Chesed Committee successfully completed another project with Dorot. We delivered packages with Passover items, to seniors on the Upper West Side, and visited with the package recipients. Except for two new volunteers for this project, all of us had participated previously, so we knew the ropes and felt like "old pros."

I received an email from New York Cares towards the end of February, thanking Chesed for its donation of coats to the New York Cares Coat Drive in December. It is gratifying to know that we were part of a citywide effort which collected 104,164 coats for distribution to those in need.

In February we participated in a clothing- sorting project at Good+ Foundation, in which we sorted new, and gently used children's clothing. We sorted and bundled the clothing, so that children in shelters all over the city could get warm shirts, pants, and accessories to help them through the winter.

For our final Chesed Project for this season, I have registered for Meal Prep at Francis Xavier. The date is June 3, and the commitment is from 8:30-11:30. Please let me know if you are interested in this project as space is very limited.

Just a heads-up...I also hope to participate in the Volunteers of America back-to-school event, which will be in August. Details to follow, when I get them.

I would like to thank, yet again, all of you who participate in Chesed activities. You make this project so meaningful, and your flexibility and support of me, make my job infinitely easier than it might otherwise be. You never let me down.

From the Religious Life Committee

By Sam Swartz

After a recent Shabbat Service on Saturday a gentleman, who was visiting from Paris and had been to our services before, and I struck up a conversation as he was leaving. He mentioned to me that our services are, “the perfect egalitarian Conservadox service.” This comment got me thinking because I had never really heard anyone refer to our services or our shul as Conservadox nor had I ever considered our shul fitting into this ostensibly made up term referring to a shul fitting somewhere in between the Conservative Movement and the Modern Orthodox. Further, two Chazzanim have also visited recently and they both told me they felt very, “at home,” at our synagogue. So, what makes our services fit this description where two Jewish Professional Clergy also feel very at home with how we operate our services?

We remain a unique shul that is dedicated to traditional Jewish services that is inclusive and welcoming. We include a lot of singing that is participated in with tremendous joy. If one is familiar with the tefila, there is enough tefila and traditional davening. If someone is visiting or a member does not come from a traditional background they learn by simply sitting in services, hearing the songs and eventually cannot NOT join-in allowing them the joy of being together with our Kol Echad (one voice).

Although we sometimes joke that our services are sometimes too long, our dedication to traditional tefila (prayer) makes our shul very friendly to people who expect a traditional service in a synagogue while giving others a chance to learn through a joyful experience.

I myself spent a period of my life away from any Jewish Services. When I returned to the fold after 15 years I found that I had almost forgotten everything I had learned after two years of Yeshiva Education (although it was kindergarten and 1st Grade, I entered Talmud Torah in a Conservative Shul promoted a year above my age because of the foundation that was established), 7 years of Talmud Torah in a Conservative Shul, and a Bar Mitzvah. Re-entering Jewish life I went to services that fit more along the spectrum between Reform and Conservative Judaism, and slowly, little by little, as I re-learned our more traditional practices I found the perfect home at CSFA with our traditional

services and lots of music where it is clear that we all love to sing together.

We at the Religious Life Committee are committed to the services as they are; however, we would love to hear your input and feedback. Our inclusiveness and our traditional services will continue to be a foundation of who we are as a shul yet we have seen growth in our community and will only continue to grow being a home to our current membership as well as impressing our visitors. Chairing the Religious Life Committee at CSFA has been a great honor for me and my sincere hope is that all will feel as welcome as I did initially, our guests have expressed, and knowing that our membership feels that they have a voice in our committee and the Religious Life that is offered.

Have you ever thought about learning to lead services? Lead a single prayer from the Bima such as Ashrei before Musaf? Do you want to learn how to Leyn Torah or re-learn your Bar/Bat Mitzvah Parshat Torah or Haftarah readings? Please let us know. While no formal classes are currently offered, we can always explore gathering together a study group or assist you in finding an available self-learning (DIY) tool that will work for you. Please feel free to email me about any of your concerns around our services or your desire to learn more. If I cannot assist myself I will certainly appeal to our committee or our clergy on your behalf.

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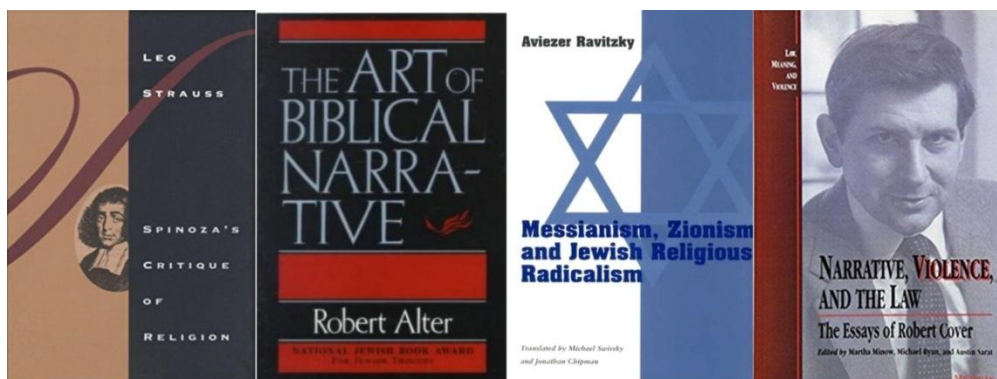
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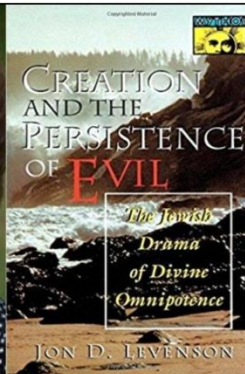


The 20th and 21st centuries saw an explosion of creativity in the field of Jewish scholarship. Old verities were challenged, new understandings of the meanings of the Jewish past and future were forged, and some of the greatest Jewish thinkers wrote works of lasting value.

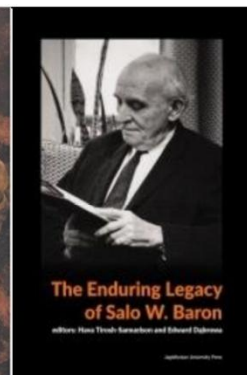
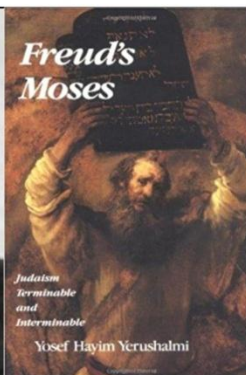
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Purim 2018 at CSFA



CHEESE BLINTZES WITH FRESH RASPBERRY SAUCE



INGREDIENTS

For The Raspberry Sauce:

- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 4 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon water

For The Crepes:

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla

For The Fillings:

- 1 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup cream cheese
- Zest of an orange
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoons confectioners sugar
- 1 egg

PREPARATION

Raspberry sauce:

1. Wash and drain the raspberries.
2. Put them in a pot with the lemon juice, sugar and water.
3. Stir over medium heat for a few minutes until the raspberries let out juice. (The raspberries shouldn't melt)

4. Put them over a strainer, and with a spoon squeeze out the juice until only the seeds are left in the strainer.

Crepes and Filling:

1. In a blender mix all the ingredients together until liquid. Pour into a bowl and let it sit for half hour.
2. In a bowl mix the ingredients for the filling and stir until smooth. Cover it and put in the fridge to chill.
3. Spray Pam on a medium-high skillet. Pour 1/4 cup of batter into the pan, moving around the pan so the batter spreads evenly around the pan. Let it cook for 1 minute, then flip it for a few more seconds until crisp. Put it in a plate. Keep doing this until you finish the batter. It should make about 10 crepes.
4. Take the crepe. Put 1 spoon of filling at the edge. Fold it over once, flip the sides in, and then roll it twice so the seem is on the bottom. Do this for all the crepes.
5. In a pan, melt 1 spoon of butter, and fry the crepes on each side until crisp.
6. Preheat oven to 325°F. Place them in an oiled dish, and bake for 12 minutes. Let them cook, and serve with fresh raspberry sauce, and topping of your choice. Enjoy!

CHOCOLATE CHIP CHEESECAKE



INGREDIENTS

- 2 8-ounce containers Temp Tee Whipped Cream Cheese
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar, packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 (9-inch) Chocolate Macaroon Pie Shell or prepared chocolate or plain graham cracker pie crust
- 1/2 cup pie filling (or 1/2 cup sour cream), optional

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.
2. Using an electric mixer at medium speed, mix cream cheese and sugars together until smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, mixing into batter. When fully blended, mix in vanilla.
3. Using a silicone spatula, fold in chocolate chips.
4. Pour into macaroon shell or graham cracker crust.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes or until just slightly jiggly in the center. The cake will finish cooking from the retained heat after you take it out of the oven. Cool completely on a wire rack.
6. Chill in refrigerator at least 4 hours before serving.
7. Before serving top with either a layer of sour cream or your favorite flavor pie filling, if desired.

TIPS

If you want to transform this into a chocolate swirl cheese cake, squirt chocolate syrup on top and use a knife to create a zigzag swirl design before putting it in the oven. Not big on chocolate? Just omit the chips and it's a classic cheesecake

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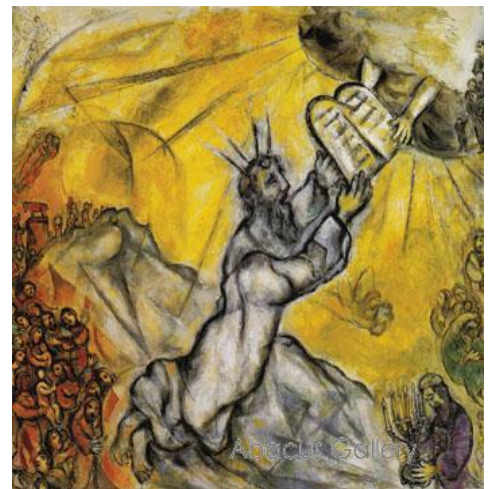
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A Night of Learning***

Sunday morning – May 20, 2018

9:00 AM – Shavuot Services followed by Kiddush

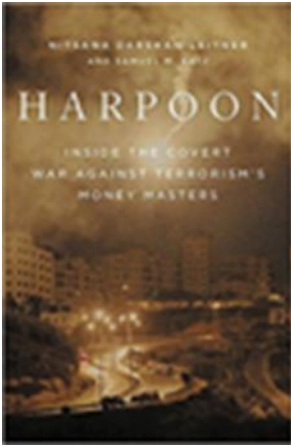
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Harpoon: How the Mossad and an Israeli NGO destroyed terrorist money networks

A newly released book sheds light on a secret operation that put a halt to terror funding for some of the organizations that threaten

the Jewish state.

Former government sources have told The Jerusalem Post that Israel's Operation Harpoon, carried out by a range of Mossad, Shin Bet and other operatives, was revolutionary in that it was "not just about following the money, but about destroying terrorists' money networks."

Sources who had close personal contact with Meir Dagan (1945-2016) indicate that the idea of elevating the thwarting of terrorism financing to a primary mission of intelligence agencies was an uphill battle for the legendary Mossad chief and Harpoon founder.

"When Dagan started Harpoon as part of his role at the National Security Council, no one was interested. Not the Mossad, Shin Bet, IDF intelligence..., and there was almost nothing in place to combat terrorism financing," the sources told the Post.

With his close relationship with then-prime minister Ariel Sharon, his ingenuity and singular will power, Dagan, who later became Mossad chief, turned Harpoon into an operation that dealt Hezbollah, Hamas, Fatah's Yasser Arafat and other terrorist groups major blows.

The development and achievements of Harpoon against terrorism financing, including by groups of lawyers such as the Shurat Hadin NGO, is capturing the headlines now as a new book about the operations and the lawsuits has been released.

Though Harpoon has been previously revealed in its general outlines, Harpoon: Inside the Covert War Against Terrorism's Money Masters, by Shurat Hadin director Nitsana Darshan-Leitner and Samuel Katz, breaks new ground on several fronts.

Ex-government sources said that Shurat Hadin was one of several law firms/NGOs that Harpoon operatives approached (and ultimately the most successful) to get at terrorists' financing, where targeted-killing operations were illegal, not feasible or considered too aggressive.

Darshan-Leitner's group, initially housed in a tiny apartment in Petah Tikva, and others proved decisive, said the sources, in taking down Hezbollah-connected banks such as the Lebanese Canadian Bank, which once had over \$5 billion in assets.

Before 9/11, only Israel, Dagan and a smaller group of lawyers were in the terrorism-financing busting business for the longhaul. But the former government sources explained that after 9/11 they helped get the US intelligence community, the Treasury and Justice departments quicker than the CIA and FBI, turned on to going after terrorism financing as a long-term strategic problem and not a mere short-term tactical issue.

Sources said that the CIA and FBI were quickly onboard with "following the money" of a particular terrorist cell to seize it. However, only the Treasury and Justice departments understood Dagan's strategic concept of taking out terrorists' ability to bank and of driving up their cost of moving money globally.

Former government sources said that both their intelligence operations as well as lawsuits by Shurat Hadin and others "dramatically impacted Hezbollah's budget and ability."

The book discloses intelligence assets in the Lebanese banking system, such as LCB fraud auditor Munir Z. The breakthroughs did not come without loss, with Munir Z. eventually caught and killed by Hezbollah in 2009. Intelligence operations rarely come without risk and complex calculations about balancing agents' safety

with pushing them to obtain information breakthroughs.

For Darshan-Leitner, her being chosen by Harpoon to get privileged information, though never paid, to help her file terrorism finance lawsuits, was life-changing.

In a comical part of the book, her secretary calls out to her, "Pick up on line two... I think it's the U2s."

It was September 2009.

The U2s the secretary was referring to had nothing to do with the famous Irish band.

They were part of Dagan's elite intelligence unit and were called the U2s, as they were referred to in the book as Uri L. and Shai U.

For Darshan-Leitner, such a call from the "U2s" always meant an interesting meeting was around the corner.

An astounding revelation made in the book is the contention that Israel's final blow to bring an end to its most recent war, the 2014 Gaza war (Operation Protective Edge) with Hamas, came about not because of attacks on Hamas's fighters, but "by incinerating the Hamas finance minister's millions of dollars in cash for salaries he was delivering to suicide terrorists." Targeting money with missiles was an extension of Dagan's strategy to disrupt terrorists' fund-raising networks.

The book recounts that Israeli intelligence "had learned that the elite of the Hamas force... were rumbling to their wives and families over not being paid... their salaries in weeks. Their anger was close to undermining the entire military campaign... The lack of money meant that the families of the fighters couldn't buy food and clothing... Hamas leaders warned of insurrection. Calls were made for an emergency delivery of dollars."

On August 23, 2014, Israel's intelligence services picked up the trail of a man in his 20s traveling across Sinai with \$13 million in cash packed inside four large leather suitcases.

He eventually arrived at "a tunnel, well illuminated and ventilated [that] had been dug underneath the safe house... At just before dawn, the envoy sent a brief SMS message to his patrons... waiting for the money on the Gaza side of the tunnel... The text consisted of a code word indicating that the courier was coming across; the phone... was destroyed immediately after the message was sent," the authors recount.

After an hour, when the man was almost across the tunnel and "a smile came over his face. The cash had been delivered. His mission was over... A black Mercedes... was waiting for the luggage. Inside the car was Mohammed el-Ghoul, Hamas's head of payroll." He connected Hamas with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, Qatar and the various Gulf Arab states – and sources of money generally.

The celebration was interrupted by an Israel Air Force AH-64D Longbow attack helicopter that, with the push of a button, sent a single AGM-114 Hellfire antitank missile slamming into Ghoul's Chinese-made car.

"The sedan evaporated into a fireball and a cloud of black smoke... the skies turned green as a storm of singed \$100 bills cascaded onto the dusty streets of Gaza City.... The payroll's incineration was a major blow to Hamas. Without the cash they could not maintain the struggle. Hamas asked for a cease-fire," says the book.

The Gaza war ended 48 hours later.

In some areas it is hard to concretely estimate the effect of Harpoon, shepherded by Dagan, the Mossad and Shurat Hadin, on Hezbollah and Hamas over the last 20 years.

But former government sources, including those with operational backgrounds, indicated that the program was of massive strategic importance, in some ways far exceeding what even the most successful tactical operational successes could achieve.



***Pre Shavuot
Cooking Class with
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Thursday, May 17
6:30 PM***

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Join us on Thursday, May 17 at 6:30 PM for a Pre-Shavuot cooking class.

Lynn Kutner, our "in house" chef, will teach us how to make traditional blintzes with sour cream and applesauce, as well as omelettes and other dairy treats.

You will then be ready to celebrate the joyous (dairy) holiday of Shavuot with culinary flair.

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