



Two Killed on Yom Kippur in Yet Another Holiday Attack on Jews



German Police flood the area in response to a Yom Kippur terror attack

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Anti-Jewish hate has reared its ugly head again...this time in Germany. On Yom Kippur, one of the holiest days of the year, while approximately 70



Victims of the Yom Kippur shooting Jana Lange and Kevin S.

persons worshiped inside a refurbished Moorish style synagogue in Halle Germany; beseeching G-d for another year of life and good health; a German white supremacist was planning a much different future for them. During the Torah reading there was a loud bang outside the building. The noise was too close for comfort. The worshipers rushed to their security monitor to see what was going on. What they saw was a man dressed in black surrounded by smoke; he had brought an improvised explosive device from home to breach the doors, which had been locked as a precaution. Luckily, the assailant's homemade device failed. He then attempted to shoot his way in; but, again failed. As he struggled to enter the synagogue, he shouted, "The root of all these problems is the Jew."

Approximately nine minutes into his tirade a woman passerby yelled something at him. In apparent frustration he turned and shot her down. Denied entrance into the synagogue, he stormed to his car, drove to a Turkish kebab shop down the street, entered and shot a man inside. The shooter, identified as Stephan Balliet was subsequently shot and wounded by police who transported him to an unidentified hospital. According to the German Newspaper, Bild, Balliet used a sub-machine gun; but didn't specify which model had been used. Both victims of Balliet's savagery, Jana Lange (40) described as a pop

music enthusiast and Kevin S. (20) an outdoor painter, died. As of publication Kevin's last name had not been released. Two others received non-life threatening injuries during the attack

The congregation had requested a police presence during Yom Kippur services; but, was denied. They were forced to cobble together a makeshift security team made up of congregants and enact rudimentary safety measures like locking the doors.

Stephan Balliet (27) a resident of Benndorf, approximately 25 miles from Halle later confessed to the crime. During his confession Balliet spouted a white supremacist, anti-Jewish rhetoric that has become all too familiar. A spokesperson for the federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe told reporters, that Balliet's confession was, "very comprehensive," the spokesperson noted "He (Balliet) confirmed far-right and anti-Semitic motives" were the driving force behind his actions.

Perhaps even more troublesome, Balliet live-streamed the entire incident on a gamer's site called Twitch, where his anti-Semitic rant could be heard on the video. According to reports the stream began with Balliet saying "my name is Anon and I think the Holocaust never happened." He then went on to

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Halle Germany residents pay homage to those killed on Yom Kippur in a senseless act of zealotry.

attack feminism and immigration, before blaming the Jews for causing Germany's perceived woes. Twitch reported the video was online for 30 minutes and viewed by 2,200 of the platforms 15 million daily visitors before the site removed it. The live-stream has become a favorite of notoriety seeking lone wolf shooters; when Brenton Tarrant allegedly massacred 51 people in Christchurch New Zealand, he live-streamed the killings via

Facebook. Reportedly 200 users watched the 17 minute killing rampage live; but no one reported the stream to Facebook administrators until after the fact. By the time Facebook took down the original video, it had been viewed 4,000 times. Between downloading, file sharing, and hate mongering deep web sites, the Christchurch massacre has now been viewed by millions. It's chilling to consider how so many supposedly normal people can relish in the suffering and death of another human being.

Balliet also posted a hate filled manifesto on the Meguca message board prior to the attack. He bragged about his having built improvised weapons, "For all of you, who live in no fun countries, this may be of

interest. Over the past years I build and tested different improvised weapons," he said.

Stephan Balliet faces a double murder charge as well as seven counts of attempted murder. Before he was captured, he also wounded a man and a woman. He is now being held in pre-trial detention. His lawyer Hans-Dieter Weber told Germany's public broadcaster, Südwestrundfunk, that his client stood by his actions. "It would be nonsensical to deny it, and he didn't do that. In his view of the world, he blames others for his own misery and that's what ultimately triggered his action," the lawyer said.

While one should never take the death of another human being flippantly, and even one death is one too many; it could have been much worse. Ezra Waxman, an American Jew who recently relocated to Germany quipped, "God bless the Germans with their gun-control laws," while fully acknowledging had this been America, it would probably have ended in disaster. ✨



One Year After Pittsburgh, #ShowUpForShabbat Gather. Remember. Act.

OCTOBER 25-26, 2019

Last year, on October 27, we witnessed unspeakable horror at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue. The murder of 11 innocent Jews at prayer represented the worst of humanity. The following weekend, we saw the best.

Millions of people of all faiths rallied around AJC's **#ShowUpForShabbat** initiative, packing synagogues in what became the largest-ever expression of solidarity with the American Jewish community.

On the one-year anniversary, AJC is again calling on all people of good conscience to **#ShowUpForShabbat**. Let us come together to honor the victims and raise our collective voice for a world free of antisemitism, hate, and bigotry.

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HERE'S HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

- 1. Attend Shabbat services the weekend of October 25-26.** Share your Shabbat plans on social media using the hashtag **#ShowUpForShabbat**.
- 2. Go to AJC.org/ShowUpForShabbat and add your name in support of this initiative.** Even if you are unable to attend services, you can still stand up to hate and antisemitism.
- 3. Urge others to join you.** Last year, countless religious leaders, diplomats, elected officials, celebrities, people of all faiths and people of no faith, participated in **#ShowUpForShabbat**. You can build momentum by asking friends and allies to join you.
- 4. Dedicate October 27 to fighting antisemitism.** Join AJC in designating October 27 as an official Day of Action Against Antisemitism—a day for educating others about this hatred and advocating more robust measures to combat it. Learn more at AJC.org/ShowUpForShabbat.

Together, we can turn a global campaign of solidarity into a powerful force against hate.

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Congregation members chip in to erect our Sukkah

On a lighter note Congregation Ahavas Sholom would like to thank all of those who graciously gave of their time to help us erect our Sukkah this week, Todah Rabah. Don't forget to join us this Shabbat for services and Kiddush in the sukkah.







The Ed Berger: Jazz Photographer exhibit has a soft opening at The Jewish Museum of New Jersey



Janice Leslie Hochstat-Greenberg, JMNJ regular Carol J. Jenkins and another exhibit attendee share the spotlight during the Ed Berger: Jazz Photographer soft opening.

This week the Jewish Museum of New Jersey (JMNJ) held a special opening of a new exhibit exploring the work of photographer, educator, and author Ed



Berger. The tour was led by author & jazz aficionado Janice Leslie Hochstat-Greenberg, who walked attendees through the exhibit describing the work and the genesis of Ed's genius for photography, the ease with which he could relate to people, and his uncanny ability to capture THE moment. The special opening was designed to coincide with the Newark Arts Festival. The official opening will be on November 3, 2019 and will run through January 12, 2020. The Ed Berger: Jazz Photographer exhibit is being sponsored by JMNJ, The Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), The Rutgers Institute of Jazz Studies, Congregation Ahavas Sholom and WBGO Jazz Radio. ✨

The Jewish Museum of New Jersey

ED BERGER: JAZZ PHOTOGRAPHER

November 3, 2019 to January 12, 2020

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Ed Berger was a world-class scholar, researcher, photographer, producer, author, administrator, and tireless jazz detective. But all of this is surpassed by his qualities as a person. *In his work as an author and photographer, he seemed to gravitate toward subjects who were, like him, quiet giants who shared Ed's passion for the music and the life* - David Demsey

**Special Opening for the Newark Arts Festival
Sunday, October 13th, 1-5 pm**

Jewish Museum of New Jersey, 145 Broadway in Newark
Free off-site parking / donations welcomed / jewishmuseumnj.org

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Thought Provoking Insights from Rabbi Simon Rosenbach



Rabbi Simon Rosenbach

Psalms 146-150 are called the Halleluyah psalms, because they begin and end with the word “Halleluyah.” When I get to the Halleluyah psalms on Shabbat, there is a sprinkling of people in the sanctuary, but it is a shame,

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because the Halleluyah psalms are among the most beautiful of the psalms.

Among the Halleluyah psalms is Psalm 147. The Halleluyah psalms are part of the Shacharit service every day, but even though I attend the Beth Ahm minyan on Mondays and Thursdays, the Halleluyah psalms are recited, so I am familiar with Psalm 147 from my recitation of the preliminary service on Shabbat. Verse 9 of Psalm 147 reads (in English), “[God] gives to the beast its food, [and] to the raven’s young who call.”

I read this every Shabbat, but I didn’t appreciate the latter half of the verse until last week. We live in the suburbs, and we have a back yard. Two months ago we hung a bird feeder, and now we are accustomed to seeing blue jays, cardinals, woodpeckers, and birds that I can’t identify at the bird feeder. We have even seen on more than one occasion the state bird of New Jersey, the goldfinch, in our back yard. Last month, for the first time ever, we saw a hummingbird in the back yard. So we are accustomed to seeing, and hearing, songbirds.

Last week, when we walked the dogs around the block, we saw a large bird, maybe a hawk or falcon, or maybe an owl. We saw it twice, but the second

time we saw it, it had a small animal, perhaps a chipmunk, in its talons. And I thought of Ps. 147:9, even if the bird was not a raven. We know (or at least I know) intellectually that birds eat animals; ranchers in the west complain about eagles taking young lambs. And if you visit the Everglades, you sometimes see wading birds, like herons or anhingas, with fish in their beaks. But you don't expect (or at least I don't expect) to see bird of prey in suburban Springfield carry a small animal in its talons, especially a cute animal like a chipmunk.

The psalms glorify nature, but the psalms emphasize that nature is God's doing, God's playground. Psalm

114, a part of Hallel, as I repeatedly say, is an ode to earthquake. But to see that large bird carrying its breakfast, made me appreciate Nature in a way in a new way, and made appreciate Psalm 147 in a new way. I will never read Psalm 147 again without seeing anew that bird carrying the food that God has given to it. ✨



Help Us Remodel Our Kitchen

It's been estimated it will take \$60,000 to properly renovate our kitchen.

April Modlinger, who has always been a pillar at Congregation Ahavas Sholom, has generously pledged \$10,000 to making this happen.

We have recently received another pledge for \$2,200, bringing the total to 12,200.

With your help Congregation Ahavas Sholom will soon have a kitchen we all deserve.

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Oldest nun in the world who, sheltered Jews during WWII has died

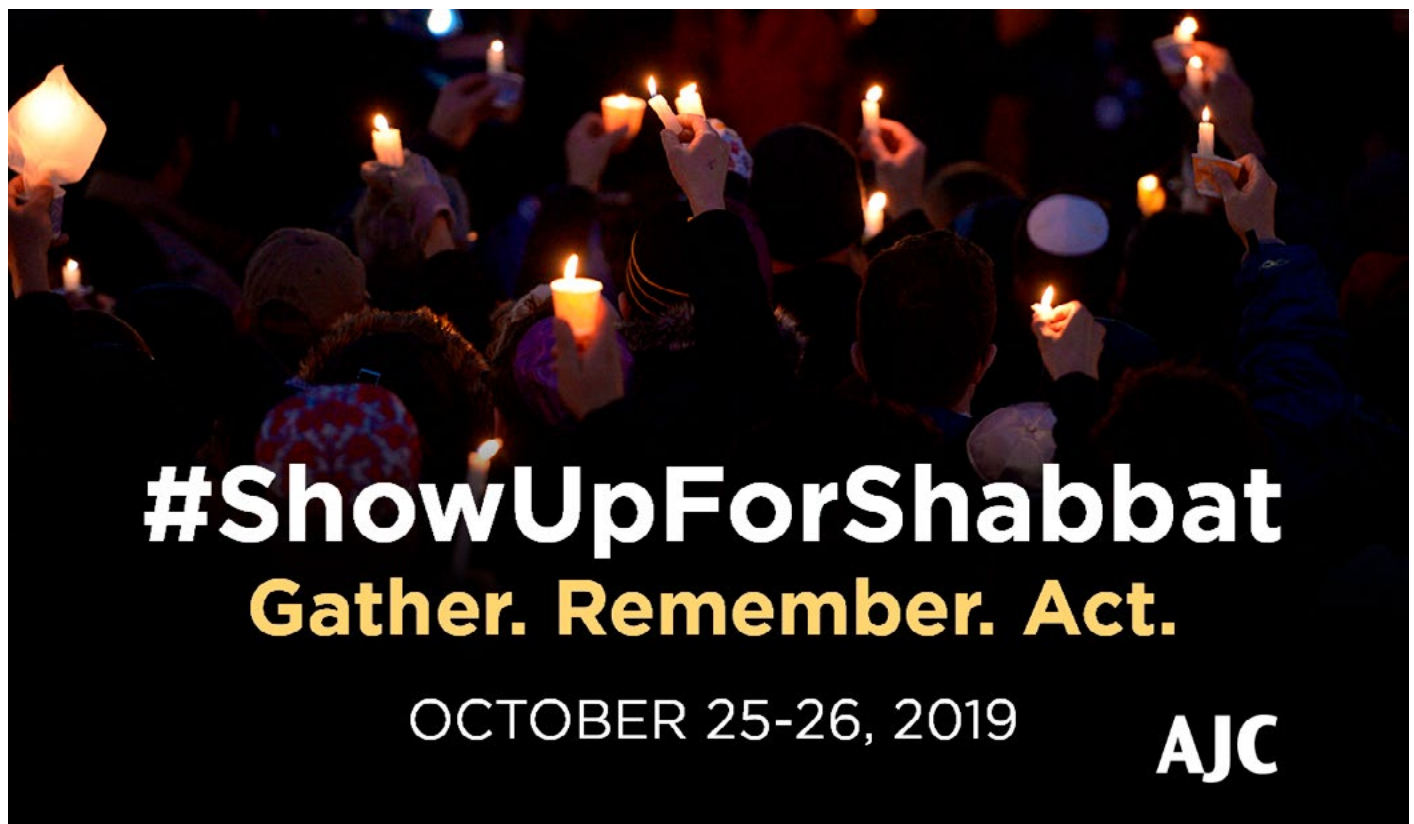
Cecylia Roszaka the Polish nun who risked her life protecting Jews during WWII has died. At 110, Roszaka was believed to be the oldest Nun in the world. Roszaka died last week in the Dominican convent in the city of Krakow, southern Poland where she had lived for about 90 years. The archdiocese posted a photo of the nun on Twitter with the message: "In Krakow the oldest sister in the world has died – Sister Cecilia Maria Roszak from the monastery of Dominican sisters."

Born on 25 March 1908 in Kielczewo Poland, Roszaka became a nun at 21. In 1938, Roszaka, with a group of nuns, went to Vilnius in Lithuania to establish a new monastery; but, the plan was upended when the German army crossed the Polish border marking

the beginning of WWII. When the Nazis started killing Jews in Vilna, the convent opened its doors and gave shelter to 17 young Jews. Roszaka and the other sisters reportedly sheltered this group of Jews from the Nazis despite the risk to themselves.

In 1943, Roszaka's mother superior, Anna Borkowska, was imprisoned and the convent shuttered. At the war's end, Roszak returned to Krakow, where she worked as an organist and eventually became mother superior. She remained there for the next 80 years.

In 1984, Israel awarded Anna Borkowska and the sisters the "Righteous Among the Nations" medal, which it gave to non-Jewish people who risked their lives during the war to save Jews. ✡



Kiddush Sponsorship Shabbat Services

This week's Kiddush is being sponsored by Eliot Sash in honor of his mother. sponsoring Kiddush is \$150.00, which barely covers the cost of the lunch. Our goal is to have every Kiddush sponsored. To sponsor a Kiddush email Rabbi Rosenbach or contact Allah Eicheldinger at alla7815@yahoo.com. You can also help by shopping; which doesn't cost money, just a little time. We'll give you a list of items, you shop and we'll reimburse you. Whatever you can do will be appreciated, greatly.

Join us at Ahavas Sholom this Saturday for Shabbat services. Strangers, visitors; friends - old & new - our doors are open to you. Looking for a new home? New members are always welcome at Congregation Ahavas Sholom. Shabbat services start at 9:00am. Our congregation is open and welcoming; feel free to pay us a visit, anytime.



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Shabbat and help us make
minyons*