



Six Killed & two wounded, in vicious attack on Jersey City Kosher Market

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 *Candle lighting - 4:12 pm*

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Mindel Ferencz and Moshe Deutsch were among the three persons killed when a couple pulled up to their supermarket and started shooting



Killer couple descended on a Jersey City Kosher market; killing three and injuring two



The community turned out in mass to bid farewell to their fallen brethren.

responding officers before being killed by police.

According to reports, Wednesday, shortly after noon, a stolen U-Haul van pulled up to the JC Kosher Supermarket; two people emerged carrying weapons and they immediately began firing on the store. David Lax, a customer who was able to safely flee the scene told CBS News, he could see it in their eyes, "They came to kill."

According to Jersey City Police Chief Mike Kelly, officers responding to the call were immediately met with a barrage of gunfire. For the next hour sporadic gunfire could be heard throughout the neighborhood.

Two Jersey City officers were also injured in the melee, Ray Sanchez and Mariela Fernandez. Both were treated at the hospital and released.

The market's owner, Moishe Ferencz, wasn't on the premises at the time of the attack; he had left for the

synagogue. When the shooting began the synagogue went on lockdown and Ferencz was unable to leave, thus entrapping him in the hell of not knowing of his wife's fate.

Just minutes prior to the attack the duo is believed to have shot and killed Jersey City Detective Joseph

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Det. Joe Seals is believed to have been killed by the assailants shortly before the attack on the supermarket.

Seals (40). It's believed that Seals likely confronted the duo at Bayview Cemetery in connection with the murder of Michael Rumberger, a livery cab driver murdered over the weekend in Bayonne. Apparently beaten to death Rumberger's lifeless body was found stuffed in a car on Saturday night. Det. Seals died from a gunshot to the head.

Both shooting suspects, David Anderson (47) and Francine Graham (50) were killed at the scene.

A search of the stolen U-Haul van turned up an explosive device. According to authorities it was a sophisticated pipe-bomb. Gregory Ehrie, the special agent in charge of the FBI's Newark, New Jersey, field office, said, "It remains unclear what the suspects intended to do with the device." The device was taken to an FBI lab for analysis.

In addition to the shooters, three others were killed at the scene; Mindel Ferencz (31) the owner's wife, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez (49) a store employee, and Moshe Deutsch (24) a customer.

The funeral for two of the victims, Mindel Ferencz and Moshe Deutsch were held Wednesday night. Funeral arraignments for the third victim, Douglas Miguel Rodriguez have not been set yet.

Det. Seals (40) was killed about a mile away at Bayview Cemetery. Seals, the father of five, joined the Jersey City Police Force in 2006; H was promoted to Detective in 2017. Det. Seals' funeral will be held on Tuesday at Saint Aedan's Church on Bergen Avenue in Jersey City at 10 a.m. ✡



AJC Deplores Horrific Attack on Jersey City Kosher Supermarket

American Jewish Committee (AJC) is horrified by the murders around a kosher market in Jersey City. The two shooters left four people dead, including one police officer. Three of the victims, members of the Satmar Jewish community, were inside the store. "Our deepest condolences go out to the victims and their families. We know such loss to be especially painful as we enter the holiday season and our thoughts are with them," said Rabbi David Levy, AJC New Jersey Regional Director.

The perpetrators, who died in a firefight with law enforcement, reportedly had antisemitic and anti-police social media posts. The investigation to

determine their motivation is ongoing.

"This tragic event reminds us that continued vigilance is essential in this time of a disturbing rise in antisemitic incidents across the country, and here in New Jersey," said Rabbi Levy. "We are deeply grateful for the swift response by law enforcement, Governor Murphy, Attorney General Grewal and other state and local officials."

AJC has reached out to the Satmar Jewish community to offer support and express condolences. Rabbi Levy will be present at tonight's Healing Service in Jersey City to express support for the community. ✡

Second Bar/Bat Mitzvahs coming to Ahavas Sholom

In May, 1999, Ahavas Sholom celebrated the 2nd Bar/Bat Mitzvahs of eight 83 year old congregants. All had an aliyah and one read his original Bar Mitzvah speech. The day was a great one, remembered still by those who were in attendance.

We would like to recapture that moment, 21 years later, on Saturday June 13, 2020. We are inviting all of our members, families and friends who are seniors to join us in this event. You don't have to be 83! Your level of participation would be whatever you are comfortable with, from an aliyah to a torah portion to a haftora portion (Rabbi Rosenbach will provide any guidance needed for any Hebrew readings). And, of

course, all original Bar and Bat Mitzvah speeches are welcome.

If you are interested, please contact Rabbi Rosenbach, Eric Freedman or Joan Podnos. We promise you, in advance, a wonderful experience and a wonderful day.

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Thought Provoking Insights from Rabbi Simon Rosenbach



Rabbi Simon Rosenbach

In the prosecutor's office, we had an observation (not original to us) that sexual assault victims get victimized twice: once at the initial assault, and after when they are accused of fabricating, or, alternatively, when they

recount their ordeal. The Torah treats Dinah no differently.

Simeon and Levi tell Jacob, "Should our sister be treated like a whore?" Nowhere in the Torah, however, does anybody offer a word a comfort to Dinah. We would not expect Jacob to comfort Dinah; he responded to Rachel's insistence that he give her sons with, "Do you think that I am God?" There were four women in the household, however: her mother and three surrogate mothers. Later in the Torah (Deut. 21:12), the victors in a battle who see a pretty woman and want to bed her are instructed to bring her into their house, shave her head and pare her nails and remove her captive's cloak and grieve for her parents 30 days, and only then the man is allowed to marry her. Even captured women are treated better than Dinah was, who is not mentioned again in the Torah. She is silenced.

Timing is everything. We read the rape of Dinah during the same week that Harvey Weinstein and his accusers have agreed to a \$25 million settlement to resolve the sexual assault and molestation cases brought against Weinstein. The most important

thing about the Weinstein accusations is silence.

In 1998, Gwyneth Paltrow said to David Letterman, Weinstein “will coerce you to do a thing or two.” The was eight years after Weinstein’s brother Bob allegedly arranged the first payment to a victim in exchange for her silence. The victims probably did not need to be paid in exchange for their silence, because they were vulnerable. Weinstein was a powerful man in Hollywood, and many of the 80 victims to date were not household names, and if they wanted to work in the movie or television fields, they could not afford to offend Weinstein.

In New Jersey recently, a member of Governor Murphy’s campaign staff lodged a sexual-assault complaint against another staffer. The members of the campaign staff were required to sign non-disclosure agreements, that prohibited them from disclosing anything that happened in the

campaign. The female staff member filed a lawsuit against the State, the governor’s campaign, and the male staffer, but the governor did not release her from the non-disclosure agreement.

Non-disclosure agreements were in the news last year and the year before. The President and the National Enquirer paid two women for their silence, and both women signed non-disclosure agreements as part of the payoff. Both women breached the terms of the non-disclosure agreements. Some of the women Jeffrey Epstein sexually assaulted signed non-disclosure agreements, and the legitimacy of the agreements has been questioned in the lawsuits some of the women brought against Epstein’s estate.

Since the Harvey Weinstein allegations first surfaced, there has been a rebellion about the use of non-disclosure agreements and there has been a re-evaluation of believing sexual-assault victims. I wish that Dinah had lived long to see this re-evaluation. ✨



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December 13, 2019

Worshiper Wounded During Pesach Shooting Attack Sues Synagogue.

A worshiper wounded during Chabad of Poway shooting attack, has filed a lawsuit against the synagogue for its failure to provide congregants with adequate security. On the last day of Pesach, Almog Peretz was attending services at the synagogue with his 8-year-old niece Noya Dahan, when the attack occurred. Before it was over one woman, Lori Kaye (60) lay dead with three other sustaining non-life threatening injuries.

On the morning of April 27, When Alleged Poway Shooter, John T. Earnest stormed into the synagogue brandishing a semi-automatic weapon and started firing on the attendees, Peretz grabbed two girls and ran them to safety, without ever noticing that he had been wounded by the gunman. Peretz was



Lori Kaye, pictured with her daughter, was shot & killed while trying to escape the carnage



The Chabad of Poway was attacked by a lone shooter on the final day of Pesach

wounded in the leg and his 8-year old niece, Noya Dahan was struck in the face and leg by bullet fragments, both non-life threatening injuries.

Ironically, or cruelly, if you prefer, the attack took place on the last day of Pesach when Jews celebrate their liberation from persecution and tyranny.

The lawsuit alleges that while fully understanding the rising tide of anti-Semitism throughout the country and the danger it carries, the synagogue did nothing to improve security. It cites that on the day of the attack the synagogue's doors were unlocked and unguarded.

The lawsuit goes on to say that the synagogue did nothing to improve security despite having been awarded a \$150,000 grant for that purpose a month earlier. The suit charges the synagogue did nothing to minimize the potential threat to its congregants.

In a statement Chabad of Poway responded to the



Rabbi Yisroel Godstein was shot during the attack and lost a finger

charges, saying the charges against the synagogue are, "simply not true." The statement said, "To imply that the grant funds could have been used for security guards is misleading. While we were approved

to move forward with the federal grant application shortly before the attack, it's a process that can take many months, even years, before the funding comes through. The grant we were approved for did not cover security guards."

In addition to the Chabad of Poway, Almog Peretz is filing suit against Chabad of California and Chabad International as well as Earnest and San Diego Guns, the store that sold the teen the rifle used in the attack.

Peretz's attorney, Yoni Weinberg defended his client naming the Chabad of Poway in the suit. "If we were only to have John Earnest in the lawsuit, changes would never get made," Weinberg said. "Hopefully this pressure ... influences them to make a change to protect their congregants and it influences other synagogues as well," he said.

Alleged Poway Shooter, John T. Earnest has been charged with one count of murder and three counts of attempted murder. Earnest, who was 19 at the time of the attack, has also been charged with setting fire to a mosque in the area. Earnest has pleaded not guilty. ✳

Legendary Advocate for Freedom, Democracy & Human Rights Natan Sharansky Awarded 2020 Genesis Prize

Joins Michael Bloomberg and Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as Recipients of the Prestigious Jewish Award



2020 Genesis Prize Laureate Natan Sharansky

Today, as we witness democratic principles being challenged and human rights, along with freedoms of thought and expression, denied to so many, Natan's example is an inspiration to all those struggling for democracy. While this is particularly true in parts of the world under authoritarian rule, even in democracies our freedoms cannot be taken for granted. Natan's ideals and vision are as relevant today as they were in the 1980's when he took on the totalitarian Soviet regime – and won." Sharansky is the sole living non-US citizen to receive

both the Congressional Gold Medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and Pope John Paul II were the only other non-Americans to receive both honors.

The annual Genesis Prize honors extraordinary individuals for their outstanding professional achievement, contribution to humanity, and commitment to Jewish values. In line with the tradition established by previous recipients of the Prize, Sharansky has chosen to forgo the \$1 million award, and GPF will donate the funds in his honor to nonprofit organizations to be selected at a future date. Sharansky becomes the 8th Genesis Prize honoree. Previous Genesis honorees include New York City Mayor and current US presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg (2014), and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg (2018).

Michael Bloomberg said: "Congratulations to Natan Sharansky on winning this year's Genesis Prize. After being imprisoned in a Soviet gulag for nearly a decade, he has devoted his life to advancing and protecting human rights around the world. His values and ethics, rooted deeply in his Jewish faith, have served as his moral compass -- and his life has been a beacon to so many who dream of freedom."

Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, said: "Natan Sharansky is a hero, whose courage united people all over the globe in a quest

for freedom. He is a distinguished leader who made a significant contribution to the State of Israel, to the people who lived in oppressed societies of the Soviet bloc nations, and to humanity as a whole. I congratulate Natan on this prestigious global award.”

Natan Sharansky first gained global renown in the 1970s as a leader of the Soviet dissident movement, where he worked alongside Nobel Prize Laureate Andrei Sakharov, demanding that the USSR live up to its international human rights obligations. Arrested for his challenge to the Soviet regime, he spent nine years incarcerated as a Prisoner of Conscience – much of it in solitary confinement – refusing to disavow his demands for respect of human rights for all oppressed people of the Soviet Union.

Unbroken, Sharansky was released in 1986 following an intense international pressure campaign, spearheaded by his wife Avital. His release became the symbolic prelude to the unraveling of the communist regimes throughout the Soviet bloc in the late 1980’s.

Since moving to Israel, Sharansky continued his activist work and emerged as an influential political

thinker. He authored three best-selling books, making the case for freedom, democracy and human rights. During his time in government –including as Deputy Prime Minister – and as the head of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Sharansky fought tirelessly for the rights of new immigrants, religious minorities, and women. At the helm of the Jewish Agency, he focused on repatriation of Jews to Israel, strengthening the links between Israel and global Jewry, and made an effort to develop separate, egalitarian prayer space near the Western Wall.

Natan Sharansky said: “I am humbled by this honor and thank the Genesis Prize Foundation for recognizing my work to promote democracy, rule of law, and human rights. As my personal hero President Ronald Reagan said, freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. It is not passed to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children’s children what it was once like to live when men were free.”

Natan Sharansky will be honored at the Genesis Prize Ceremony in Jerusalem on June 18, 2020. ✡





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8 Marvelous Nights: Celebrating Hanukkah in New York City with The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel and INTERSECT BY LEXUS



Rachel Brosnahan, stars as Midge' Maisel in The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel

Amazon Prime Video and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel announce a collaboration with INTERSECT BY LEXUS – NYC to celebrate the eight marvelous nights of Hanukkah. Centered around the current culinary residency of Buenos Aires' modern Jewish phenomena Mishiguene at INTERSECT, the partnership will bring to life the heritage of Hanukkah for each of its eight nights,
December 13, 2019

starting with a special Menorah lighting. Throughout the holiday, visitors can order The Marvelous Martini, enjoy giveaways, food demonstrations, tastings and workshops including:

- December 22:
 - o Beginning at sundown (4:30 p.m.*), menorah lighting with a special demonstration and tasting of the special Intersect-created Manischewitz cocktail "Friday Night Lights" (6 p.m.).
 - o Special giveaways include mini pink The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel menorahs.
- December 23:
 - o Latke demonstration led by Intersect's Executive Chef Nickolas Martinez (starting at 12 p.m.) with a present wrapping workshop and tutorial (12-5 p.m.).
 - o Special giveaways include pink Hanukkah gelt.
- December 24
 - o During holiday Café hours (8 a.m.-1 p.m.),
 - o Special giveaways include pink The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel glass ball ornaments.
- December 25:
 - o INTERSECT and Amazon Prime Video will contribute a joint donation to Covenant House, where The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel star Rachel Brosnahan serves

on its Board.

- December 26:
 - o Warm up with a complimentary Marvelous hot chocolate.**
 - o Special giveaways include pink The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel dreidels.
- December 27:
 - o Marvelous happy hour (4-6 p.m.) at Intersect's Bar and Lounge.
 - o Special giveaways include The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel Carry-On Cocktail Kits.
- December 28:
 - o Wish lantern making (12-2 p.m.) for the New Year with recycled wrapping paper.
 - o Special giveaways include The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel pink journals for New Year's resolutions.
- December 29:
 - o Warm up with a complimentary Marvelous hot chocolate.**
 - o Special giveaways include The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel luggage tags.
- December 30:
 - o Special giveaways include The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel 2020 Calendars.

"We're excited to take tradition for a spin with Amazon

Prime Video and The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel for eight marvelous nights of Hanukkah," says Rachel Espersen, director of Creative Programming and Partnerships for INTERSECT BY LEXUS. "Having already embraced the merging of cultures with our current culinary residency Mishiguene, this is the perfect partnership.

"We are excited to collaborate with Lexus on the eight marvelous nights of Hanukkah, and hope to surprise and delight our customers with 8 days of presents, activities, and Marvelous celebration," says Jennifer Verdick, head of partnerships and synergy for Prime Video. Guests can visit Resy to make Mishiguene holiday reservations and can view the full Eight Marvelous Nights of Hanukkah schedule here.

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This week's Kiddush Is being sponsored by Eliot Sash in honor of his father. 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.



*Join us at Congregation
Ahavas Sholom this
Shabbat and help us
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