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## IFA lawsuit against White Supremacist hate group heads to Court

**A**ttorney, Roberta Kaplan, who with her legal team, filed a lawsuit on behalf of those injured during the violence at the Unite the Right rally in 2017 are set to go to trial this fall.

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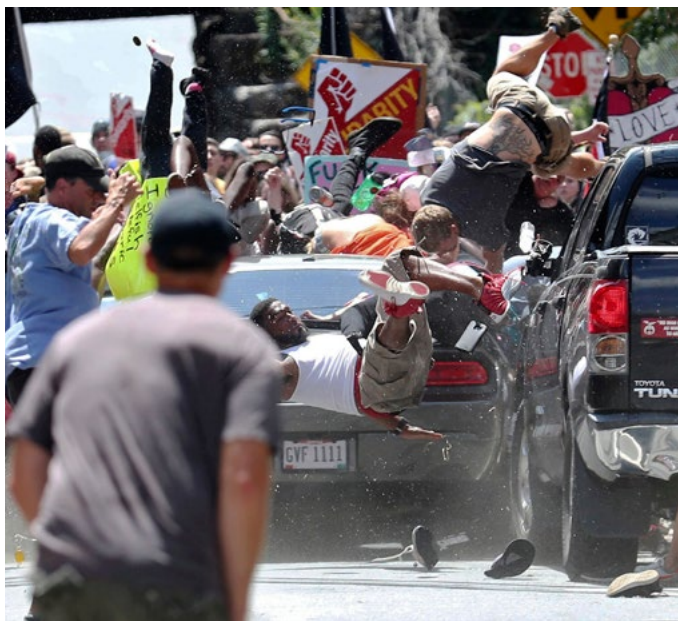
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This Week's  
Torah Portion  
Bamidbar

  
Candle lighting  
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Roberta ("Robbie") Kaplan, the founding partner at Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP. Spoke to her contacts in Charlottesville Virginia. She met with those injured in the melee to learn if they would be willing to file a lawsuit. Explaining the conditions( they could not have any other lawsuits pending around the day's events) and letting them know, that even if they were victorious there would probably not be a lot of money involved; the lawsuit was about the principal. About a dozen of those injured that day join the lawsuit.



Neo -Nazi, James Alex Fields Jr plows into a crowd of counter protesters. Tomas Baker(center)was able to push his fiancée out of the way moments before impact.

Kaplan and her co-council, Karen Dunn, with financial backing from Integrity First for America (IFA,) decided to go after the racist groups that planned and orchestrated the rally. The goal of the lawsuit is to hold those organizations behind the day's events financially responsible for their actions. Kaplan cited the Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 as the basis for their complaint Sines v. Kessler, arguing the organizations intended to

incite violence.

On Friday night August 11, 2017, hundreds of Neo Nazis, alt-right proponents and others who subscribe to White Supremacist beliefs, overran the quiet college town of Charlottesville Virginia. Hundreds of them marched through the streets carrying lighted candles and chanting anti-Semitic slogans. They surrounded and threw some type of suspicious (flammable liquid) on some people who happened to be in the area. They attacked those who came out to counter their protest. Those attending an interfaith function remained trapped inside, out of fear of being attacked by the group. The next day August 12, Neo Nazi protestors fell on a synagogue during Shabbat morning services. The congregants suspended services and slipped out carrying their Torah; the very same Torah that had survived another Nazi onslaught decades earlier. By mid-afternoon clashes had developed between Unite the Right protesters and counter protesters. Approximately 1:45 pm a car pulled onto the street and stopped; then the driver, James Alex Fields Jr, hit the gas and plowed into a group of protesters. He then threw the vehicle into reverse to maximize the damage. Fields killed, 32-year-old paralegal Heather Heyer. By the end of the day 34 had been injured and three were dead,

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Heyer, and two State Troopers, Lt. H. Jay Cullen, and Trooper Berke M. M. Bates, who perish when their helicopter crashed and burst into flames.

According to the lawsuit, the defendant groups ( hereafter referred to as the defendant) were responsible for the day's events. The violence on that day was not a matter of happenstance, according to Michael Bloch, a Council with Kaplan Hecker & Fink LLP, "the Unite the Right rally was a carefully planned, racially motivated weekend of terrorism."

The plaintiffs have compiled thousands of, messages, posts, and social media conversations from, and among various extremist groups; that they argue show, rally organizers not only expected violent confrontations; but, encouraged them. Many posts discussed carrying objects that though not traditionally (spelled legally) a weapon, they could be used as one easily. Others expressed no such compunction about crossing the legal line. Many of the posts demonstrate how participants discussed getting as close to the legal line and possible; even exceeding; it as long as, they had a plan for getting back within the boundaries of the law before authorities arrived.

It strains credulity that all these people just happened upon this place at the same time, carrying matching candles. That they just coincidentally knew how to dress, where to stand, how to march, and what to chant, said Bloch.

Other posts discussed self-defense techniques; or more accurately, how to frame a situation so they could legally claim self-defense. The suit charges that, utilizing a gamer's platform known as Discord, rally organizers and supporters shared information and continuously fueled the hate of their various members and White Nationalists sympathizers. The suit alleges a Charlottesville channel

was created within Discord and used to share information and transmit instructions. The communications covered what to wear, lunch options, and what weapons to bring. Tellingly, one post even inquired about the legality of running over protesters if they were in the street.

Interestingly, many of these groups were, and still are at odds with one another, and can only agree on their mutual hate of anyone who is different than themselves. Kaplan said, "Let me be clear, these guys (mostly men) feed on hate. They hate African Americans; they hate Muslims; they hate immigrants; they hate gays; and they are not that crazy about women either; but, there is one group they hate above all others, one group they hate more than anyone else – that is the Jew". 90 percent of their invective is directed toward Jews, she said.

A career attorney, there is not much that surprises Kaplan; but she was certainly surprised by the totality of hate being leveled at Jews. She noted that many of the Charlottesville protesters had come from small rural towns across the country and probably did not even know many, if any, Jews themselves. Consequently, she found the notion of an age-old anti-Semitism, essentially running on automatic, as being the driving force that compelled them to drive hundreds of miles to attend a hate promoting rally astounding. Her observations are consistent with the recently released ADL anti-Semitism audit that cited incidences of anti-Semitism are even occurring at the grade school level. I doubt that most grammar school students can give you an accurate description of who or what a Jew is, much less have an opinion about it. Obviously, someone is feeding them this information.

As the plaintiffs continue to push for more access to the




Heather D. Heyer, a 32-year-old paralegal killed by James Fields Jr was a staunch opponent of injustice.

electronic communications, i.e. emails, text messages, phone records and Zoom sessions used in planning the rally, the defendants have been uncooperative, at best. Since the request for access was submitted (two years ago) posts have been deleted, chat rooms closed, and phones lost or destroyed. Even so, there is a wealth of communications available that chronicle the planning process and the back and forth communication that took place during that period.

The lawsuit has already had an impact on the defendant's operations. Richard Spencer who coined the phrase 'alt-right' and speaks regularly at college campuses has said the lawsuit has affected his ability to operate

normally. Intense media coverage is shining a light on the darkest corners of their operation. One organization was unable to open a new facility. Additionally, their lack of cooperation in turning over documents has resulted in defendants being sanctioned, fined, and at least one, jailed.

Unsurprisingly going after these groups entails taking on risk. There has been a profusion of hateful online chatter flooding the net, talk of reprisals, and floating threats. Still the legal team pushes on. Security is the largest line item in the litigation's budget. Integrity First for America (IFA) is funding the litigation. That includes providing security for Kaplan and her legal team, the plaintiffs, the evidence acquisition team, and any expert witnesses that might be required.

The Ku Klux Klan Act of 1871 was passed by Congress during Reconstruction to ensure that formerly enslaved people would not be forced back into slavery. The defendants filed a motion to have the suit dismissed, but the court rejected the motion. Last week Neo-Nazi Defendant Robert "Azzmador" Ray was ordered to turn Over All Social Media Accounts and Electronic Devices. The court made it clear that failure to comply could result in sanctions and contempt of court. The trial is scheduled to begin on October 26, 2020 



# Join us For Shabbat Service via Zoom with Congregation Ahavas Sholom Rabbi Simon Rosenbach



**The Zoom link for Shabbat services for 5/16 at  
10:30** is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/632968113>

This Shabbat's service will start with P'sukei d'zimrah, Shacharit, Torah reading and the Haftarah, and may-  
be will have time for a complete Musaf, because we  
will start at 10. Even if we have not time for complete  
Musaf, we will say Mourners' Kaddish.

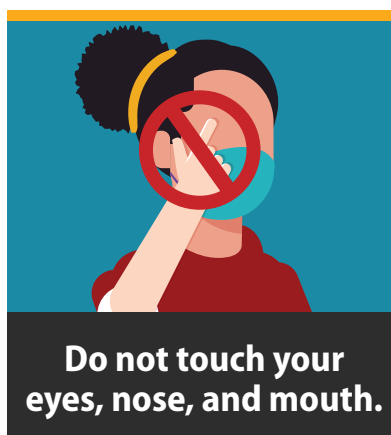
**Morning Miynon @ Temple Beth Ahm -Week-  
days at 7:30** am, Zoom link: [https://us02web.zoom.  
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Meeting ID: 831 4255 9151 Password: 572727

This will be the link from May 18th through May 22nd.

# Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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**Thought Provoking Insights from Rabbi Simon Rosenbach**



***Rabbi Simon Rosenbach***

**✠** In Hebrew, the fourth Book of the Torah is B'midbar, In the Wilderness. In English, the fourth Book of the Torah is called Numbers. Either name is apt for what we are living through.

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The Book of Numbers starts out with the census: every male over 20 of years of age (that is, fighting men). The tribe of Judah is the largest, and the half-tribe of Manasseh is the smallest.

We are inundated with numbers. The total cases of Covid-19 in the United States, as of 11:00 p.m. Thursday morning, May 22, 2020 (Greenwich Mean Time) stands at 1,620,902. Deaths from Covid-19 as of the same time are 96,354. In New Jersey as of 1:00 p.m. on May 21, the total number of cases is 151,472. Deaths in New Jersey as of the same time are 10,843. (You probably know one of them; I know one of them: a good friend whom I have known for 46 years.) In Union County, where I live, there have been 15,176 positive test results, and 1005 deaths.

Like the Israelites, we are in the wilderness. We have tested too few people, and the tests are not infallible. We have promising results from a vaccine, but we are a long way from an effective vaccine. Many states have eased restrictions on businesses, and many of those states have seen

an increase in the number of Covid-19 cases. The unemployment figures are really high; the percentage of workers out of work is higher than the Great Depression. Some of our leaders ignore the advice from experts, but on the other hand, small business owners (like my barber) can not earn a living.

The Israelites wandered 40 years in the wilderness, but in the end, they reached the Promised Land. We will probably not wander in the

wilderness for 40 years, but we will get out of the wilderness soon enough. Many scientists are working on a vaccine, and one of them (or more than one) will be successful. Social distancing has kept the numbers from growing bigger. Like the Israelites, we will reach the Promised Land. We will need to keep in our mind the phrase we said last week, when we finished the Book of Leviticus: Hazak, Hazak, v-nithazek. Be strong, be strong, and may we be strengthened. ✡



## **Help us Remodel Our Kitchen**

**We need \$ 60,000, to remodel our kitchen properly.**

**April Modlinger, a long time pillar of Ahavas Sholom, got us started**

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**but we need more!**

**With your help the congregation will soon have a kitchen**

**that will serve us all for years to come.**

**Please, Make your  
Pledge Today!**



# Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Your symptoms can include the following:

## Fever



If you have COVID-19, you may have mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.

Symptoms can appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

## Cough



Seek medical attention immediately if you or someone you love has **emergency warning signs**, including:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or not able to be woken
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

## Shortness of breath



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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Cumin Crusted Chilean Sea Bass with Dry Tomato Vinaigrette



### Ingredients

1 tablespoon cumin seeds  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper (freshly cracked)  
4 Chilean sea bass fillets (6-ounce, about 1 inch thick)  
1/2 teaspoon olive oil  
2 tablespoons fresh parsley (chopped)  
4 lemon wedges

### Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 375°.

Step 2

Cook cumin seeds in a large skillet over medium heat 2 minutes or until toasted. Place cumin, salt, and pepper in a spice or coffee grinder; process until

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finely ground. Rub cumin mixture over top and bottom sides of fillets.

Step 3

Heat oil in pan over medium-high heat. Add fillets; cook for 2 minutes on each side or until browned.

Wrap handle of pan with foil. Bake at 375° for 4 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Sprinkle with parsley; serve with lemon wedges.

### Dried Tomato Vinaigrette

### Ingredients

1 cup - olive oil  
1/4 cup - white wine  
1/3 cup – sundried tomatoes (chopped)  
1 tbs- fresh cilantro (chopped)  
1 tsp – chopped shallots  
1 tsp – fresh parsley (chopped)  
1tsp – capers (drained)  
1/2 - pinch dried oregano

### Directions

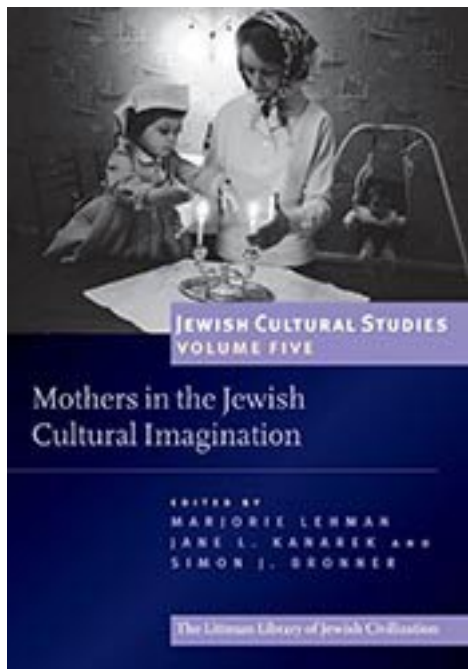
In a blender or food processor, combine the oil and vinegar. Process until well blended. Pour into a small jar, Add the cilantro, shallots, parsley, oregano, tomatoes, and capers. Cover tightly and shake well; ensuring all ingredients are thoroughly incorporated.

*This week we continue our exploration of the Jewish mother.*

## **Mothers in the Jewish Cultural Imagination**

Edited by Jane L. Kanarek, Marjorie Lehman, and Simon J Bronner

*Paperback, Non-fiction, 416 pages, ISBN 9781906764661*



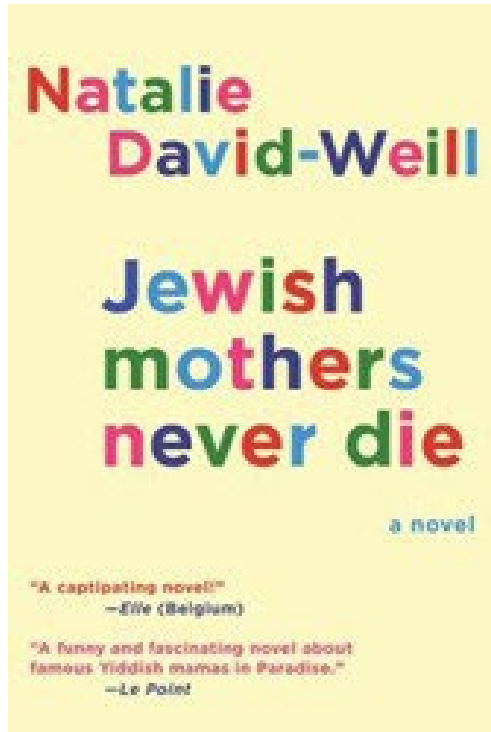
The 'Jewish mother' figure is a hallmark of Jewish culture, one which appears in the works of rabbis, artists, poets, and activists across time and place. While depictions of mothers and motherhood abound in Jewish writings, they vary significantly according to social context. These representations therefore offer important insights into the Jewish cultural imagination, and the ways in which writers resort to the figure of the Jewish mother to comprehend and construct their world. The contributors to this volume highlight the complex network of symbols and images associated with Jewish mothers and motherhood as well as the vast array of social, historical, and cultural patterns that characterizations of mothers reflect. Each essay treats the topic from a specific perspective, spanning from mother--daughter relationships in the Talmud to depic-

tions of mothers in twentieth-century American Jewish children's literature. Collectively, they present a provocative examination of the ways mothers shape and problematize Jewish identity. This volume seeks to give the figure of the mother a new and enhanced place at the heart of Judaism: not only as a central figure in family life, but also as a key agent in the transmission of Jewish religion and culture.

# Jewish Mothers Never Die

Lloyd Wolf and Paula Wolfson

Hard Cover, Fiction, 183 pages, ISBN13: 9781628724073



The mothers of some of the most illustrious Jewish men in recent history, Albert Einstein, Marcel Proust, Sigmund Freud, Woody Allen, the Marx Brothers are chatting in heaven. The subject: their respective sons and their undying love for their mothers. Each one, as before in life, engages in one-upmanship toward the others when speaking about her own renowned offspring, and no opportunity to boast can ever be missed:

- He loves me so much that for my last birthday he bought me a fabulous fur coat."
- Oh! Mine topped that. He saved money for an entire year and treated me to a fantastic trip to the Caribbean."
- As for me, imagine, three times a week he actually pays a psychiatrist to talk about me."

Each woman insists on being the force, the savior, the *raison d'être* of her son's career and success. We follow the intricacies of each woman's marriage and details of her social environment, but more specifically, the relationship with her unique" child.

Written with a delicate touch, *Jewish Mothers Never Die* reveals in tender, funny, and searing portraits how some women continue to live through their children, even after death. Every reader will have a good chuckle, and all will enjoy this utterly charming and entertaining novel.





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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, services and events are temporarily suspended at Congregation Ahavas Sholom; however, you can still join us via [Zoom](#)



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Ahavas Sholom this  
Shabbat and help us  
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