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NEWSLETTER

JWV Events this month:

ZOOM Meeting

Sunday, 3 April, 11:30 AM

Dr. David Frey

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Commander's Corner: The time of year has come when beautiful cherry blossoms emerge throughout the region, when we see the average temperature rising to where walking the dog is pleasurable – not a chore – and soon we'll be hearing "PLAY BALL!" as the baseball season commences throughout the U.S. It's also the time of year where we celebrated Purim, remembering how the Jews of Persia were saved by Queen Esther from the genocidal Haman, followed by Passover, recounting how our Jewish ancestors were freed as slaves from Pharaoh, led by Moses to the Promised Land (without GPS no less!).

While it's joyous to experience these Jewish holidays in the spring, it pains me to read the news every day hearing of the events that are occurring in Ukraine. Vladimir Putin made his territorial expansionist ambitions well known as he ruthlessly pounds Ukrainian cities, displacing over 10 million Ukrainians and killing over 2,571 civilians (at the time of this writing). This has not come without a cost to Russia: NATO estimates between 7,000 and 15,000 Russian soldiers have been killed in Ukraine and up to 40,000 have been killed, wounded, taken prisoner or are missing.

On the Ukrainian side of the line they have lost 1,300 soldiers as of 13 March.

Putin had made several miscalculations in his censured invasion of Ukraine; from wrongly assuming that the NATO alliance was on the decline and splintered, to presuming that Russia would be sheltered from any international sanctions. However the greatest oversight he made was what he thought was the non-existent resolve of the Ukrainian people; as Russia invaded the Ukrainian border countless ordinary Ukrainians took up arms to fight for their beloved country. And at the core of this national spirit is their fearless leader, Volodymyr Zelensky, Ukraine's first Jewish president. Zelensky's grandfather served as an infantryman, reaching the rank of Colonel, in the Soviet Union's Red Army during World War II and whose great-grandfather perished in the Holocaust. Zelensky's purported quote – in response to a request to shuttle him out of his country for his own safety – "I need ammunition, not a ride," is recognized worldwide as a testament to his – and his citizens' – genuine patriotism. The Jewish War Veterans recognized President Zelensky's courage and leadership, designating him as an *Honorary Patron of the JWV*.

Wishing for a speedy end to this war, bringing peace and safety for Ukraine and its people.

While it's still a couple of months away, we're currently planning for the Post's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the Bender JCC veterans' memorial courtyard on Sunday, 29 May 2022. We'll provide details as they are firmed up.

Please mark your calendars for the JWV Department of Maryland picnic for Sunday, 12 June 2022, 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM, held at Patapsco State Park, Pickall Area, 8125 Johnnycake Road, Windsor Mill, MD 21244. **Please email info@jwv692.org if you plan on attending**, specifying how many people will come.

Wishing everyone a happy Passover!

Michael Glick, Commander

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GOOD & WELFARE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



APRIL

- DANA GRIFFIN 8
- RICHARD M GOODMAN 12
- MICHAEL PODBERESKY 18
- DIANE MAISEL 26

NEXT MEETING

SUNDAY, 3 APRIL, 11:30AM



Dr. David Frey is Professor of History and Founding Director of the Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies (CHGS) at the US Military Academy at West Point. As CHGS Director, Dr. Frey oversees a comprehensive atrocity studies program and has spearheaded

efforts to increase Defense Department understanding of, research into, and efforts to prevent mass atrocity. He is the 2021-22 William J. Lowenberg Memorial Fellow on America, the Holocaust, and the Jews at the Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, US Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) researching World War II era “marginal soldiers.” These include Jewish refugees who joined the US Army military intelligence and contributed to reshaping concepts of American citizenship and belonging. Author of *Jews, Nazis, and the Cinema of Hungary: The Tragedy of Success, 1929-44* (IB Tauris, 2017; winner, 2019 biennial Hungarian Studies Association Book Award), co-author of *Ordinary Soldiers: A Study in Law, Ethics and Leadership*

(USHMM, 2014), and co-author of *Least-Worst Decisions: The Leadership of LTG Roméo Dallaire during the Rwandan Genocide* (forthcoming), he taught at Columbia University after earning his Ph.D. in Central European History there. He serves on the USHMM’s Education Committee and the executive committee of the Consortium of Higher Education Centers of Holocaust, Genocide, & Human Rights Studies.

WE NEED YOUR ENDORSEMENT

During our recent Jewish War Veterans (JWV) National Executive Committee (NEC), in Orlando, Florida, both JWV New Jersey Post 126 National Vice Commander Nelson Mellitz and JWV Massachusetts Post 220 Barry Lischinsky announced their candidacy for JWV National Commander (2022-2023) and JWV National Vice Commander (2022-2023) respectively.

Members of Post 692: These two gentlemen are perhaps the strongest candidates we have seen in many years and are two who can bring JWV into the 21st century. We need your consent to give them the endorsement they are asking Post 692 to provide.

PLEASE SAY “YES” AND LET OUR COMMANDER KNOW BY OUR 3 APRIL MEETING.



The Post has purchased blue, short-sleeved embroidered Post polo shirts. Bill Landau, our Quartermaster will be collecting \$17 for these shirts: He has 5 men’s large, 1 men’s xlarge, and 1 women’s large. If you cannot be at the meeting, contact Bill by e-mail at gm@jwv692.org to get your shirt. “Using JWV shirt” in the subject line



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ANTI-SEMITISM ON CAMPUS

I never knew how ugly anti-Jewish hatred could be until my freshman year in college in 2019.

Excited to participate in university life, I attended a meeting of the French club. My French was limited, but as we shared baguette and conversation, I heard a familiar, unmistakable word: “Nazi.”

Interjecting in English, I asked quite directly, “Are you guys talking about Nazis?” Chuckles followed as I stumbled through an explanation: “I’m just asking, because... you know... I’m Jewish. I had great grandparents who died in the Holocaust.”

Their reply stunned me even more.

A student who had been born and raised in Germany, said, “You know, back in Germany, we don’t say that your great grandparents died in the Holocaust. We say they took an extended vacation to Germany and never came back.”

The room went silent, except for a few quiet chuckles. I froze, not knowing what to do or say, waiting for someone, anyone, to call this student out. No one did. I sat through the meeting, still in shock, and as soon as it ended, I left as quickly as my legs could carry me.

I am not the first or the last young Jewish person to feel the pain of antisemitism, but I can tell you firsthand that the situation is getting worse every day. So many young Jews around the world have had similar experiences to mine—whether on campus, online, or just walking down the street.

Since that day, I have faced much worse. I have been harassed, bullied, and even threatened. But I have also grown out of the fear I felt just a few years ago. Together with peers from all over, I founded *Jewish on Campus*, designed to help other students fight their fears and stand up against hate. We have built a team of Jewish students from around the world who stand ready to combat antisemitism through education, grassroots organizing, and social media campaigning. We empower our community more than any act of antisemitism could defeat us

The work of *Jewish on Campus* would not be possible without the incredible support of the World Jewish Congress. They have given us the capability to ensure that every student is heard,

action is taken, and hate does not win.

Sincerely,

Julia Jassey
Founder & Chief Executive Officer, *Jewish on Campus*
University of Chicago Student

ANTI-SEMITISM IN CONGRESS

By Ben Cohen, [The Algemeiner](#), 2 March 2022

A Republican legislator in the Arizona Senate is facing possible censure for a speech she delivered to a white supremacist conference last week in which she attacked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and financier George Soros, both of whom are Jewish, as “globalist puppets” who “report to the same Satanic masters.”

Sen. Wendy Rogers delivered the remarks last Friday at the America First Political Action Conference, an event organized by a 23-year-old neo-Nazi named Nick Fuentes.

In his bid to be the U.S. far-right’s star tough guy, the diminutive Fuentes has questioned the Nazi Holocaust on several occasions and mocked it on others, once comparing the slaughter of Jews in gas chambers to “cookies baking in an oven.”



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Come join us at the JWV Department of Maryland Summer 2022 Picnic

Food – Games – Fun – Fellowship

Open to JWV members, families and friends

Sunday June 12th, 2022 – 11:30am - 2:30pm - Patapsco Valley State Park - Pickall Area (8125 Johnnycake Rd, Windsor Mill, MD) – Pavilion 702

"Kitchen Open" Noon – 1:30pm

Picnic Cost per person \$5.00 * (Nine years old or younger – FREE)

* Note - for non-veterans there is a \$2.00 per person park entrance fee

Menu (All items kosher)

- Your choice of two – hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken burgers or veggie burgers (yes you can "mix and match") – with buns
- Tomatoes, Lettuce & Pickles
- Chips, Cole Slaw & Potato Salad
- Ice Tea or Soda (two)
- Water
- Ketchup, Mustard, & BBQ Sauce

Payment:

- Payment must be received by your Post POC (see below) **no later than May 27, 2022**; No refunds

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WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT PAST POST COMMANDER, WALTER GOLD

BILL LANDAU, POST QUARTERMASTER

Unless you have known somebody very well for a long time, you generally only know a small part of who they are and what they have done. Reading the March 2, 2022 *John Kelly's Washington* column in *The Washington Post* "How (a pre-Post) Bernstein learned the D.C. beat," I learned something interesting about our late Post Commander, Walter Gold.

Kelly interviewed famed reporter Carl Bernstein, discussing Bernstein's memoir "Chasing History: A Kid in the Newsroom," which Kelly says "is about how a 16-year-old copy boy from Harvey Road in Silver Spring learned to become a reporter at the Washington Evening Star."

They talked about a teen age Bernstein enjoying dancing. Bernstein is quoted saying "The girl I danced with more often was Bobbi Parzow."

Kelly says "In the small-world department, Bobbi went on to marry Walter Gold. Gold ... was the Star's cops reporter. He became a mentor, taking Bernstein on nocturnal jaunts across the city. 'What I am as a reporter is grounded in my childhood and my years at the Star, more than the years at The Post' Bernstein says."

Perhaps those of us who knew Walter for a long time knew of his relationship with Bernstein. I certainly didn't. Walter certainly had a very interesting life and career. May his memory be a blessing for all of us who knew him.



NGOS MOST OFTEN CITED IN ANTI-ISRAEL AMNESTY REPORT FUNDED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

By Batya Jerenberg, *World Israel News*, February 7, 2022

The Israeli organizations that Amnesty International cited most often in its report that falsely accused Israel of committing war crimes and practicing apartheid belong to the extreme left, says Zionist organization Im Tirtzu.

The groups quoted most extensively in the 280-page antisemitic report have received over \$100 million in funding from foreign governments, Im Tirtzu, stated.

These Israeli groups have accused Israel in the past of apartheid and even genocide — most notably B'Tselem, which was cited a whopping 98 times, and Adalah (83 times). The next-most cited pro-Palestinian Israeli sources for Amnesty's spurious charges are Ir Amim (44) and HaMoked (41).

Over the last decade, Im Tirtzu pointed out, B'Tselem has received almost \$20 million from foreign governments or government-backed groups.

According to NGO Monitor, which tracks the funding sources of dozens of anti-Israel groups, donors included the EU, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Ireland and Norway.

Adalah, Ir Amim and HaMoked together have received approximately \$30 million since 2012 from British, German, Belgian, Norwegian and Swiss groups as well as from the EU, UN and foreign governments.

These figures represent a huge portion of these NGOs' budgets, according to their own annual reports, collated by NGO Monitor.

A massive 49.7% of B'Tselem's total donations came from foreign countries between 2017 and 2019. With about half of its fellow NGO's nine-million-shekel annual budget, Ir Amim outdid B'Tselem, being 83% funded by foreign governmental bodies during this period. HaMoked, which falls in between, depended on foreign governments for 79.8% of its funding.

"Amnesty's report is merely another anti-Israel hit job made possible by foreign governments who employ radical anti-Zionist Israeli NGOs to spearhead their attack on Israel," said Im Tirtzu CEO Matan Peleg.

Among the non-Israeli NGOs cited by Amnesty are Al-Haq (34 times) and Addameer (10 times). These are two of six organizations that Jerusalem recently named as terror groups for employing members of the Palestinian Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which was designated as a terror group by the U.S. EU, Canada and, of course, Israel.

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