Today's Daily Briefing

POLITICS
UD watchdog: Aid agency did not properly vet Palestinian recipients for terror ties

POLITICS
The guy who got Gaetz in trouble: Who is Joel Greenberg?

GLOBAL
Their stories seeped into my system: How Judy Batalion found the stories of overlooked female Polish WWII resistance fighters

GLOBAL
Baby dolls splashed with red paint among outside Swedish synagogue in suspected Passover hate crime

GLOBAL
Services by golf cart and antique car menorah parades: The Jews who call Florida’s massive retirement community The Villages home

Celebrating Both Sides of My Family This Purim & St. Patrick’s Day

This year I’ll be taking a shot of Speyside’s every time I hear “Hamantash” in honor of my Irish and Jewish grandmothers.

Queen Esther’s Story Means More to Me After Coming Out

I used to feel shame about not telling my parents sooner, until the Megillah taught me that hiding a secret isn't evil or a lie if it’s necessary.

We Shouldn’t Shy Away From the Darker Part of the Purim Story

I understand why they didn’t teach us this part in Hebrew school, but I’m ready to grapple with it now.

Always feel free to drop us a line at help@heyalma.com with comments, concerns, love letters, diatribes, or cute puppy pics.

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Good morning, New York. Russia’s invasion of Ukraine last night has thrown Europe and Washington into turmoil. Our colleague at the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, Caroan Lipskiz, reports on the Jews of Ukraine, and the helplessness and confusion they feel as their country comes under assault.

You’ll notice a new look today for your New York Jewish Week, a daily newsletter. This streamlined version is part of a redesign that also includes a revamped New York Jewish Week website, launching today, and a new look for the brand. The goal is to integrate the New York Jewish Week more seamlessly with our partners at JTA.

What won’t change, of course, is our commitment to bring your essential digital news resource for all things New York and Jewish.

(Comments, questions on the new look? Email us: editor@jewishweek.org)

OMG! An Instagram Account Celebrates a Feminist Milestone

The Instagram account @jewswhoopnedhats wins in its celebration of the 100th anniversary of woman’s right to vote, the first for an American girl. (Psychedone Films, Inc.)

Close-up: This year marks the 100th anniversary of Manhattan’s Saj synagogue, where Judith Kaplan became America’s first-ever bat mitzvah.

Julia Gergely reports on a new Instagram project that tells the story of a breakthrough moment in American Judaism.

Read more from JTA

On this day in New York: In 1934, Gov. Herbert H. Lehman
organized Feb. 24 as “Brotherhood Day,” a project of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. The day to celebrate diversity — eventually expanded to a week — lasted from the 1930s until the 2000s, leaving little trace but this obituary story by Tom Lipton.

Set you tomatoes. And pray for peace.
- The team at the NY Jewish Week

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The Oft-Misquoted Catchphrase of the Exodus

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TODAY’S MUST READS

Coco Chanel Was My Idol Before I Realized Her Nazi Past

Weekend of May 14 - 17

FROM MY JEWISH LEARNING

Saturday, May 1

Group Torah Study with My Jewish Learning

10:30 am ET / 7:30 am PT

Join My Jewish Learning and Sarah Chandler, a kohanim, for a conversation about this week’s Torah portion.

JOIN THE CLASS →

JTA Conversations: Understanding the Violence in Israel

10:00 pm ET / 10:00 am PT

Join the Jewish Telegraphic Agency to discuss the current violence in Israel, how it all started, and how the conflict will be resolved.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION →

Sunday, May 15

Shavuot Hop: A Full Night of Learning

Starting at 10:00 pm ET / 10:00 am PT

Join My Jewish Learning and our partners on Shavuot for an incredible line-up of Shavuot programs and learning, Dance and sing, bake and eat, learn and rejoice on the holiday that celebrates revelation and receiving of the Torah!

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Visit The Hub on My Jewish Learning for more information about these events, or reach out to our partners with questions.