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# B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

*The Global Voice of the Jewish Community*

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## WHO WE ARE

### Message from the President & Chief Executive Officer

Dear members and supporters,

In 2018, we celebrated our 175th anniversary and expanded our goals and mission.

We demonstrated an unwavering commitment to our major focus areas: Human rights and public policy, support for Israel, combating anti-Semitism, attention to senior citizens and disaster relief.

How we acted and reacted to global events is a direct testament to our enduring history and foundation, which traces its start to the Lower East Side of New York on Oct. 13, 1843.

With resolve and energy, we combat anti-Israel bias at the United Nations, protect seniors from cuts to vital programs, raise and distribute funds to communities in need and teach children the importance of tolerance and diversity.

The year had its triumphs, like the U.S. repeatedly speaking forcefully at the United Nations against the body's singular mistreatment of Israel. But the year also came with immense tragedy in the form of the single most deadly attack on Jews in the U.S., with the murders of 11 worshipers at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. When part of our community hurts, all of it hurts, and we rallied people around the world to help with the community's ongoing needs in the aftermath of that attack.

Always facing forward, but mindful of the lessons of history, we spent 2018 fighting the frightening rise in global anti-Semitism on public platforms and in private meetings. Combating this deeply disturbing trend is at the forefront of our work.

This annual report is a testament to the resolve and dedication of our volunteers, members and supporters, as well as our staff. As we enter our 176th year, we are introducing exciting new programs and opportunities, which are already producing positive results. Our fortitude as an organization is on display throughout this report.

Please take a few minutes to read about some of our most exciting and challenging achievements in 2018.

Sincerely,

**Charles O. Kaufman**  
President

**Daniel S. Mariaschin**  
Chief Executive Officer



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## Who We Are

B'nai B'rith International is a name that is synonymous with steadfast dedication to Israel, support for the Jewish people and commitment to universal human rights. It is a name that means stability for older adults and helping people suffering in the wake of a disaster. It is a name of action. It is a name of history – major history.

As we celebrated our 175th anniversary in 2018, we reflected on our humble beginnings and the deep roots we have cultivated around the world. Since 1843, we have evolved to meet the challenges of the day, even while renewing our commitment to our core values and message

At global seats of government, B'nai B'rith is recognized for its integrity, passion and dedication. We bring our message, our service and our devotion around the world and we are recognized for our expertise and insights.

Our ongoing work and impressive record of accomplishment foster vital connections at every level of society.

Keep reading to see how our global advocacy is limitless.



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## HUMAN RIGHTS & PUBLIC POLICY

### B'nai B'rith and The United Nations

Engaging with world leaders is imperative to combating the anti-Israel animus that has become pervasive at the United Nations. B'nai B'rith International, active at the U.N. since the world body was founded, is committed to holding the U.N. accountable to its essential founding values and aspirations.

B'nai B'rith conferred upon U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley the B'nai B'rith Award for Excellence in Diplomacy. In recognition of her stalwart defense of Israel at the United Nations and refusal to accept the anti-Israel bias inherent in the U.N. system, B'nai B'rith International recognized the United States ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley with the B'nai B'rith Award for Excellence in Diplomacy.



Director of United Nations and Intercommunal Affairs David Michaels participated in a U.N. panel, on which he detailed B'nai B'rith's efforts to commemorate the Holocaust, promote diversity and combat hatred around the globe.

Early in the year, B'nai B'rith hosted an event on international Holocaust Remembrance Day on the lesser-known history of Jews who risked their own lives to save other European Jews during the Holocaust. United Nations Assistant Secretary-General Fabrizio Hochschild spoke about his own German Jewish grandfather's efforts to save many thousands of Jewish refugees by helping them immigrate to Bolivia.



United Nations Assistant Secretary-General Fabrizio Hochschild

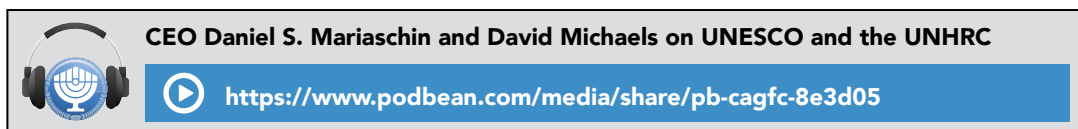


United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General Audrey Azoulay

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B'nai B'rith leaders met with new United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Director-General Audrey Azoulay, who has been given credit for helping to restrain a troubling trend of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish polemics at the organization over recent years.

B'nai B'rith also met with numerous ambassadors to UNESCO in Paris before a meeting of that body's executive board and with numerous ambassadors in Geneva during the main yearly session of the Human Rights Council. At a diplomatic reception at the Palais des Nations there, a statement delivered on behalf of the director-general of the United Nations Office in Geneva saluted B'nai B'rith for its singular history and engagement at the U.N. Listen to our podcast to learn about this annual B'nai B'rith mission to UNESCO and UNHRC. The delegation advocated for fair treatment of Israel by these international bodies.



B'nai B'rith delivered a series of official public interventions at the Human Rights Council on issues including global anti-Semitism and bias against Israel. One statement condemned the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights for failing to speak out against anti-Semitic comments from the head of the Palestinian Authority, who even implied that Jews brought the Holocaust on themselves. In another, Director of U.N. and Intercommunal Affairs David Michaels said: "Israel alone stands as a democracy in the Middle East, a bastion of global humanitarianism."

In September, a B'nai B'rith International delegation, led by President Gary P. Saltzman and CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin held meetings with dozens of world leaders on the sidelines of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly in New York. During these meetings, the delegation discussed priority issues including Iran's threats to global peace and security, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, global anti-Semitism and continuing mistreatment of the Jewish state within U.N. bodies. The 2018 meetings included encounters with leaders from Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, India, Italy, Jordan, Mexico and Ukraine, among others. We view the meetings at the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly as an opportunity to provide a quiet setting to address some of the most pressing issues faced by our community and its friends.

B'nai B'rith CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin and Director of U.N. and Intercommunal Affairs David Michaels published an op-ed in [\*The Hill\* praising the United States for taking steps to oppose Palestinian demands on the issue of refugees and to suspend funding for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East \(UNRWA\)](#), a United Nations body that frequently engages in shrill political advocacy against Israel and affords Palestinian refugees and their descendants special status and attention denied all other refugee populations in the world.

Also listen to our podcast on the U.S. withdrawal from funding UNRWA here.



B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand continues its strong efforts in the areas of advocacy. BBANZ participates at annual discussions in Canberra between human rights focused NGOs, the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Attorney General's Department. B'nai B'rith and ECAJ are the only two Jewish organizations represented at these meetings.

B'nai B'rith International also holds observer status at the United Nations, since its inception in 1947.



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## Public Policy and anti-Semitism

B'nai B'rith advocated for a range of international and domestic concerns on Capitol Hill, meeting frequently with Senate and House staff members on issues ranging from anti-Semitism, property restitution, and foreign aid to immigration reform. Director of Legislative Affairs Eric Fusfield provided written testimony to the House Judiciary Committee on anti-Semitism on university campuses. B'nai B'rith also supplied testimony to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on anti-Semitic hate crimes.

B'nai B'rith's diplomatic outreach extended to the State Department, where we attended the first ever U.S. government-sponsored conference on international religious freedom, and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, where we spoke on anti-Semitism at conferences in Rome and Warsaw.

In Canada, after a years-long campaign, the University of Lethbridge confirmed that Anthony Hall, who B'nai B'rith Canada first exposed for his promotion of anti-Semitic tropes and conspiracy theories in the classroom in 2016, will officially retire and never again have access to the minds of impressionable students at the school.

[And since anti-Semitism knows no borders, we also speak out at home.](#) In Washington, we met with ambassadors to discuss Holocaust remembrance and restitution, relations with Israel and United Nations votes on the Middle East.

We hosted Greek Defense Minister Panos Kammenos for a meeting in our offices and met at the White House for a discussion on the Middle East peace process with Jason Greenblatt, the administration's special representative for international negotiations.



B'nai B'rith completed a nearly week-long visit to Israel with 11 senior international diplomats — six from Africa, three from Europe, one from South America and one from the Caribbean. The diplomats represent their countries at United Nations institutions in New York, the world body's headquarters; in Geneva, home of the Human Rights Council; and in Paris, the base of UNESCO.



B'nai B'rith brought the diplomats to Israel to encounter firsthand the acute security and political challenges the country faces, as well as its vibrant democracy, cultural dynamism, technological innovation, humanitarian contributions globally and demographic diversity. The participants were also given the opportunity to become further acquainted with the singular history of the Jewish state, examining important archaeological discoveries and key biblical sites.



During their visit, the diplomats – who originate from Argentina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Greece, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Togo and Zambia, and who were joined at points by ambassadors to Israel from many of their own countries – met with officials from the Prime Minister’s Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as Knesset members representing both the government coalition and the opposition in Parliament. In Jerusalem, they also visited Judaism’s foremost holy places and the Tower of David, paid tribute to the victims of Nazi genocide in a special ceremony at Yad Vashem – the World Holocaust Remembrance Center – and spoke with Israeli, Palestinian and foreign medical personnel at cutting-edge units of Hadassah University Hospital.

Additionally, they met with Christian, Druze and Baha’i leaders, reviewed anti-Jewish incitement in Palestinian school textbooks, toured an industrial area employing both Israelis and Palestinians and received a strategic briefing near Israel’s borders with Syria and Lebanon. On the eve of this week’s intensification of violence emanating from the Gaza Strip, they traveled to Israeli communities bordering that Hamas-controlled territory, learning about the terrorizing of residents with ongoing Palestinian rocket and aerial arson attacks, and met with the parents of Lt. Hadar Goldin, a young Israeli serviceman whose remains have been held hostage in Gaza since his death at the hands of Palestinians four years ago.

B’nai B’rith Europe is dedicated to combating anti-Semitism as well as promoting tolerance and intergroup understanding around the globe according to its motto “Benevolence, Brotherly & Sisterly Love and Harmony.” B’nai B’rith France is member of CRIF, the Jewish representative council gathering different institutions in France. B’nai B’rith France has been very active in leading intercultural projects regarding interfaith dialogue and fighting against all kind of discrimination.

[B’nai B’rith CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin wrote on the growing threat of anti-Semitism across Europe in a Jerusalem Post op-ed. Read it here.](#)

### **Global Perspective: European Affairs Office, Brussels**

B’nai B’rith International has a full-time presence in Brussels, the home of the European Union, where we focus on promoting EU-Israel relations and advocate for Jewish issues at European institutions in Brussels.

### **Conference: Iran and its Proxies: Challenges to Israel’s Security**

In June, the Brussels office of B’nai B’rith International co-organized, together with the Israeli Mission to the European Union and several members of the European Parliament, a conference with journalist and author Richard C. Schneider, “Iran and Its Proxies: Challenges to Israel’s Security.” The conference, which took place in the German State Representation of Baden Württemberg to the European Union, featured a keynote speech from Richard Schneider followed by a panel discussion with Schneider and Israeli Mission Counselor Jonathan Rosenzweig as well as Members of Parliament Elmar Brok and Helga Trüpel.

B’nai B’rith facilitated additional meetings for the panelists with Israeli Ambassador to the EU and NATO Roni Leshno-Yaar, members of Parliament and the External Action Service, the diplomatic service and foreign and defense ministry of the European Union.

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## European Parliament Conference on Racism and Anti-Semitism in Soccer

As advisory board member of the official European Parliament Anti-Semitism Working Group, B'nai B'rith International co-organized a May conference inside the European Parliament. Called "Football Unites-Racism Divides," the conference focused in two separate panels on best practices of international soccer (football) clubs, federations and NGOs in the field of combatting racism and anti-Semitism in the sport.

The anti-Semitism panel included speakers from football teams Chelsea F.C. and Borussia Dortmund, Jewish charity Community Security Trust (CST) and the Anne Frank House. B'nai B'rith organized additional meetings at the European Parliament and Commission for the panelists to share and promote best practices in the fight against anti-Semitism.

## Expert Roundtable and Presentation on anti-Semitism in Europe

EU Affairs Director Benjamin Nägele gave a presentation at the Bulgarian Permanent Representation to the EU about the findings of the recent European Parliament resolution on anti-Semitism and the increase of anti-Semitism around Europe at a roundtable discussion organized by the Bulgarian Representation and the European Jewish Congress. EU Affairs Policy Advisor Dany Prist was also part of the meeting, along with other Jewish representatives, diplomats and high-level officials.

The meeting, chaired by Georg Georgiev, Bulgarian deputy minister of foreign affairs and national coordinator on combating anti-Semitism, focused on best practices and strategy toward the implementation of the European Parliament Resolution on combating anti-Semitism.

## Participation in EU Anti-Semitism Workshop in Florence

B'nai B'rith International EU Affairs Director Benjamin Nägele participated in a high-level workshop on Europe's challenges of rising anti-Semitism hosted by European Commission Coordinator on Combating Anti-Semitism Katharina von Schnurbein, European University Institute's Robert Schuman Centre and the Global Governance Programme. The workshop, which took place at the Schuman Institute in Florence, brought together special envoys of national governments and directors of leading non-governmental organizations to discuss joint efforts to combat anti-Semitism.

A video of the event, "Addressing Rising anti-Semitism in Europe, Global Governance Programme," can be found here: <https://youtu.be/DZUAjQHRyffE>



## Presentation on B'nai B'rith Activities and Anti-Semitism at the European Commission

EU Affairs Director Benjamin Nägele gave a presentation about the Jewish advocacy work of B'nai B'rith International at the European Commission's "Ambassadors Workshop," which brought 26 Jewish students and young activists from 13 European countries to Brussels to participate in the anti-Semitism Survey. The survey was launched in conjunction with the Institute for Jewish Policy Research and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights.

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## **Student Seminar in Brussels**

February, which brought 24 Jewish students and young leaders from across Europe and the United States to Brussels for a five-day seminar on Jewish advocacy.

The student group got an exclusive look inside the advocacy work of B'nai B'rith at EU institutions and NATO and met with high-level officials at the European Parliament and the European Commission as well as the U.S. embassy, including Commissioner for Justice Vra Jourová and Commissioner for Youth and Education Tibor Navracsics.

The students also participated in an anti-Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) event held by the European Parliament Anti-Semitism Working Group and B'nai B'rith.

## **European Parliament Conference: Culture and Education – Bridges not Boycotts**

B'nai B'rith International co-organized a conference called “Culture and Education - Bridges not Boycotts” inside the European Parliament. The official European Parliament Anti-Semitism Working Group event focused on the detrimental effects of the BDS movement and its anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist agenda and highlighted the negative impact it has on cultural and academic exchange and events in Europe. The event was hosted by the cross-party chairs of the working group, Members of the European Parliament Heinz Becker, Helga Trüpel, Juan Lopez Aguilar and Cecilia Wikström. The conference specifically addressed and opposed the visit and speech of Omar Barghouti, founder of the BDS movement, only one day after this event.

## **B'nai B'rith Europe Human Rights Prize**

The Prizes Award Ceremony 2018 was organized by B'nai B'rith Europe and B'nai B'rith France in April at the Shoah Memorial in Paris. The goal of the event was to honor public leaders who act with a remarkable commitment for the defense of fundamental values. Katharina von Schnurbein, European Commission coordinator on combating anti-Semitism, and Gilles Clavreul, former Interministerial Delegate for the fight against racism and anti-Semitism were awarded with this recognition. President of B'nai B'rith Europe Serge Dahan presented the Human Rights Prize of B'nai B'rith Europe to Katharina von Schnurbein.

## **B'nai B'rith Europe Meeting and Dialogue At The Polin Museum In Warsaw**

A meeting in Warsaw of B'nai B'rith Europe Lodges and the Jewish community of Poland focused on the Jewish community's contribution to the Polish culture.

## **Diplomats: Up Close**

B'nai B'rith International continues to interact formally and informally with diplomats, to help our members and supporters understand some of the biggest geopolitical issues.

At our Diplomatic Encounter series, hosted in our Washington, D.C. headquarters, guests hear from an ambassador about his or her country's interactions with Israel and the United States.

In 2018, at our Washington headquarters, we hosted Tihomir Stoytchev ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United States, on the Bulgarian presidency of the European Union. In the spring, we hosted Ambassador Luis Almagro Lemes, secretary general of the Organization of American States (OAS), on the OAS and human rights in Latin America.





Ambassador Tihomir Stoytchev



Ambassador Luis Almagro Lemes



Ambassador Ashok Kumr Mirpuri

Over the summer, the B'nai B'rith Diplomatic Encounter Series featured remarks by Ambassador Wolfgang A. Waldner, ambassador of Austria to the United States, to discuss the Austrian presidency of the European Union. And in December, we invited Ambassador Ashok Kumr Mirpuri of Singapore to the United States, for a conversation on Singapore's international outlook for the coming year.

### Latin America: A Vital Partner

Uniquely among Jewish organizations, B'nai B'rith International has long had a strong presence across Latin America. Our first lodge in Latin America dates to 1926, when B'nai B'rith founded a lodge in Panama City, Panama. Our presence across the region allows us to closely follow the most important developments and advocate for policies and programs that positively impact the local Jewish population and Israel. We partner with other organizations to ensure that anti-Semitism and Holocaust education, for instance, are a focus at the governmental and local agency levels.

In 2018, B'nai B'rith was especially active in the Organization of American States. In April, Director of Latin American Affairs Eduardo Kohn and International Center for Human Rights and Public Policy Assistant Director Sienna Girgenti attended the Eighth Summit of the Americas in Lima, Peru, which focused on the humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, the changes after elections in Paraguay, Colombia and Brazil and the urgency to protect democracy. Kohn and Girgenti met with Organization of American States (OAS) Secretary-General Luis Almagro to discuss Venezuela, Iran and elections in the region.

B'nai B'rith delegates also met with leaders of the Jewish Peruvian Association, including former President of B'nai B'rith Peru Benami Grobman. The group discussed how to combat anti-Semitism and BDS in Latin America.

In June, Kohn and Girgenti participated in the 48th regular session of the OAS 2018 General Assembly in Washington, D.C., and met with dignitaries and diplomats, including Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie. Main topics of discussion focused on the B'nai B'rith Argentina partnership with White Helmets to aid Venezuelan refugees in Colombia, the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Venezuela and the response from the region and voting at the U.N. on Middle East issues.

Acclaimed international violinist and composer Federico Nathan, winner of the B'nai B'rith Uruguay Fraternidad Award for 2017, visited Israel in 2018 as a guest of the B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem on his first visit to the country.

The Fraternidad Award is a signature project of B'nai B'rith Uruguay that has brought Uruguayan performing and visual artists to Israel for 35 consecutive years and takes place alongside a bi-annual project that brings Uruguayan scientists to Israel.

Nathan is one of the greatest improvisational violinists of our time. He performs as a soloist in ensembles and orchestras around the world. As a versatile musician, he participates in projects of a wide range of musical genres and leads his own project, which serves as an outlet for his fervent creative curiosity. Nathan calls his work "music for the inner child."

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The B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem conducted a six-day mission to Israel in December with 12 members of Congress from Argentina, Chile and Uruguay, the first of its kind undertaken by B'nai B'rith.

The congressmen came to Israel to encounter firsthand the security and political challenges facing the country, its strong democratic institutions and its culture, history, technological innovation and demographic diversity.

The delegation was assembled in close cooperation with B'nai B'rith Argentina, Uruguay and Chile. B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem Director Alan Schneider, B'nai B'rith Director for Latin America Eduardo Kohn and B'nai B'rith Chile Director Jorge Zeballos accompanied the mission.

### **Kristallnacht Commemorations in Latin America**

Again this year, B'nai B'rith International held commemorations across Latin America to remember Kristallnacht, the Night of Broken Glass.

In Argentina, Chile, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Brazil and Uruguay, B'nai B'rith held programs marking the 80th anniversary of the Nov. 9 and 10, 1938, Nazi terror against Jewish neighborhoods throughout Germany, Austria and parts of Czechoslovakia. Nazis vandalized thousands of Jewish businesses, burning and destroying more than 1,000 synagogues.

For the last 25 years, B'nai B'rith Argentina has organized Kristallnacht memorial ceremonies, and this year's event took place in Buenos Aires, where Christians and Jews shared a solemn interfaith remembrance event in the Buenos Aires Cathedral with keynote speakers Cardinal Mario Poli and Rabbi Arie Bursztein, dean of the Latin American Rabbinic Seminar. Another keynote speaker was Secretary of Human Rights Claudio Avruj, former executive director of B'nai B'rith District 23. Avruj said, "This is an interfaith meeting gathering all of us in remembrance to help keeping memory alive and to commit all of us in combatting anti-Semitism."

The presentation of two books with the memories of Holocaust survivors was the main event in São Paulo. Two Righteous Among Nations, Aracy Moebius and Leo Weil, received public tribute. B'nai B'rith Brazil works with the University of São Paulo and other educational institutions teaching the history of the Shoah.

B'nai B'rith Uruguay hosted 600 people on Nov. 13 for its memorial ceremony. The keynote speaker was the minister of the Supreme Court of Justice, Jorge Chediak, who has been president of the Supreme Court twice. The event was attended by the first lady, María Vazquez, former President Luis Lacalle, ministers, ambassadors, other ministers of the Supreme Court, presidents of the political parties, congressmen, religious leaders, such as Cardinal Daniel Sturla, and additional political leaders.

B'nai B'rith Chile and the Jewish Christian Confraternity organized a ceremony at the main Lutheran church in Chile. Another commemoration was held at the local Hebrew school, with several diplomats in attendance. The Israeli ambassador, Eldad Hayat, and the German ambassador attended both events.

B'nai B'rith Costa Rica held a Kristallnacht commemoration ceremony on Nov. 15 which had two keynote speakers: Thomas Walther, a former judge in Germany and Matitjahu Kellig, president of the Jewish community in Hertford-Detmold.

B'nai B'rith Venezuela hosted a commemoration of the Night of Broken Glass in its hall in Caracas. The keynote speaker was the former president of the community, David Bittan.

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## **Cuba Outreach – Cuba Jewish Relief Project**

Our Cuban Jewish Relief Project has provided vital aid to the small Jewish community in Cuba since 1995. Our program is evolving as we seek new and creative ways to continue this longstanding support. Our disaster relief team has been working on a significant project to assist Cubans impacted by a series of hurricanes in 2018.

## **Interfaith Leadership**

We work with other faith-based organizations to encourage a system of religious tolerance. This includes constant vigilance to ensure Israel is not misrepresented. To that end, we speak out against anti-Israel resolutions that have become more common at some religious organizations, academic institutions and in the business world.

In June, B’nai B’rith spoke against a series of deeply distorted resolutions adopted on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict at the biennial General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

[Click here to read our statement.](#)

## **Bridges of Tolerance**

Bridges of Tolerance” is a transnational project for Central and Eastern Europe initiated by B’nai B’rith Europe, aimed at combating discrimination, racism and anti-Semitism, promoting mutual understanding and respect as well as European values. The aim of the 2018 edition “Contribution of national minorities in Romania to the diversity and vitality of European culture” was to strengthen tolerance through inter-ethnic dialogue. This year was also the opportunity to celebrate the Centenary of the Great Union.

## **International Women’s Day Conference**

In March, B’nai B’rith Europe co-organized with the European Jewish Community Center a conference at the European Parliament in honor of the International Women’s Day. The conference was entitled “Double-glass ceiling? Experiences of Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist Women. Challenges facing women in patriarchal and secular societies.” The conference illustrated the opportunity gaps between secular and religious women, with concrete examples, underlined the communication challenge between people from different cultural backgrounds and highlighted what needs to be done to end discriminations in the workplace.



## SUPPORTING ISRAEL



In December, President Charles O. Kaufman and CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin met in Israel with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. During the meeting, B'nai B'rith presented the prime minister with a piece commemorating the Balfour Declaration. Also at the meeting were World Center-Jerusalem Director Alan Schneider and the chair of our World Center, Haim Katz.



CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin spoke on a panel during the Atlantic Council's celebration of the 60th anniversary of MASHAV, Israel's development agency, in July. During the panel, entitled "Marking 60 Years of International Development Cooperation," Mariaschin spoke about the global impact of MASHAV and the shared Jewish value of a commitment to global development. Mariaschin noted, "There's a certain selfless quality to what it is that MASHAV does. If there are those in need and you have the ability to help, do it."

### Yom Hashoah Ceremony recognizing Jewish Rescuers

The B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem held its 16th annual joint Yom Hashoah ceremony recognizing Jewish rescuers on Holocaust Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day with Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael – Jewish National Fund. In the presence of nearly 1,000 Border Patrol soldiers, high school students, pre-army academy students, diplomats, Jewish rescuers and survivors, the ceremony was held at the B'nai B'rith Martyr's Forest Scroll of Fire Plaza and was dedicated to the rescue efforts of the Jewish resistance in France that operated from the beginning of the occupation of France in June 1940 until the defeat of German forces there in September 1944.



During the ceremony, B'nai B'rith honored 23 Jewish rescuers with The Jewish Rescuers Citation, which was established in 2011 by the B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem and the Committee to Recognize the Heroism of Jews who Rescued Fellow Jews During the Holocaust (JRJ) to help rectify the historical record regarding Jewish rescue. To date, more than 200 heroes have been honored with the citation for rescue activities in Germany, France, Hungary, Greece, Slovakia, Yugoslavia, Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Italy, Lithuania, Holland and Belgium. News of the event was covered in Yisrael Hayom, Israel Radio, Aurora, Jerusalem Post, Times of Israel and on Russian radio.



The B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem and the Committee to Recognize the Heroism of Jews who Rescued Fellow Jews During the Holocaust announced during the Chanukah holiday that they will posthumously honor with their Jewish Rescuers Citation 18 Jewish heroes who risked their own lives to rescue fellow Jews. Seventeen of the honorees were leaders of the Comité de Défense des Juifs en Belgique (CDJ), the joint Jewish/non-Jewish Jewish Defense Committee in Belgium. The eighteenth rescuer to be honored with the Jewish Rescuers Citation is Mania Zeidman, who endangered herself to rescue fellow Jews while working in the Ober Altstadt Concentration Camp infirmary in Germany.

### **Former U.S Deputy National Security Advisor Elliott Abrams Gives Keynote Address to B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem Award**

Elliot Abrams, former U.S Deputy National Security Advisor and Senior Fellow for Middle Eastern Studies at the Council of Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C. delivered the keynote address at the ceremony awarding the B'nai B'rith World Center Award for Journalism Recognizing Excellence in Diaspora Reportage. His speech was entitled, "Israel and American Jews: A Portrait at 70" and was given in Jerusalem in June. The award was conferred upon Yair Sherki, religious affairs reporter for Israel News Company for broadcast media, and Amotz Asa-El, Jerusalem Report senior editor for print media. A Certificate of Merit in memory of Luis and Trudi Schydrowsky was conferred on Benny Teitelbaum, Jewish World correspondent at the Israel Public Broadcasting Corporation (Kan). Since its establishment in 1992, the B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem Award for Journalism has recognized excellence in reporting on contemporary Diaspora Jewish communities and on the state of Israel-Diaspora relations in the Israeli print, broadcast and online media.



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The award is widely recognized as the most prestigious prize in the Israeli media industry for Diaspora reportage and was established to help strengthen the relations between Israel and the Diaspora by encouraging quality reporting on Diaspora communities and Israel-Diaspora relations.

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## Annual Donations to Israeli Children who have Lost a Parent to Terrorism

B'nai B'rith World Center-Jerusalem Director Alan Schneider presented financial assistance to Israeli children left fatherless in two terrorist attacks earlier this year. The funds were made available from B'nai B'rith's Edith Pat Wolfson Fund, administered for the last 11 years by the World Center and by B'nai B'rith First Lodge of England.

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One donation was presented to Yael Shevach in the family's home in northern Samaria to benefit her six children – Renana (11), Neomi (9), Miriam (7), Milka (5), Ovadia (4) and Benayahu (1) - whose husband and father, Rabbi Razi'el Shevach (35), was murdered on Jan. 9, 2018 in a drive-by terrorist attack near their home. Shevach was a religious educator and a mohel who helped save lives in his volunteer work with the Magen David Adom national rescue organization.

The next donation was made to the four children of Rabbi Itamar Ben Gal (29), a teacher at Bnei Akiva Yeshiva in Givat Shmuel, who was murdered in a stabbing attack near the entrance of Ariel on Feb. 5 while on his way to a family event. He leaves behind his children Avital (6), Daniel (5), Roni (3) and Avraham (1). The presentation was made to their mother Miriam, also a teacher.

## Gala Dinner: 70 Years of Israel

B'nai B'rith International in Brussels co-hosted 160 people in May for a gala dinner and concert celebrating 70 years of Israel, together with the European Jewish Congress, the World Jewish Congress, the European Leadership Network, the American Jewish Committee, the European Coalition for Israel, the Belgian Jewish Community and the European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS). Dozens of members of the European Parliament across the political spectrum, ambassadors and high-level officials from the European Commission, Council and NATO joined the celebration and concert by award-winning Israeli singer Ester Rada



## SENIOR HOUSING AND ADVOCACY

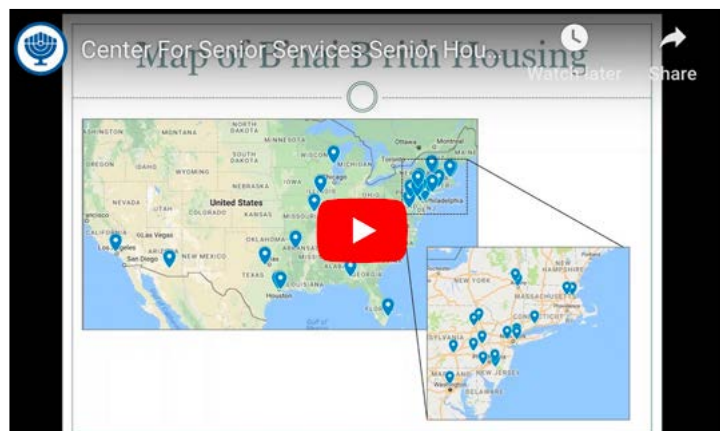
Safe, affordable housing for low-income seniors is a top priority for B'nai B'rith. Since 1971, B'nai B'rith has been a leader in senior housing and aging issues.

We are sought-after experts on the global stage in the field of aging in good health. We have leveraged our senior housing expertise into a highly skilled program overseeing legislation that may impact the unique situation of the elderly in the United States and around the world.

We also bring our expertise on aging matters directly to the managers and residents of our senior housing facilities, teaching classes on such topics as fraud prevention and hosting anti-bullying campaigns.



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### Congressional Staff Visits to B'nai B'rith Housing

In 2018, we focused intently on Congressional and staff visits to B'nai B'rith housing locations across the country to highlight the vital need for law maker's attention to Section 202 housing, the program that funds low-income housing for seniors.

This year, visitors to our buildings included: Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-Illinois) to the B'nai B'rith Covenant Apartments in Peoria, Illinois; Rep. Gene Green (D-Texas) at Pasadena Interfaith in Texas; Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Florida) at the B'nai B'rith Apartments in Deerfield Beach, Florida; Marta Gabriel from Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey's office to B'nai B'rith House in Reading, Pennsylvania; Ken Reichard from Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin's office to B'nai B'rith Homecrest House in Silver Spring, Maryland; Rebecca Schatz and Artin Haghshenas from New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez's office to South Orange B'nai B'rith Federation House in South Orange, New Jersey; Stephen Plyler of Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton's office to Levi Towers in Hot Spring, Arkansas; Kristin Vandergriff of Rep. Kay Granger's (R-Texas) office to Mollie & Max Barnett and Tarrant County B'nai B'rith Apartments; Alyn Fernandez of Florida



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Sen. Marco Rubio's office and Alina Garcia of the Florida chief financial officer's office to B'nai B'rith Apartments of Deerfield Beach, Florida; Jennifer Garner of Wisconsin Sen. Tammy Baldwin's office to B'nai B'rith Covenant House in Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Patrick McCarthy from Maryland Sen. Chris Van Hollen's office and Jarrett Moore from Rep. Jamie Raskin's (D-Maryland) office to Homecrest House in Silver Spring, Maryland for B'nai B'rith's "There's No Place Like Home Day;" and Rep. Donald Payne (D-New Jersey) to South Orange, New Jersey B'nai B'rith Federation House.



Rep. Donald Payne, Jr. (D-New Jersey) leads a Q&A session with residents at the South Orange B'nai B'rith Federation House in South Orange, New Jersey.



Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Florida) greets resident and tenants association president, Betty Summers, at B'nai B'rith Deerfield Beach in Deerfield Beach, Florida, during his tour of the building.



Jennifer Garner, from the office of Sen. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wisconsin), visits with residents during a visit and tour of B'nai B'rith Covenant House in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

In addition, B'nai B'rith hosted candidate visits at buildings to help focus attention on low-income senior housing. Marty Nothstein visited B'nai B'rith Apartments in Allentown during his run for a congressional seat in Pennsylvania. Congressional candidate Susan Wild visited B'nai B'rith Apartments in Allentown.

B'nai B'rith participated in the Our Homes, Our Voices Housing Week of Action.



Republican candidate for Pennsylvania's 7th congressional district, Marty Nothstein, visits with residents at B'nai B'rith Apartments of Allentown, Pennsylvania during the lead up to the 2018 midterm elections.



Democratic candidate for Pennsylvania's 7th congressional district, Congresswoman-elect Susan Wild, poses for a photo with residents while on a tour of B'nai B'rith Apartments of Allentown, Pennsylvania during the lead up to the 2018 midterm elections.

As part of the Housing Week of Action, Nairobi Gabriel and Farrah Ridore from Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's office visited The Coolidge at Sudbury, Massachusetts.



Our housing experts also held many meetings with lawmakers and their staffs in their Capitol Hill offices to advocate for the continuation of Section 202 housing subsidies in the federal budget as well as to highlight the federal programs that help our residents continue to live independently in their buildings. We met with majority and minority staff from the Transportation Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Committee and the U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging. We also met with staff for 24 members of Congress who represent B'nai B'rith-sponsored buildings and serve on the Appropriations, Financial Services or Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committees.

Late in the year, we held our Managers and Service Coordinators Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This annual training conference is for on-site building staff; a majority of the Center for Senior Services housing network attended.

B'nai B'rith housing experts Janel Doughten and Evan Carmen were presenters/trainers at the 2018 Jewish Community Housing Corporation Third Annual Resident Association Conference. They talked about fair housing, federal government advocacy and inclusivity amongst residents.

Though our commitment to seniors began in the early 1970s when we began acting to correct the severe dearth of housing for low-income seniors, we have built on that knowledge to extend our expertise to all aspects of aging and aging issues. We recognize how healthy aging directly connects to a safe, affordable and engaging home environment.



Evan Carmen (left), assistant director for aging policy and Janel Doughten (right), associate director for the Center for Senior Services speak with residents of Homecrest House in Silver Spring, Maryland during B'nai B'rith Day.

B'nai B'rith International is the largest national Jewish sponsor of low-income housing for seniors in the United States, with 38 buildings in 28 communities. We also sponsor six Canadian buildings in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver as well as additional facilities around the world. In the United States, with funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), we provide safe, affordable housing for more than 5,000 seniors of limited income without regard to race, national origin or religion. In order to fulfill our mission and standards of operations for each building, B'nai B'rith staff provides ongoing training, troubleshooting, programming and advocacy outreach for the entire housing network. B'nai B'rith volunteers provide guidance to each local building within a framework that reflects the needs of each local community.

The B'nai B'rith Conference on Senior Housing was held from Oct. 27-30 in North Hollywood, California. Sessions included an update from Silvia Cuellar, chief account executive of the Multifamily Housing West Region, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Jenefer Duane, senior program analyst from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, gave a talk entitled "How to Prevent Financial Exploitation of Residents." There were presentations from the B'nai B'rith Bagel Brigade, as well as training from other experts in the field of senior housing, including B'nai B'rith's Center for Senior Services staff.

Janel Doughten was invited to train management professionals in September 2018 for SPM, Inc., a large affordable housing management company based in the southeast United States.

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## **Bronx Project**

In April, B'nai B'rith Senior Housing closed on a major recapitalization proposal to renovate and modernize the Adelstein Family B'nai B'rith Project H.O.P.E. property located in the Bronx, New York.

Constructed in 1992, it was initially funded under the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. It consists of 75 one-bedroom apartments and 25 studio apartments. Residents will see what is effectively a new building by the end of 2018. Individual apartments will include new bathrooms with new toilets and bathtubs; new kitchen cabinets, counters and appliances; and all-new lighting and painting throughout. Exterior and common area improvements include new masonry, exterior doors, elevator cabs, windows, plumbing stacks, boilers and pumps. Additionally, state-of-the-art smoke detectors and sprinklers will be added, along with upgrades to the building's electrical system and security cameras. One of the first items to be added is an individual air conditioner for each resident's apartment. Overall, the developer intends to complete approximately \$8.7 million of building renovations.

Additionally, financial resources are now available to provide for a host of specific supportive and social services for the individual residents. Through partnerships with local service provider organizations, for the first time, residents will have access to referrals to community resources, supportive listening and casework services, as well as a host of new classes, workshops events and activities.

Funding for the project came from the sale of tax-exempt bonds issued by the New York State House Finance Agency through the sale of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). This bipartisan program, initiated in 1986, is overseen by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and is one of the few programs currently available to provide funds for the construction and preservation of supportive housing for low-income people.



## DISASTER RELIEF & COMMUNITY PROJECTS

B'nai B'rith International continues with our global disaster relief work, a core effort we began in 1865. Though we often focus on natural disasters, sometime, sadly we must turn our attention to man-made issues.

In 2018 we opened a fund to help the Jewish community in Pittsburgh deal with the aftermath of the anti-Semitic mass murders at the Tree of Life Synagogue on Oct. 27. We are working with B'nai B'rith leaders in Pittsburgh and the local community at large to determine the best use of these funds. We hope this aid can help the people of Pittsburgh, in some small measure, heal from this attack and serve as a reminder to the broader community that acceptance and tolerance must triumph over bias and fear. We also explored hate crimes in the wake of the shooting. Visit our podcast on the topic here.



### Hate Crimes and Anti-Semitism in the Wake of the Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting



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In September, B'nai B'rith International opened its Disaster Relief Campaign to assist in two domestic natural disasters. The campaign provided assistance to the Idyllwild Help Center in Idyllwild, California in response to the wildfires that devastated the community, and the Ahava 'Aina Synagogue in Hawaii, whose members have been dealing with the impact from the eruption of the Kilauea Volcano.



We are providing an allocation to assist with the costs of food, utility bills and medical supplies for the Idyllwild Help Center. Many of the victims needing assistance are disabled, seniors on fixed incomes and single mothers who work in the tourist industry, which has been decimated as a result of the fires. B'nai B'rith leader Eric Book presented a check from our Disaster Relief Fund to the center in the fall. Volunteers from our partner organization, the Jewish fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi, from nearby AEPi chapters, provided assistance for fire abatement for the area around the center's facility. In July, B'nai B'rith International worked to send aid to Greece as raging wildfires killed scores and destroyed property outside Athens. B'nai B'rith works very closely with two Greek-American organizations, The American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (Order of AHEPA) and the American Hellenic Institute (AHI).

Also in 2018, B'nai B'rith tapped its Disaster Relief Fund to help the victims of Guatemala's Fuego Volcano that decimated the village of El Rodeo. In June, a deadly mix of lava, volcanic gas, rock and ash sped down the mountain at hundreds of miles an hour, trapping residents in cars as they tried to flee and in homes as they sought shelter.

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In July, B’nai B’rith deployed our Disaster Relief Fund to help the victims of the worst flooding to hit Japan in decades. At least 210 died as a result of the disaster. Compounding the disaster was a heat wave gripping the same region impacted by the floods. The floods and subsequent landslides meant tens of thousands were stranded in their homes without power. We had supported humanitarian relief efforts in Japan in 2011 after the ruinous earthquake and tsunami, and again in 2016 after another catastrophic earthquake.



**Hurricane-decimated areas in the United States also received aid from B’nai B’rith in 2018.**

- [B’nai B’rith Opens Fund to Help Those Impacted by Hurricane Michael - Allocates \\$5,000 for Relief Efforts](#)
- [Ready To Help: The B’nai B’rith Disaster Relief Fund Accepting Donations](#)

In November 2018, a community service project to assist families still struggling after 2012’s Hurricane Sandy was held with volunteers coming from the Young Leadership Network in New York City. We provided an allocation of funds to SBP, a not-for-profit organization that helps homeowners rebuild after disasters. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, we partnered with this agency when it was called the St. Bernard Project.

B’nai B’rith created and has supported the B’nai B’rith International Communities in Crisis Program since March 2002. This project provides medicines to communities in Latin America. The Communities in Crisis Program is made possible with donated medicines provided by the Brother’s Brother Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 2018, we made a shipment of medical supplies valued at close to \$300,000. B’nai B’rith funded the cost of shipping and the logistics of the delivery.

We continue to acknowledge our partners and friends at the AEPi fraternity for choosing to support B’nai B’rith with \$100,000 over a five-year period. This help will go toward B’nai B’rith’s disaster relief efforts. Special philanthropy luncheons at the AEPi Convention held in August provided us the opportunity to present our charitable relief work and thank the chapters for their effort to raise these funds. We also saluted the dedicated team of AEPi volunteers for their hard work as volunteers during times of disaster.





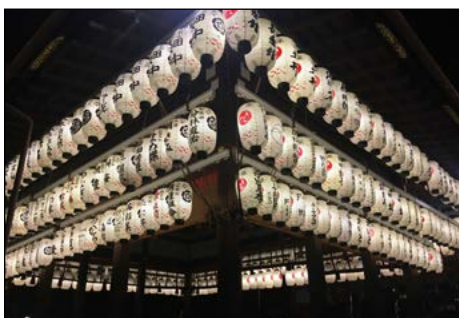
## YOUNG LEADERSHIP

Our Young Leadership Network is a vital force to nurture future leaders. Through events at embassies, missions, disaster rebuilding sites and fundraisers, we have a network of next-generation leaders who meet, exchange ideas, have a chance to learn from current B'nai B'rith leadership as well as meet with diplomats and lend a hand to a struggling community.

B'nai B'rith has members all over the world, and so does the Young Leadership Network. There are groups in Australia, Europe, Israel, Latin America, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

For the third year, B'nai B'rith has partnered with Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to participate in the Kakehashi Project cultural exchange. A delegation of B'nai B'rith young leaders traveled to Japan in March for this program. During this weeklong exchange, the young leaders traveled to Tokyo and Kyoto. Our young leaders engaged in immersive, in-depth learning about Japan's culture, government and history. Our young leaders toured Japan's Diet, or Parliament, building and learned about the Japanese government. Additionally, our delegates met Israeli Ambassador to Japan Yaffa Ben-Ari and discussed with her key aspects of the Japan-Israel relationship. The delegation also met with Kentaro Sonoura, special advisor to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, to debrief about their experiences in Japan at the end of the trip and to discuss Japan's foreign policy priorities.

[Read young leader Laura Hemlock's blog on her experience traveling this year here.](#)



## REGIONAL YOUNG LEADERSHIP NETWORK EVENTS

### Denver

B'nai B'rith Denver and Temple Emanuel Denver partnered for a happy hour, lecture and onsite genetic screening for young professionals and couples with JScreen in May. The event was an informative introduction to a very important topic.

[To read about Jewish genetic testing, check out our spring 2018 B'nai B'rith Magazine story.](#)

B'nai B'rith Denver also hosted its 22nd annual mitzvah event, the historic Leadville Hebrew Cemetery cleanup, during the weekend of June 22-24, with some 100 volunteers cleaning up the cemetery and nearly 50 attending the Shabbat services and oneg in Leadville's beautifully restored Temple Israel. A short memorial service was also held in honor of early Jewish pioneers in Leadville. Hands-on activities included a general cleanup of the cemetery grounds, consisting of cutting weeds, pruning tree branches, cemetery picket fence painting and sprucing up soiled grave markers. In addition, a large amount of food was donated to help feed the hungry in the Leadville community. Many first-time volunteers participated this year.

The successful year was capped off with the Jewbilee Bash Denver, our inaugural Christmas Eve party, with 315 attendees.

### Florida

In June, the B'nai B'rith Young Leadership Network of South Florida joined the senior residents of the B'nai B'rith Apartments of Deerfield Beach, Florida for a Sunday afternoon Art and Wine Party. Participants met over wine and cheese, and resident art work was on display. The young leaders also toured the facilities and learned about B'nai B'rith's involvement in low-income housing for seniors. B'nai B'rith sponsored the cost of what may be life-saving power generators after the buildings lost power during Hurricane Wilma in 2005.



### New York

In June, B'nai B'rith Young Leadership Network of New York held an in-depth briefing on the implications of the U.S. withdrawal from the Iran Nuclear Deal (JCPOA), and the U.S. withdrawal from the United Nations Human Rights Council with B'nai B'rith's Director of United Nations and Intercommunal Affairs David J. Michaels. The talk offered an informative insider's look at the important issues facing the Jewish community in the international arena.

### Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C. young leaders met at the high-tech store Studio Xfinity Live in July to celebrate the start of Shabbat and to learn about B'nai B'rith's participation in the Japanese government's Kakehashi Project.

In August these young leaders partnered with the Edlavitch Jewish Community Center of Washington, D.C. for an exciting young professional networking event.

It was a wonderful evening of mingling at the awesome offices of Social Tables at the third annual Jew Kids on the Block happy hour. Attendees learned about Jewish organizations of D.C. that provide programs for young professionals.



B'nai B'rith Young Leadership Network of New York invites you to:

Join us for an in-depth briefing on the implications of the

**U.S. WITHDRAWAL**

from the

**IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL**

with

**David Michaels**  
Director of United Nations and Intercommunal Affairs at B'nai B'rith International

Wine & cheese will be served. No cost to attend.





## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUITY

Since 1989, B'nai B'rith International has served as the official North American sponsor of the Yom HaShoah program Unto Every Person There is a Name. With B'nai B'rith's help, many communities across the globe gather on Yom HaShoah each year to commemorate the Holocaust.

For Unto Every Person There is a Name, participants read the names of Holocaust victims – the six million Jews, including one and a half million children – where they were born and where they died. For many victims on these lists, it is the only time their name, and thus their life, may be remembered each year, as their entire family was murdered or there is no one left to remember them. B'nai B'rith has also provided yellow stars that read “Never Forget the Six Million” available to wear at programs.



B'nai B'rith and our partner organization Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi) fraternity collaborated to bring “Unto Every Person There is a Name” to 130 university campuses in conjunction with AEPi's own Holocaust Remembrance Day program, “We Walk to Remember,” which began in 2006. AEPi brothers and other volunteers walk silently across their campuses wearing “Never Forget” stickers provided by B'nai B'rith. We also supplied AEPi with pamphlets on the importance of Yom HaShoah and how each year's theme relates to the Holocaust.



[Read more in our summer B'nai B'rith Magazine.](#)

Beyond remembrance, the program offers awareness and education about the Holocaust at a time when few survivors remain to tell the story firsthand.

Why talk with survivors? Our podcast on this topic is a must-listen. We talk with a man who interviews Shoah survivors before live audiences at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.

In 2018, B'nai B'rith Canada CEO Michael Mostyn published a piece in the National Post urging Prime Minister Justin

**Bill Benson On Interviewing Holocaust Survivors**  
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Trudeau to do more than just apologize on behalf of Canada for the M.S. St. Louis, which Canada turned away in 1939. Mostyn urged Canada's government to invest resources in combatting anti-Semitism and working with synagogues to increase security. He wrote: "The Jewish community needs committed and concerted action on the part of government to combat the rising tides of anti-Semitism so that, hopefully, there will be no need for apologies in the future."

A B'nai B'rith lodge in Paris continued with its yearly trip to Auschwitz for 100 high school students, an undertaking that began in 2005. It also organized a trip of three classes to French Holocaust memorial site Oradour sur Glane

In a suburb of Washington, D.C. this year, an event held at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, "Hate Speech & the Holocaust," included an afternoon program for teens, followed by an Unto Every Person There is a Name-themed artwork display and exhibit and an early evening interfaith memorial service that honored Holocaust victims and rescuers. Survivors of hate speech also participated in the service. Names of victims were read by U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.), Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, many state senators and delegates and representatives of other faith communities.

In addition to commemorating the Holocaust, B'nai B'rith is active in exposing Holocaust denial. B'nai B'rith Canada alerted German authorities to the Holocaust-denying activities of German-Canadian former Green Party of Canada candidate Monika Schaefer, who was subsequently arrested early in 2018. In July 2016, B'nai B'rith Canada had brought attention to a video produced by Schaefer, where she explicitly denied the Holocaust and called it the "most persistent lie in all of history." The Green Party quickly condemned Schaefer's comments and moved to expel her from the party. Schaefer continued to promote anti-Semitic tropes, which when exposed by B'nai B'rith Canada, helped lead to her arrest.

B'nai B'rith Canada had also contacted German authorities about Monika Schaefer's brother Alfred Schaefer's anti-Semitic postings. He collaborated with his sister on Holocaust denial videos, and created his own where he accused Jews of wanting to "destroy" the German people, blamed them for starting both World Wars, as well as the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and called denying the Holocaust, which he referred to as a "Jewish fantasy," as a "moral obligation." He was indicted for sedition in Munich in connection with these videos, as well as a sermon he made at a neo-Nazi rally in Dresden, and received a prison sentence in October 2018. "Holocaust denial is once again on the rise, but this important court decision should help deter others from engaging in racist and hateful rhetoric," B'nai B'rith Canada CEO Michael Mostyn said. "B'nai B'rith will aggressively continue to combat anti-Semitism, Holocaust denial and all forms of bigotry and racism."

In St. Louis, Missouri, the B'nai B'rith event was held at the Jewish Federation building in front of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center. The entire community was invited to participate in the name-reading ceremony.

As they have for 29 years, volunteers from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky gathered at B'nai Sholom Congregation in Huntington, West Virginia, for the annual Holocaust remembrance ceremony and a worship service. The B'nai Sholom congregation provided displays to inform participants about the rise of the Nazis and their persecution of Jews and others during the Holocaust.

**Links to stories published about some of these events can be found below:**

- **Kent State University:** [http://www.kentwired.com/latest\\_updates/article\\_3dafw5cf6-3f1e-11e8-8a4f-13d462b2da5e.html](http://www.kentwired.com/latest_updates/article_3dafw5cf6-3f1e-11e8-8a4f-13d462b2da5e.html)
- **University of Pittsburgh:** <https://pittnews.com/article/130741/news/pitt-honors-holocaust-victims-in-annual-remembrance-walk/>
- **Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois:** <https://dailynorthwestern.com/2018/04/12/campus/214597/>
- **Texas A&M University:** [http://www.theeagle.com/news/local/local-jewish-groups-join-in-march-for-holocaust-remembrance/article\\_5214fdad-7e8e-522d-a68c-1bd4eb271b36.html](http://www.theeagle.com/news/local/local-jewish-groups-join-in-march-for-holocaust-remembrance/article_5214fdad-7e8e-522d-a68c-1bd4eb271b36.html)

**Materials are also posted on the B'nai B'rith website:**

- <http://www.bnaibrith.org/unto-every-person.html>
- [http://www.bnaibrith.org/uploads/1/1/6/9/116999275/unto\\_every\\_person\\_there\\_is\\_a\\_name\\_2018-eng.pdf](http://www.bnaibrith.org/uploads/1/1/6/9/116999275/unto_every_person_there_is_a_name_2018-eng.pdf)





## ANNUAL LEADERSHIP FORUM, TRIBUTE DINNERS, AWARDS, GRANTS

We saluted 175 years of history, action and advocacy at the annual Leadership Forum in New York City. Over three days, leaders, members, supporters and donors looked back at the indelible history of the organization that traces its founding to the Lower East Side of New York, on Oct. 13, 1843.

At this year's forum, Charles O. Kaufman of Austin, Texas was elected president for a three-year term. Kaufman, who has dedicated decades of service to B'nai B'rith at the local, national and international levels, noted: "Organizations that celebrate 175 years — and there aren't that many of them — have a strong mission, great resolve for success and an impressive ability to innovate. B'nai B'rith has built a proud history because we've shown that being nimble, bold and committed are keys to longevity."



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Seth J. Riklin of Sugar Land, Texas was appointed chairman of the executive. B'nai B'rith also installed new senior vice presidents: Brad Adolph, Hawthorn Woods, Illinois; Scott D. Knapp, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Roberto M. Nul, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Rebecca Anne Saltzman, Centennial, Colorado; Stéphane Teicher, Paris, France; Morris Tobias, Melbourne, Australia; re-elected Treasurer A. Michael Gellman, Potomac, Maryland; re-elected Chief Justice William K. Peirez, Great Neck, New York. Gary P. Saltzman, the outgoing president who chaired the forum, was elected honorary president.

A featured event of the celebration was a gala dinner held on Oct. 15 at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. There, B'nai B'rith honored pillars of the Jewish community and celebrated our dedication and commitment to the community at the grassroots and global levels over the last 175 years.

President Donald J. Trump sent a letter congratulating B'nai B'rith on its 175th anniversary and commending the organization for its good work over the decades.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres sent special greetings to the gala: "Thank you for being such strong and long-standing supporters of the United Nations. You were present at the San Francisco conference in 1945; you have been an accredited non-governmental organization since 1947; and today you remain a dynamic presence as we strive to build a world of peace, prosperity and dignity for all." And the secretary-general later noted: "Often been called 'the oldest hatred' anti-Semitism should have no place in the 21st century. Indeed, the origins of the United Nations itself are rooted in the need to learn the lessons of the Holocaust. Being true to our Charter means combatting anti-Semitism across the world, and I am strongly committed to being in the forefront of the fight against it and against all forms of discrimination."

[Other shout-outs can be found here.](#)



Corporate and community leaders honored with the Jewish Heritage Award during the gala, were prominent attorney Kenneth J. Bialkin; Andrew Borans, former executive director of the AEPi fraternity and executive vice president of the AEPi Foundation; Susan Goldberg, editorial director of National Geographic Partners and editor in chief of National Geographic Magazine; Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman and CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations; active philanthropists and community leaders Adam and Gila Milstein; and David Yarus, founder of mllnnl and JSwipe.



Chip Kahn, president and CEO of the Federation of American Hospitals and the recipient of B'nai B'rith's 2016 National Healthcare Award, which has recognized exceptional trailblazers in the health care industry for more than 30 years, was the evening's emcee.

[The evening examined B'nai B'rith's founding 175 years ago and showcased how the organization was an incubator for many of today's Jewish communal groups.](#)



"B'nai B'rith is a unique and pivotal organization," B'nai B'rith CEO Daniel Mariaschin (left), who also delivered a keynote address during the forum, said. "We meet with leaders in the fields of diplomacy and religion, at the U.N. and elsewhere around the world. We've evolved and expanded our mission over our 17-and-a-half decades, but our founders would still recognize our commitment to Tikkun Olam — making the world a better place."

B'nai B'rith also hosted a conversation with Ambassador Dani Dayan, the Consul General of Israel in New York, at a luncheon discussion, part of our on-going Diplomatic Encounter Series. "Israel is stronger, more prosperous and has a better relationship with the world than we've ever had," Dayan said.

At the same diplomatic encounter event, we conferred the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Holocaust Memory upon Kimberly Mann, chief of the Education Outreach Section of the United Nations Department of Public Information.



A panel discussion entitled "The Crisis of Zionism in 'Progressive Spaces'" looked at the challenges facing Zionists today. Too often, Zionists are shunted out of social justice movements and denied a voice on issues of equality and justice. Panelists Ann Lewis (far right with CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin), Democratic Party strategist; Amanda Berman (2nd from left), President/CEO, Zioness; and Emily Shire (left), journalist, talked about how we can work to overcome those who seek to dehumanize and alienate Zionists. "The word 'Zionist' is so sullied, we have to reclaim it," Berman said. "If we had challenged the narrative all along, we wouldn't be so far behind."

B'nai B'rith also recognized the incredible energy of top young leaders who have demonstrated exceptional dedication and commitment to the work of B'nai B'rith. Five outstanding individuals received the Label A. Katz Award, given to exemplary

individuals under the age of 45 who have demonstrated exceptional service to the totality of B'nai B'rith and have worked to achieve the goals of the B'nai B'rith Young Leadership program.



Left-Right: Outgoing B'nai B'rith President Gary P. Saltzman; Frank Goldman, Denver, Colorado; Jessica Kreger, Plantation, Florida; Scott D. Knapp, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Tali Schwartz, New York City; and Roni Sarfati, Petah Tikvah, Israel were recognized for their leadership skills and dedication to the organization. Pictured at far right is Rebecca Saltzman, chair of the Label A. Katz committee and former award winner.

With a depth of expertise and knowledge, B'nai B'rith subject matter experts held an interactive dialogue on some of B'nai B'rith's top advocacy efforts: fighting for global human rights; advocating for Israel; promoting tolerance; finding inter-religious commonalities; combating anti-Semitism and the odious Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement; supporting seniors; and providing humanitarian aid around the world.

Each year, B'nai B'rith International recognizes the humanitarian and philanthropic efforts of key community and corporate leaders from around the world. We understand that doing well in business comes with a responsibility to do well in the community, and we seek out companies and their leaders who understand that giving back should be a vital component of any corporation's mandate and vision.

We had several successful events this year recognizing outstanding individual and corporate leadership.





In April, we hosted our first 175th Anniversary celebration at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. We honored U.S. Rep. Eliot Engel; Rebecca Rubin, founder, president & CEO of the environmental firm Marstel-Day; and Ambassador Richard Schifter, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Jewish International Relations Institute. A fund for United Nations Reform was established at the dinner with a major donation by the Schifter family in honor of the ambassador. The fund will allow B’nai B’rith to further its work at the United Nations.



Our 2018 highly successful National Health Care dinner was held in June. The event, chaired by Federation of American Hospitals and former honoree Chip Kahn, attracts the support of major healthcare institutions across the country. This was the 35th anniversary of the award and Dr. Jonathan Perlin, president of Clinical Services and Chief Medical Officer of HCA Healthcare, was the honoree.



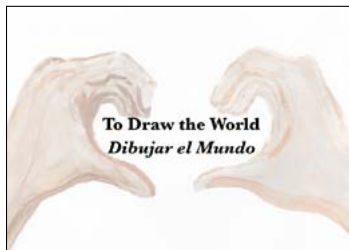
## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY & CULTURE

### B'nai B'rith International **DIVERSE MINDS** Writing Challenge

#### Diverse Minds Writing Challenge

In June, B'nai B'rith celebrated the 12th anniversary of the Diverse Minds Writing Challenge, and held award presentation events in Washington, D.C., Southern New Jersey and the Delmarva Peninsula. Our New York winner was recognized in October during our 175th anniversary gala. Since its inception in 2006, B'nai B'rith has Published 41 original children's books, some in two different languages (English and Spanish); Awarded more than \$337,000 in college scholarships and grants; donated more than 45,000 books to public schools, libraries and community organizations across the country and created 55 authors/illustrators.

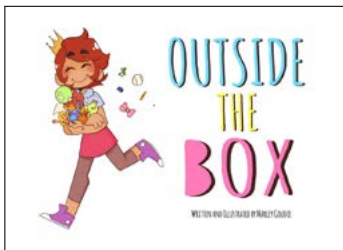
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The winning books are available for a free download on the iTunes bookstore and on the B'nai B'rith website at [www.bnaibrith.org/diverseminds](http://www.bnaibrith.org/diverseminds).



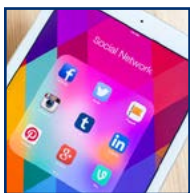
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Award-winning author Leah Henderson inspired the winners at the Washington, D.C. award ceremony with her keynote address.

[Watch it here.](#)

#### Courage to Care

The Courage to Care program from B'nai B'rith Australia/New Zealand and NSW empowers attendees to take positive action to combat religious and ethnic discrimination, intolerance and bullying in schools and the workplace: "Ordinary People – Extraordinary Acts...Each Person Can Make a Difference." Both NSW and Victoria have held many exhibitions throughout 2018 in major community centers and remote schools throughout Eastern Australia. Since the late 1990s, the program's message is delivered by the interaction of students with holocaust survivors and volunteers who can lead discussions about the lessons learned from the Shoah. They encourage participants to be "Upstanders" rather than Bystanders. Some funding for these programs comes from government and some from bequests.



## CONNECTING = SOCIAL + TRADITIONAL + PERSONAL



We had op-eds published in The Hill, Algemeiner, Times of Israel and the Jerusalem Post, plus a letter to the editor in the Washington Post. We were quoted on a wide range of news outlets on various topics of [breaking news](#).

Our piece in The Hill on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and its obstructionist role in the peace process can be found here: <https://thehill.com/opinion/international/404775-why-unrwa-is-an-obstacle-to-peace>



### Podcasts

Through our podcasts this year, we explored an array of interesting topics. Host and CEO Daniel S. Mariaschin took listeners through tours of Cuba aid assistance; the difficulties with UNESCO and the United Nations Human Rights Council; a look at Yiddish Theater today; a discussion with a most inspirational Holocaust survivor; Jewish rescue of fellow Jews during the Holocaust; the latest developments in the AMIA investigation; a talk with the author of Five for Freedom (who is also B'nai B'rith Magazine's editor); a look at B'nai B'rith's role in convincing President Harry Truman to recognize the State of Israel; a talk with a man who keeps Holocaust education and history alive by interviewing Holocaust survivors; a look at Jews on baseball cards; a look at Hate Crimes laws in the wake of the murder of 11 Jewish worshippers at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; a discussion about the United Nations Relief and Works Agency; an overview of B'nai B'rith's founding in an 1843 New York City beer hall; and a look at a disturbing survey on the levels of anti-Semitism in Europe.

[Join our loyal listeners! Catch up here and be sure to subscribe so you won't be left out in the future!](#)

### B'nai B'rith Magazine

Our magazine has been providing deep insights into the complex and compelling issues of the day, as well as uncovering exclusive stories that readers just don't find anywhere else, since it launched in 1886.

In 2018, we successfully made the transition from four print issues a year to a digital-only magazine three out of four issues. We still produce one very special commemorative printed issue each year. In the process, we have added content and presented our stories and columns in new and exciting ways. We have also upgraded the experience on the web, which includes a mobile friendly version as well as a downloadable PDF version. We are very much a multi-platform publication.



[Click here to see our winter 2018 issue](#)



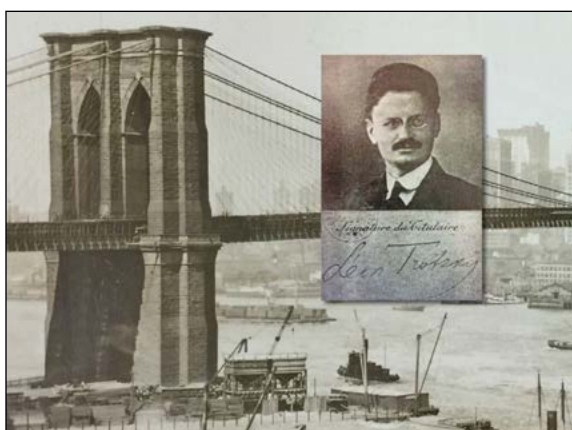


From an editorial standpoint, we continue to offer excellent, journalistically sound and interesting pieces that are recognized for excellence by our peers. In 2018, we learned we won two Rockower Awards for Excellence in Jewish Journalism for the 2017 calendar year.

One was an award for Excellence in Writing about Jewish Heritage and Jewish Peoplehood in

#### House of Memories

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The other award was for Journalistic Excellence in American Jewish History and it went to our feature Trotsky in New York.

#### Trotsky in NY

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In the fall 2018 issue, B’nai B’rith Magazine readers learned about B’nai B’rith’s relationship to Jackie Robinson, who was honored by the Washington lodges during an historic week in May 1957. The baseball legend had traveled to the nation’s capital to both receive the B’nai B’rith award and to participate in America’s first civil rights march, the Prayer Pilgrimage for Freedom, whose keynote speaker, Dr. Martin Luther King, first appeared before a national audience.

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SPRING



SUMMER



FALL

Missed the magazines in 2018?  
Catch up here:

## Subject Matter Expert blog

This blog series is a powerful reminder of what we do every day. Our experts deftly explain, to world leaders and readers at home, the nuances of a wide range of issues. You’ll find the depth and breadth of our staff on full display in this cutting edge blog section.

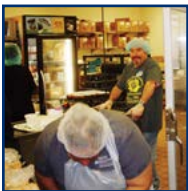
Read blogs here: <https://www.bnaibrith.org/expert-analysis>

## The Zero.Dot.Two initiative

This program launched in May 2017 and continues to ask “What does it mean to be Jewish?” To date, these Jewish identity videos have been viewed more than 71,000 times.

Notable interviews have been with: U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer; former-U.S. House Majority Leader Eric Cantor; the Ranking Members of both the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sen. Ben Cardin, and the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Relation, Rep. Eliot Engel; famed Harvard Law Professor Emeritus Alan Dershowitz; and book authors, academics, rabbis, Jewish communal professionals and private sector business executives.

[Click here to see the collection.](#)



## LOCAL B'NAI B'RITH GROUPS HOST VIBRANT PROGRAMS, GIVE BACK TO COMMUNITIES

Our dedicated volunteers and staff get deeply involved in their communities, helping out and pitching in.

Some examples:



### Lest They Forget: Names of Holocaust Victims Read Annually

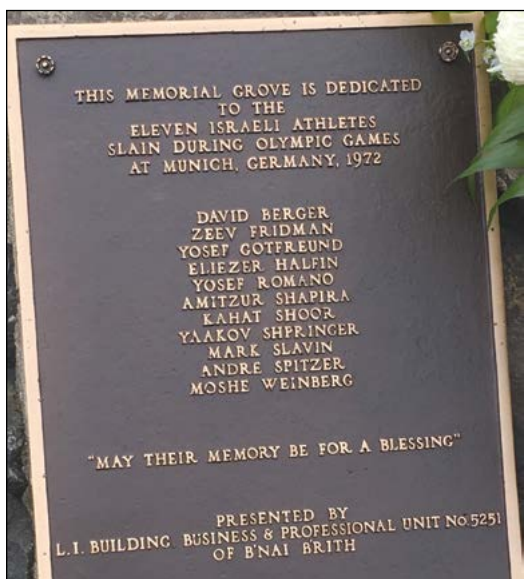
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### Shining a Spotlight on B'nai B'rith in Atlanta

<https://www.bnaibrith.org/winter-atlanta.html>

Also this year, B'nai B'rith rededicated a memorial in Uniondale, New York, that honors the 11 Israeli athletes murdered during the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich.



B'nai B'rith members on Long Island had created a memorial in 1988 to honor these slain athletes. Now, 30 years later, the memorial was rededicated in a ceremony with speakers including Almog Elijis, spokesperson for the Consulate General of Israel in New York; Harold Mitchell, president, B'nai B'rith Metronorth Region; Susan Berk, co-chair, Memorial Grove Rededication; and Deanna Friedman, co-chair, Memorial Grove Rededication. Rabbi Jaimee Shalhevet, senior rabbi at the North Shore Synagogue, delivered the invocation. B'nai B'rith Vice President of Programming Rhonda Love represented B'nai B'rith International. Gail Warnick, director of Volunteer Services, Mid-Island YJCC, brought "kindness stones" from a program that the JCC created, and Frieda Stangler, past president of the Long Island Builders, Business and Professional unit of B'nai B'rith helped create the memorial.

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## **European Days of Jewish Culture: 19th Year!**

European Days of Jewish Culture were celebrated in September and October 2018 with the support of B'nai B'rith Lodges throughout Europe. The fundamental objective of this European collaboration is to highlight the diversity and richness of Judaism, with the intention of promoting dialogue, mutual recognition and exchange through conferences, concerts, performances, guided tours and other activities

### **Edmond Fleg Lodge In Lausanne, Switzerland**

Over the last 10 years the lodge has introduced an annual gastronomic-cultural evening to celebrate Judaism of Diaspora; also, the lodge has witnessed a considerable renewal with more than members.

### **B'nai B'rith United Kingdom**

Almost all lodges across the United Kingdom held special events to mark the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration. B'nai B'rith United Kingdom is also very active contacting and working with other European Lodges, such as the Kiev Lodge.

### **Argentina-Venezuela**

In June, B'nai B'rith Argentina expanded its medical mission to provide medicines and supplies, shipped from the United States, for thousands of Venezuelan refugees fleeing to city of Cúcuta in neighboring Colombia. Fundación OSDE, Cemic (The Center for Medical Education and Clinical Research) and other private organizations are sending medical professionals to assist in this humanitarian crisis.

Among those participating in the official launching of this program on June 6 in Buenos Aires were Jorge Faurie, Argentine minister of foreign affairs and worship; Marcelo Stubrin, Argentine ambassador to Colombia; and Martin Torres, the operations coordinator of the White Helmets in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Present from B'nai B'rith Argentina were executive committee members Susana Chalón de Nesis, international vice president; David Petliuk, president; Daniel Sporn, vice president and chair, B'nai B'rith Communities in Crisis; and Santiago Kuperwajs, secretary general.



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*As of October 16, 2018*

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## FINANCIALS

### Summary of Consolidated Statements of Activities Fiscal Year 2018 For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2018 (Thousands of Dollars)

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#### SUPPORT AND REVENUE

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Contributions and other support	\$6,507
Member dues	431
Other program revenues	5,197
Investment income	1,112
Other revenue	29
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>12,818</b>

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#### EXPENSES

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##### Program Services

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Community involvement	1,279
Public advocacy	1,721
Senior housing and services	762
Humanitarian assistance	596
Jewish continuity	502
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>4,860</b>

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<b>Total Management and General</b>	<b>1,021</b>
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<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>1,706</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,587</b>
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<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>5,231</b>
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<b>TOTAL END OF YEAR NET ASSETS</b>	<b>14,077</b>
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