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# A PRESIDENT'S EULOGY FOR A SLAIN HOSTAGE

"Beloved Hersh, with a torn and broken heart, I stand here today as the President of the State of Israel, bidding you farewell and asking for your forgiveness, from you, and from Carmel, from Eden, from Almog, from Alex, and Ori, and from all your loved ones.

I apologize on behalf of the State of Israel, that we failed to protect you in the terrible disaster of October 7, that we failed to bring you home safely.

I apologize that the country you immigrated to at the age of 7, wrapped in the Israeli flag, could not keep you safe.

Rachel, Jon, dear Libby, and Orly, grandparents, and the whole family – I ask for your forgiveness, forgiveness that we could not bring Hersh back home alive.

Most of us did not have the privilege of knowing you in life, but you have been so alive in us for eleven months now; together with many other brothers and sisters, held captive by cursed, monstrous murderers – since Simchat Torah – which turned into the day of our disaster.

Know this: We are witnesses, and we will never forget. There is no door in the world on which your beloved family did not knock for you, for your rescue and well-being.

There is no stone they left unturned, no prayer or plea they did not cry out – from one end of the world to the other – in the ears of God and man.

Michal and I met with your parents and family dozens of times in the past year, and we had the privilege of getting to know up close people of exceptional stature and to learn from them a lesson we will never forget – about a mother's and father's limitless love.

Only recently, on the evening of Tisha B'Av, together with your parents, we prayed at the President's Residence for your return, together with all the hostages. And now, our heart, already broken, is shattered into pieces. In one night, we were informed of the murder of six innocent and pure souls, each of them a whole world, with loved ones who have not slept a single full night, nor taken a full breath, for eleven months now.

Now – the State of Israel has an urgent and immediate task.

Decision-makers must do everything possible, with determination and courage, to save those who can still be saved, and to bring back all our sons and daughters, our brothers and sisters.

This is not a political goal, and it must not become a political dispute. It is a supreme moral, Jewish, and human duty of the State of Israel to its citizens.

We did not fulfill this duty. And now – we have a sacred and shared obligation, to stand up and bring them all back to their homeland. For the spirit, resilience, and unity of Israel.

Of course, we do not forget for a moment our obligation to hold accountable the despicable murderers who butchered you – Hersh – your friends, our sisters, and our brothers.

Here too, the mission is clear and binding: To continue fighting relentlessly against the murderous terrorist organization Hamas, which has once again proven that there is no end to its savagery and the crimes against humanity it is willing to commit.

*May your New Year be blessed with peace,  
happiness, and many sweet moments!*



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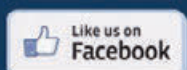
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# IT WAS ANTISEMITISM AFTER ALL

THE MYSTERY OF THE 1936 OLYMPICS HAS FINALLY BEEN SOLVED

By RAFAEL MEDOFF

A long-running mystery related to the Nazi Olympics of 1936 has finally been solved—and it has yielded an important lesson about the American Jewish experience as well.

Prof. Jeffrey S. Gurock, the dean of historians of American Jewry, unravels this puzzle, and much more, through the lens of the life of Marty Glickman, an iconic figure in the New York sports world as the radio announcer, for more than two

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decades, for the New York Knicks and the New York Giants.

*Marty Glickman: The Life of American Jewish Sports Legend*, newly published by New York University Press, is an eminently readable story of Jews and sports, rich with riveting anecdotes and nostalgic charm. But it is also a com-

PELLING scholarly analysis of broader Jewish concerns that are as relevant today as ever.

Like many sports announcers, Glickman was himself a former athlete, a

star in both football and track at Brooklyn's James Madison High School in the early 1930s. It was in his senior year that Glickman's life began to mirror the tapestry of the American Jewish experience in the interwar period.

That was when a group of Jewish alumni of  
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# THE ABANDONED JEWISH COLONY OF EDENBRIDGE

SASKATCHEWAN AGRICULTURAL COLONY WAS ONCE A THRIVING JEWISH COMMUNITY

By JORDAN AMIT

In the heart of Saskatchewan, lies one of the most fascinating Jewish heritage sites in Canada, an abandoned farming colony forgotten by time. It's called Edenbridge, and was once a thriving agricultural community built by Jewish immigrants. The site contains the oldest synagogue in Saskatchewan, built in 1908, just two years after they arrived in their new home.

This was a community of Lithuanian Jews who fled the antisemitism, pogroms, and persecution that plagued Lithuania and the rest of Eastern Europe

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at the turn of the 20th century, and came to Canada via South Africa, where they spent some time in between.

The newly created province of Saskatchewan was offering cheap land as an incentive to encourage immigration and settling of the frontier. This community decided to take up

the offer, and hopped on a boat from Cape Town to Montreal. From there they took a train across this vast country, until they arrived at the closest station, Star City, Saskatchewan. With such a cosmopolitan name, they were a little disappointed when they found themselves in a place that's barely even a village.

The final leg of the

journey was a ride on horse and cart 25 km north, until they arrived at their final destination....the middle of nowhere.

They purchased a plot of land, 800 meters by 800 meters, and paid a grand total of \$10 for it, which adjusting for inflation, would be \$300 CAD in today's money.

But they were wholly unprepared for this venture. These were not farmers. They were European urbanites who probably knew little about farming. Moreover, they chose to establish a colony

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# TERROR IS NOT PART OF THE PA VOCABULARY

PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY DOESN'T SEE, HEAR OR SPEAK ABOUT ACTS OF TERROR

By MOSHE PHILLIPS

A recent Israeli drone strike eliminated five terrorists, a terror operations room, and a warehouse full of explosives near the Palestinian Authority city of Tulkarm.

Or: Israel shelled a “refugee camp,” slaughtering “five civilians, including two teenagers” in an act of wanton aggression.

The first version of the story is what actually happened. The second is the Palestinian Authority’s make-believe version, as published by the official PA news agency Wafa.

Why is it that in the World According to the PA, there are no Arab terrorists, they have no weapons depots or bomb factories, and

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they never attack innocent Israelis?

The answer may be found in a careful look at this week’s incident near Tulkarm. It offers a fascinating study in how the PA revises news in order to incite the Palestinian Arab public to hate Jews and Israel.

Let’s start with the location of the Israeli strike. According to the PA, it was “the Nur Shams refugee camp” near Tulkarm. The term “refugee camp” means that it’s inhabited by refugees. Nur Shams isn’t inhabited by genuine refugees. The last time refugees moved there was dur-

ing the 1948 war. Only a small number of residents are older than 76 (the average life expectancy in the PA areas is 76.5); but the overwhelming majority of the population is younger than that. And even those who are older didn’t necessarily flee to Nur Shams from some other place.

The reason that they are all called “refugees” is because the UN’s definition of “Palestinian refugees” includes anybody who is a descendant of an actual refugee. That’s like calling

most American Jews “refugees” because their great-grandparents fled from pogroms in Czarist Russia. The absurd UN definition is parroted by the mass media, and by those partisans and pundits who deliberately inflate the number of “Palestinian refugees” to gain sympathy.

The term “refugee camp” conjures up images of people living in tents or, at best, shacks. Google images of Nur Shams, and you’ll see that it consists of large, modern apartment buildings. It looks like any

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By MIKE COHEN

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plored over several days or more. Since I often go there for family reasons, an extended trip is usually on the agenda as was the case this past summer. Parliament Hill is the most visited Ottawa attraction. Guided tours are free and include the Senate, House of Commons, East Block and Parliament: The Immersive Experience. Tickets must be reserved in advance.

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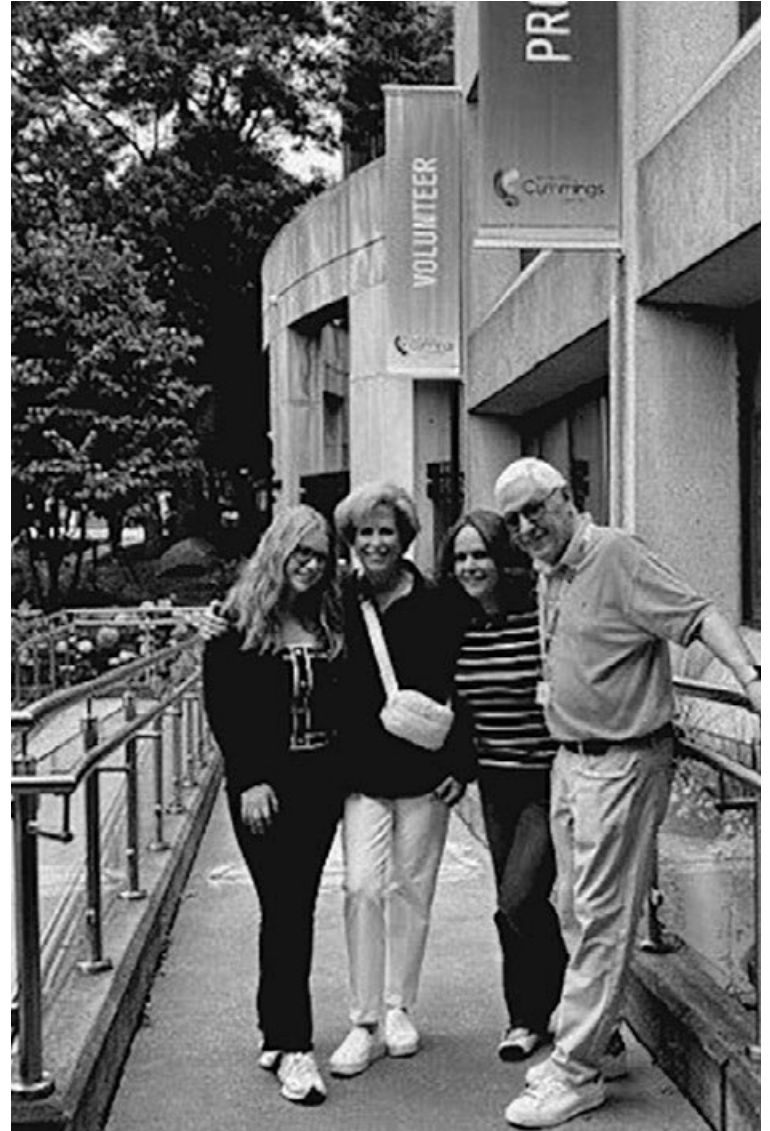
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other Palestinian Arab town. They have electricity, running water—and lots of terrorists.

One of them was Jibril Jibril, a 20 year-old Hamas terrorist. He was set free in last November's deal for some of the Israeli hostages in Gaza. According to Israeli media reports, Jibril immediately returned to his terrorist ways and took part in several attempted murders of Jews. He was one of the five eliminated in Monday's drone strike.

The Israeli government released a photo of Jibril in full military attire, brandishing an automatic weapon. But how did the PA's news agency portray him? Wafa circulated a photo of him in civilian clothes, with a baseball cap and sunglasses.

The other four terrorists killed in the strike were in a strategic operations room in the home of Abu Shuja'a, leader of Islamic Jihad in Tulkarm, and in an adjacent warehouse full of explosives.

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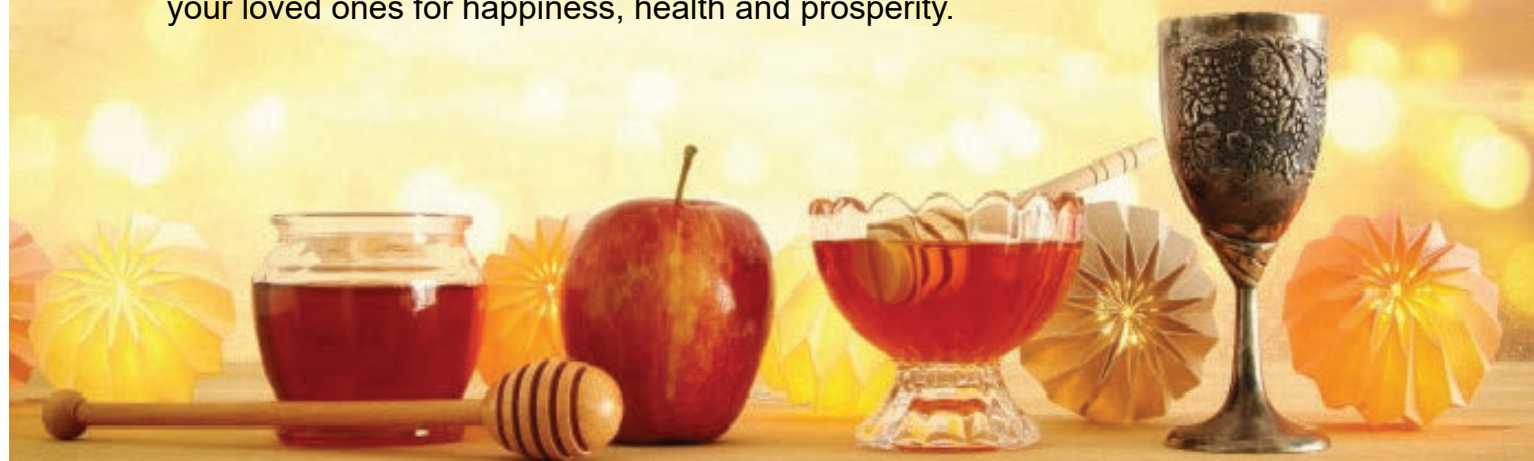


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**PA VOCABULARY***(Continued from page 9)*

Not according to the PA, however. The Wafa report stated only that the barbaric Israelis “targeted a house in the al-Manshiya neighborhood in the Nur Shams camp.” In the PA’s fun house mirror-reality, Zionist savages go around bombing innocent people’s houses for no apparent reason.

When terrorists are on the run, we imagine that they are hiding in attics or caves or similar places. But not in Nur Shams. The terrorists there are not on the run at all. The head of Islamic Jihad has his own house, with a terror operations room. Next door, he has a warehouse full of bombs.

That’s yet another reminder that the PA security forces could arrest these terrorists and shut down their warehouses in five

minutes—if they wanted to. But they don’t want to. Because the PA considers the terrorists its brothers, not its enemies.

That’s a blatant violation of the Oslo Accords, which require the PA to arrest and disarm terrorists, shut down their weapons depots and bomb factories, and outlaw terrorist groups.

Instead of fulfilling its Oslo obligation, the PA shelters terrorists, pays salaries to terrorists and their families, and teaches Palestinian Arab children to follow in their footsteps.

The Palestinian Authority’s See No Terrorists / Hear No Terrorists / Speak of No Terrorists policy make it impossible to conclude that the Palestinian Arab leadership has any real interest in peace.



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## THE ABANDONED JEWISH COLONY

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in one of the toughest environments possible, the Canadian Prairies, which has some of the harshest winters in the world.

In fact if it wasn't for the help of the local indigenous people, who taught them how to build the appropriate shelters necessary to survive the winters, they probably wouldn't have made it.

But with incredible tenacity and determination, they rolled up their sleeves, literally, and got to work. They learned how to farm, and slowly built their small community.

Legend has it that they originally wanted to call their community "Jew Town" or "Jew Bridge", based on the fact that there was a small bridge over the Carrot River nearby, but the authorities weren't too enthusiastic about this name. So they came up with the name

Edenbridge, because in Yiddish, Yiddin means Jew, so Yiddin Bridge (Jew Bridge) became Edenbridge, a perfectly sounding English name, but one that hides their original desire. Members of their community back home would join them later, and together with people marrying and having kids, they eventually became 50 families, a total of 170 people, at the peak of the colony in the 1920's.

They mostly grew wheat, barley and oats, as well as livestock, and as their community grew, they purchased more and more land around the original plot, to the point that they owned land across multiple kilometers in all directions.

But the Great Depression of the 1930s took a heavy toll on the colony. On top of the economic problems, there was a decade-long drought which is de-

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vastating to any farming community. This began the slow decline of the colony, which dragged out over many years.

In later decades, the seemingly endless difficulties

and hardships of farming on this land, modernization, the lure of urban centers like Saskatoon, Regina, and Winnipeg, and simply the passage of time, all contrib-

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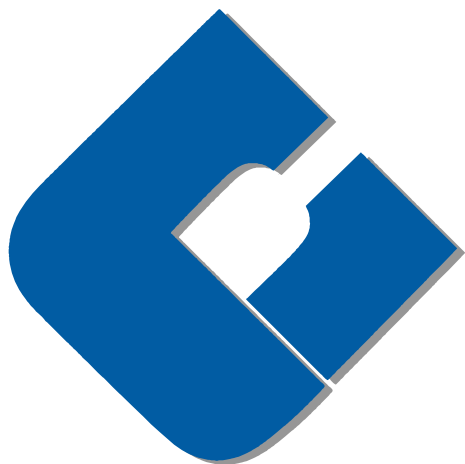
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uted to the decline.

Some families spent the winters in the cities, and came back to farm their fields in the summer-time, but even that eventually became too much of a burden.

By the 1960's most of the original settlers had died, and almost every family was permanently established in a bigger town or city.

In 1964, the synagogue ceased to serve as a place of worship, and Edenbridge simply died as a colony, remembered only by those brave souls who once lived there, and the non-Jewish locals of the area. All the land was eventually sold but in 1987 a quarter of the original field they purchased, and where they built the synagogue, was donated to the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. This is a provincial organization that maintains

wildlife reserves across Saskatchewan, and they maintain Edenbridge as well. Forty acres of undisturbed forested land serve as a nature reserve and a heritage site.

Today if you go to Edenbridge, all that you'll see are the synagogue (Beth Israel, the oldest synagogue in Saskatchewan north of Melfort and built in the Carpenter Gothic style) and the cemetery, connected to each other with an incredibly beautiful trail that cuts through the nature reserve.

Very few people come here, nowadays so if you're curious about this abandoned Jewish community and bold enough to make the trek, you will most likely have the entire place to yourself, so you can soak up the atmosphere of this once vibrant farming Jewish settlement 45 km north-east of Melfort.

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"42 became a natural step from my second volume which featured 36 (published in 2023) and my first book (published in 2021) which highlighted 30 - the end point for journalism stories. The entire initiative began in the early days of the pandemic, took on a new life and became my hobby.

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### *Advertising News Feature By Mike Cohen*

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On September 5, B'nai Brith Canada held a very successful tribute evening for the Right Honourable Stephen J. Harper, the 22nd Prime Minister of Canada at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount. Mr. Harper left office in 2015 after nearly a decade leading a Conservative Party of Canada government.

The evening raised \$1 million to expand B'nai Brith's legal initiatives against antisemitism and racism. The audience was not only composed of leaders from the Jewish community, but those from eight other cultural communities.

Eric Bissell and

Joseph Broccolini co-chaired the event. Cantor Henry Topas, the regional director for B'nai Brith Canada in Quebec, gave opening remarks and introduced Suburban Newspaper Editor-in-Chief Beryl Wajzman as master of ceremonies. Rabbi Dr. Mordechai Zeitz recited a prayer for the hostages. Mark Bissell, speaking on behalf of his father Eric and Mr. Broccolini, provided opening remarks.

Paul Hirschorn, the dynamic Consul General of Israel for Quebec and The Maritimes, was born in South Africa. In his speech he expressed regret for how his native country has treated Israel at a time when it remains under attack. "The day will come in South Africa when we apologize," he stated.

Senator Linda Frum and former NDP leader Tom Mulcair (on video) paid tribute to former Prime Minister Harper, who was introduced (also on video), by Senator Leo Housakos. That was followed by an extraordinary chat between Mr. Harper and former Foreign Minister John Baird.

Businessman Amos Sochaczewski and Mr. Bissell were presented with special certificates for their extraordinary contributions to B'nai Brith Canada. Finally, B'nai Brith Canada Chair Jay Harris and Immediate Past Chair Franklin Switzer recognized Mr. Harper with a special award to recognize his tireless support of Israel and for speaking out against antisemitism.

Mr. Harper has an endless array of business interests. That includes serving as the president of a technology focused Canadian-Israeli venture capital firm. "I have an office in Tel Aviv," he said. "I was there in February. I spoke to the people and they have been shaken to the core". Harper says that a younger generation of Arab leaders see Iran as more of a threat and support Israel. In a fireside chat with former Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird, he said: "I grew up in a family which was very pro-Jewish. As Prime Minister, how do you make the case for it? Israel is a friend and ally to his country and the people

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Top left: John Baird, Linda Frum, Stephen Harper and Hank Topas  
Right: Stephen Harper and Eric Bissell





*B'nai Brith Canada Chair Jay Harris and Immediate Past President Franklin Switzer present an award to the former prime minister. Bottom photo is part of the capacity crowd that attended the event.*



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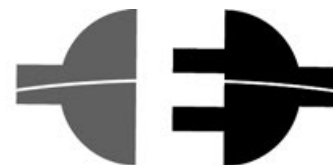
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### DRUZE PARAMEDIC FOUND THE LIFELESS BODY OF HIS 12 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AND THEN RETURNED TO SAVING LIVES



ADAM SFADI, A SENIOR PARAMEDIC WITH Magen David Adom in Majdal Shams, was on his way to a wedding when he saw smoke billowing from the town's soccer field. He headed immediately to the field. He knew his 12-year-old daughter Vinis was there. What he found were a dozen children, including his daughter, motionless. He identified his daughter from her Arsenal FC jersey. "As soon as I entered the field," Sfadi said, "I saw my daughter and her friend lying on the ground. I looked at her; her body was intact, but she had suffered a head injury that left her no chance. I bent toward her, placed my hand on her chest, and asked her to forgive me." But even amidst his grief he did what he was trained to do...he tried to save as many children as he could. "A day that started with great joy, a wedding...I couldn't believe it ended like this."



## IT WAS ANTISEMITISM AFTER ALL

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Syracuse University decided to try to recruit the teen dynamo to attend their alma mater. While the alumni looked forward to the prospect of such a sterling addition to the Syracuse sports community, really "they were out for much bigger game," as Prof. Gurock puts it; they hoped the presence of a star Jewish athlete on campus would help undermine the university's strict quota on Jews. His success would "make it easier for other Jewish students to be admitted," the alumni told him bluntly. Glickman's life was no longer entirely his own; he was becoming a symbol.

In his freshman year at Syracuse, at the age of 18, Glickman qualified for the U.S. Olympic team that would take part in the 1936 games in Nazi Germany. A handful of athletes—non-Jews as well as Jews—who were likely to qualify for the Olympics declined to take part in the Nazi Olympics, as a protest against Hitler's persecution of Germany Jewry. But most other athletes, including Glickman, accepted the prestigious invitation to Berlin.

Glickman's dream of international athletic stardom was shattered, however, when, at the very last

minute, the U.S. coaches benched him and another Jewish track star, Sam Stoller, without explanation. (One of their replacements was Jesse Owens, the African-American speedster whose gold medal performance in Berlin confounded Adolf Hitler's racial theories.) Historians have long suspected that the antisemitic head of the U.S. Olympic team, Avery Brundage, was responsible for ousting Glickman and Stoller in order to spare Hitler the possible embarrassment of Jewish runners defeating their German rivals.

But Glickman himself wouldn't say so. "Then, and for decades thereafter, Glickman would use vague terms to publicly depict what had transpired," Gurock writes. "When queried, Glickman kept to himself his own certain belief that anti-Semitism...was the reason he was not permitted to run and triumph." The most he would say out loud was that "politics" had been involved, and that he was "greatly disappointed."

Glickman's position reflected the tenor of the times. His "reticence to call out prejudice and create an uproar over anti-Semitism was in line with the way

many Jews—perhaps most Jews—of that era dealt with Jew-hatred," Gurock explains. "They were nonconfrontational, concerned about what aggressive responses might mean for

their status as members of a minority group."

"Putting his past far behind him, Glickman rose to sports broadcasting fame in the late 1940s, a time (Please turn to following page)

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when few Americans owned televisions and therefore sports fans were heavily reliant on radio announcers. Glickman's contrarian yet personable manner, wealth of knowledge, and dramatic touch endeared him to New Yorkers. The fact that he used commonly known Yiddish words on air made him even more of a beloved figure to the city's Jewish community.

In the decades to follow, Glickman rarely spoke about the events of 1936, and when he did, he continued to avoid blaming antisemitism for his exclusion. Even at the time of the Palestinian Arab terrorist attack on Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics, when Glickman was repeatedly asked by journalists about his experience

in Berlin, he held his tongue on the antisemitism question.

Then suddenly, in a 1979 oral history interview for the American Jewish Committee, Glickman let loose. "In order to save the Nazis from more embarrassment," he said bluntly, "the Jews were kept off the team by an American Nazi named Avery Brundage..."

It was not a one-time utterance; a dam inside Marty Glickman had burst. In his commentary in 1980 on the Moscow Olympics controversy, in interviews with reporters, in lectures to various audiences, and in a documentary film, Glickman said unequivocally that he had been a victim of antisemitism. So what had changed

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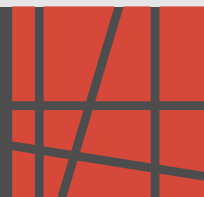
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to make him finally unburden himself?

The answer, Prof. Gurock persuasively argues, is that, once again, Glickman reflected the times. By the late 1970s, "a new era of American Jewish self-confidence was underway as this minority group increasingly felt accepted within American society," Gurock notes. The new generation did not worry nearly as much about what non-Jews thought "about how they looked, sounded or behaved...They would not let those who would marginal-

ize them get away with their prejudices."

In this environment, where a new generation of Jews truly felt at home in America, Marty Glickman was at long last ready to speak his truth about what happened to him in 1936. Glickman's experience thus is not only the compelling story of an individual, but also a coming of age tale about American Jewry. Jeffrey Gurock brings to this story the unparalleled scholarship that have always been the hallmarks of his work.

**Israeli comedian Orel Tsabari prank-calls  
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## ISRAEL COMEDIAN

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erased", Orel Tsabari told the hotel operator.

When the woman on the line asked for his name, he identified himself as "Abu Ibrahim."

"I want to book a room for our boss. His name is Yahya Sinwar," Tsabari continued as the hosts on Channel 12 held back laughter.

Without pause, the woman on the line responded, "Of course, welcome." She added, "It's an honor for us!"

Tsabari then asked, "Do you know him? Do you like him?"

She said, "Of course," and confirmed with Tsabari that it was the Palestinian leader he was calling about.

She then added that Sinwar is "always invited."

"He doesn't have a credit card, and he doesn't have a bank account. Can he give you a suitcase of dollars?" Tsabari then asked. "He will return your Qatari suitcase of dollars to you."

She confirmed that it was not a problem.

Tsabari then asked if there would be a tv in the room and insisted that the reservation must be made in secret so the Palestinian people would not know that the "Palestinian leader is enjoying himself in a hotel while the Palestinian people are suffering from Israeli bombardments."

The Katara Hills representative agreed.

Tsabari then told her, "I am telling you honestly, I am from the Mossad, and I want to know if you can help us."

"We will come to the hotel, and then we will kill Ismail Haniyeh and everything," Tsabari continued. The representative asked for clarification, and Tsabari repeated that he was from the

Mossad. She then hung up.

Tsabari said he was shocked by two things. "Is she really so pathetic to believe someone would call to book a room for Sinwar? And secondly, the way she glorifies such a vile and despicable person, and even agrees to cooperate with 'keeping the secret' so that the Palestinian people won't get angry... it just proves the hypocrisy, the absurdity of idolizing a mass murderer."

He concluded, "But hey... at least it turned out funny, and if we don't laugh, we'll cry. And we exposed their hypocrisy."



*DARYA TOPOL MARGALITH, granddaughter of the late Chaim Topol, recently made her professional stage debut as Golde's fourth daughter Schprintze in a production of Fiddler on the Roof at Regent's Park Open Air Theatre in London, England. Darya's mother, Adi, played Chava in the 1994 revival at the London Palladium. Darya's oldest sister, Yali, is also an actress and is saddened by the fact that her grandfather will never see any of the productions she is in.*

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