



A Sad Betrayal

The United States recently experienced a grueling presidential election. Jews were especially affected, and in many instances traumatized by what they considered a betrayal by the Democratic party after their longtime loyalty. Jewish voters had been a reliable voting bloc for decades, yet things started to change when some questioned the “Squad” of Congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, and Ayanna Pressley, who openly voiced their antisemitic and anti-Zionistic rhetoric with no resulting sanctions.

The Hamas-led massacre that occurred last year on October 7 and the reaction that followed acted as a wake-up call not to be ignored. The world, including college campuses and neighborhoods in America, went into a hate Jews/hate Israel mode. It was disturbing to see that the outrage of the Biden-Harris administration was directed not at the terrorists, but at the innocent Israelis, accused of not having a sufficiently “proportionate” response to the bloodbath that they experienced. Democratic party efforts were focused on ending the war, before Israel could do necessary retaliatory damage aimed at avoiding a repeat attack. They suggested providing a two-state solution, which would essentially stand as a reward to the terrorists for their actions.

During her campaign, Kamala Harris was confronted by an anti-Zionist attending an event. He demanded that the VP comment on what he referred to as the “Israeli genocide” in Gaza. Harris initially attempted to avoid the question, but in the end told her audience, “Listen, what he’s

talking about, it’s real. It’s real.” Topics during election debates and discussions included a failing economy, an out-of-control U.S. border, and mishandled foreign policy. Citizens were told that Bidenomics was working, the border was safe and under control, and the Afghanistan withdrawal and other international issues had been handled with aplomb. However, for most Jews, the main concern was the war in Israel and the way the government of America responded to the crisis.

For the first time, many longtime Jewish Democrats have voted Republican. President Trump received a dramatic surge in support from Jewish voters. Voting results have also shown that many other groups, who were identified in the past as staunch Democrats changed their voting patterns in this election as well.

It is often difficult to alter one’s longstanding direction. *Kol hakavod* to all who took the sometimes intimidating step and did the right thing.

Congratulations and good wishes to President Donald Trump.

Calendar Of Events:

WHAT: Art Class for Girls & Women – Ages 8 & up – Learn Kandinsky art techniques using acrylic paints and mixed media. Presented by Chabad Chayil.

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WHAT: Nurturing Relationships: Jewish Wisdom for Building Deeper, Richer Connection in All Your Relationships – Explore classic Jewish texts to uncover knowledge and skills for practicing empathy, active listening, agreeable disagreement, interpersonal optimism, constructive criti-

cism, and effective relationship repair. Presented by Boca Beach Chabad.

WHERE: 490 E Palmetto Park Rd., Boca Raton

WHEN: Six Tuesdays – Nov. 12 through Dec. 17 – from 7-8:30 p.m.

COST: \$99 – Student book included

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Mali Schwartz Shares ‘A Powerful Force For Healing’

Mali Schwartz, a breast cancer survivor and Sharsheret Florida board member and ambassador, recently spoke at two events in South Florida, sharing her message with other women undergoing a healing crisis in their lives. Schwartz enlightened her audiences at a women’s *farbrenge*n at The Shul of Bal Harbour in Surfside on October 26 and at the Miami Beach JCC at a Lunch & Learn on October 30.

port healing. The program included a documentary by Alina Avila Ko titled *Art as Hope: Breast Cancer Reflections*. The documentary examined the pain, struggle, and faith expressed in the use of art. The showing included insights from one of the film’s artists, a session with music therapist Alexa Marsellos, and a panel discussion.



Mali Schwartz (on right) presents raffle prize winner of with her picture, “A Healing.”

Schwartz, a narrative interpretive artist, explained to her audience at The Shul that “art can be a powerful force for healing.” She went on to say, “I shared my Breast Cancer Journey Collection Series, which included paintings about my chemotherapy, radiation, and healing. I wanted women to understand that true healing comes from a deep spiritual connection and introspection with oneself.”

Sharsheret is the organization serving the Jewish breast and ovarian cancer community. Mali explained, “They provided ongoing support from the time that I initially contacted them. They offer support and genetic counseling and need-based financial subsidies for expenses related to side effects related to treatment, including the purchase of customized human-hair wigs.” She adds, “I am proud to be aligned with their mission to provide emotional, spiritual, and physical support for women and their families undergoing treatment.”

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