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## Rabbi's Roundup

Rabbi's Roundup - Week of February 3 (Beshalach)



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- [Rabbinic Group Welcomes Trump Executive Order placing sanctions on ICC](#)
- [Amicus Curiae in Fuld v. PLO / U.S. v. PLO](#)
- [Israel365 News: Religious Leaders Back Trump's Gaza Plan as Netanyahu Visits Washington](#)
- [Rabbi Yaakov Menken on KONA The Bottom Line: Trump's Plan for Gaza, and Antisemitism among Gazans](#)
- [New York Post: New York schools trap our kids in failure— Trump's reforms will open an escape hatch](#)

### CJV Working & Tracking:

- Rabbi Menken met this week with Rep. Tim Walberg (R-MI), the new Chairman of the House Education and Workforce Committee. They discussed continuing the outstanding work done by the committee under Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), whose term as Chairwoman ended with the new session. Rabbi Menken expressed the hope that with the executive and legislative branches of government all under the same party, the previous hearings will now lead to actions against antisemitism on and beyond campus.
- Reps. Mike Lawler (R-NY), Josh Gottheimer (D-NJ) and 55 other House members reintroduced the Antisemitism Awareness Act on Wednesday. We will be working to educate members of Congress about the IHRA definition and what it does and does not say.
- Rabbi Menken attended the International Religious Freedom Summit on behalf of the organization, meeting with advocates from various religious groups around the world and promoting protection of international Jewish communities. A highlight is meeting with representatives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, a unique branch of Islam that can only practice their faith in the Middle East without persecution in Israel.
- The Reform movement announced that "100+ U.S. Jewish Organizations" had sent a letter to Congress opposing a bill that intends to reserve women's sports for actual women. The letter misrepresents Torah and Talmudic teachings, and even claims there is "no evidence" that men have an advantage if allowed to play in women's sports. The numerous signatories included several groups with positions most would identify as antisemitic.
- The House of Representatives, through its Bipartisan Legal Advisory Group (BLAG), filed its own amicus curiae brief to the Supreme Court in support of plaintiffs in Fuld v. PLO (CJV's own is above). The BLAG consists of the Speaker (Mike Johnson), Majority Leader (Steve Scalise), Majority Whip (Tom Emmer), Minority Leader (Hakeem Jeffries), and Minority Whip (Katherine Clark). The group, established during the 103rd Congress in 1993, is responsible for articulating the House's institutional position in legal filings with federal, state, and local courts.

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- [Donald J. Nietzsche Solves the Gaza Crisis](#)
- [Resolving the Gaza "Custody Battle"](#)
- ["Dismayed" by Cooper Union blaming Jewish students, district judge lets case proceed](#)
- [She Stood Up for the Truth. Then the UN Fired Her.](#)
- [Department of Education launches antisemitism investigations into five universities](#)
- [Neutrality Is Part of the Red Cross's Mission. But It Always Sides against Israel](#)
- [It's Time for Gazans to Trade Their "Right of Return" for Property Rights](#)
- [Stopping Anti-Semitism Goes Hand-in-Hand with Stopping Crime](#)
- [Mr. Trump, Investigate My Campus](#)
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### Torah + Jewish News & Opinion:

- [Choose the Path of Faith](#)
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- [IDF unveils portable Torah scrolls for field conditions](#)
- [Why the Accusation of Settler Colonialism Is So Hollow](#)
- [Unless Israel Rejects Postmodern Strategy, It Won't Be Able to Win](#)

### Niftarim - In Memoriam:

- [Petira of Reb Yankel Montag Z"l, Massive Baal Chesed](#)
- [Rav Elazar Mayer Teitz z"l](#)
- [Chazzan Benzion Miller z"l](#)
- [Rabbi Dov Oustatcher z"l](#)

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- [Surrounded By Young Female Athletes, Donald Trump Bans Men From Women's Sports](#)

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- [Diplomacy and Airstrikes Haven't Stopped the Houthis. What Will?](#)
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