



Rabbi's Roundup

Rabbi's Roundup - Week of April 19 - Acharei Mos - Kedoshim

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CJV News & Opinion:

- [Amicus Brief in Grand v. City of University Heights, Ohio](#)
CJV joins Amicus Brief urging the Supreme Court to protect the Free Exercise rights of Orthodox Jews who pray at-home with a Minyan. In the case of Grand v. City of University Heights, Ohio, the city endeavors to use zoning laws to prohibit petitioner's minyan group.
- [CJV Joins Letter Urging Congress to Expand Access to Infertility Treatment and Diagnosis](#)
- [Rabbi Yaakov Menken in The Daily Signal: There's No Academic Freedom to Incite Hatred](#)
- [Rabbi Jonathan Guttentag in The Jewish Chronicle: The Schools Bill debate: 'Yeshivot will not be classified as schools'](#)
- [Rabbi Jonathan Guttentag in The Times of Israel: The When the Bishop Defended Yeshivot](#)
- [Rabbi Ze'ev Smason in St. Louis Jewish Light: Becoming an Oct. 8th Jew: Remembering who we are](#)
- [Rabbi Yaakov Menken in Israel National News: Tucker Carlson did us a favor](#)

CJV State & Local News:

- CJV Missouri played a key role in passage of a bill, signed by MO Gov. Mike Kehoe on Thursday, protecting Jewish students from harassment and recognizing the IHRA definition of antisemitism in state law. Working closely with State Rep. George Hruza, CJV-MO spearheaded and funded a two-page ad with 800 signatures including 55 rabbis and other prominent community leaders. This ad was highlighted by Rep. Hruza to rebut any false claim that the Jewish community was divided in its support for the bill.

Critically, after an op-ed opposing the bill appeared in the *St. Louis Jewish Light*, signed by five "progressive rabbis" with leaders of J Street and other anti-Israel groups, CJV-MO spearheaded and funded a two-page ad with 800 signatures including 55 rabbis and other prominent community leaders. This ad was highlighted by Rep. Hruza to rebut any false claim that the Jewish community was divided in its support for the bill.

CJV Vice President and MO Chairman Rabbi Ze'ev Smason was a featured guest at the signing ceremony on Thursday, and is seen above standing close to the Governor's right hand as he signs the bill.

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The articles below are collected from news and opinion sources, and relate to our community and our values. These do not necessarily reflect our opinion, but inform us regarding what is being said. Even when offered without comment, some of the views expressed will be contrary to our own.

Cover Image: CJV VP and Missouri Chairman Rabbi Ze'ev Smason featured as MO Gov. Mike Kehoe signs landmark antisemitism bill, incorporating the IHRA definition, into law.

News from Other Organizations:

- [Agudath Israel of America Urges Supreme Court to Safeguard Right to Religious Gatherings in the Home](#)

War Against the Jews:

- [When Diaspora Jews turn against Israel](#)
- [Nearly all Senate Democrats vote to block Israel arms sales](#)
- [Israeli strike on Hezbollah deadlier than 2024 pager attack, IDF says](#)
- [Anti-Zionists want Jewish creatives to be silenced.](#)
- [Sanders Resolution Blocking Arms Sales to Israel Garners Approval From 2028 Dem Presidential Hopefuls](#)
- [Pat Buchanan and Joe Kent — and the degradation of liberalism.](#)
- [Zohran Mamdani's Wife Apologizes for 'Harmful' Racial Slurs She Posted on Social Media—But Not for Glorifying Terrorists](#)
- [Fetterman: Democrats have an antisemitism problem](#)
- [Alan Dershowitz quits Democratic Party, calling it 'most anti-Israel party in U.S. history'](#)
- [George Washington University Hires Federal Judge Overseeing Antisemitism Lawsuit Against It To Teach 'Ethics and Discretionary Judgment'](#)
- [Duke Suspends Students for Justice in Palestine Chapter Over Illustration Depicting 'Zionism' as Pig Holding Star of David](#)
- [Ban Antisemites from World Cup Soccer](#)

Torah + Jewish News & Opinion:

- [Beyond the Battlefield - history is never only shaped on the battlefield.](#)
- [When Friends Bring Out the Best in You](#)
- [Clarity Amid Chaos - We are meant to remain human beings who bring kedusha into human life.](#)
- [Sefirah and Shidduchim - Get Busy: no excuses!](#)
- [In A Perfect World: Dictating The Narrative](#)
- [The First American-Born Jewish Religious Leader](#)
- [Growing Authentic Leadership-Yahrtzeit of R.A.Miller](#)
- [Seeing the Shechinah - Affirming Abuses of Parental Rights](#)
- [The Daf, the War, and the "Imminence" of the Original Cataclysmic "Threat"](#)
- [When England Expelled the Jews](#)

Articles of Interest:

- [Schools Are Urged to Embrace AI—and Ban Phones. Can We Resolve the Tension?](#)
- [Trump Administration Moves Closer To Deporting Mahmoud Khalil as Immigration Board Nixes Agitator's Last Ditch Plea](#)
- [GOP Senators Push To Prohibit US Funding for UNRWA](#)
- [Why Ousting Ben-Gvir Could Backfire](#)
- [Iran's new supreme leader has severe and disfiguring wounds, sources say](#)
- [A New Hungary Is a Huge Opportunity for Europe](#)
- [We're Sleepwalking Into a Taiwan Disaster](#)
- [America's Arab Allies Are Making History](#)
- ['Make Her A Lesbian': Lefty Lawyers Caught Coaching Migrants On Being Gay To Gain Asylum](#)
- ['Operation Roaring Lion' thwarted Iran's plans for nuclear Holocaust, Netanyahu says on Yom Hashoah](#)
- [German newspaper launches tool to search Nazi Party membership records](#)
- [Israel, Lebanon agree to 10-day truce](#)
- [Slopapanda: Iran Weaponizes Brainrot To Attack The United States](#)
- [New U.S. Target? Iran's 'Dark Fleet' Long Accused Of Skirting The Rules.](#)
- [Hezbollah: The Final Act](#)
- [This Week in Canada: The Teachers' Union Has an Israel Policy Now](#)
- [Iran's Regime Is Not Iran: The War the West Refuses to Understand](#)

Values Related News:

- [Planned Parenthood Shouldn't Get One Cent For Its Mail Order Abortion Industry](#)
- [Police interrogate Christian pastor arrested for commenting on Islam and transgender ideology while street preaching in ongoing criminal investigation](#)
- [Disappearing, Torture, Detention: How the CCP Is Forcing Catholics to Join the State-Run Church](#)
- [How Sudan Became a Killing Field](#)

Wokeism Isn't Judaism:

- [At the Trans+ Passover Seder in Brooklyn, an Evening of Queer Jewish Joy](#)
- [Protesters arrested for sit-in at Palantir after anti-ICE Passover rally with Mayor Mamdani](#)
- [High holy days: Weed-loving NY Jews are bringing New Yorkers together one smoke at a time](#)

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