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Sinagoga Major de Barcelona Has Restaurant Purchase on its Menu

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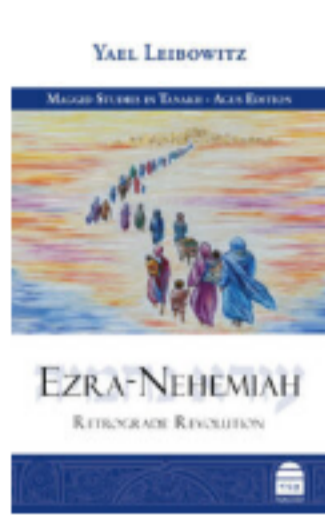
To the Sephardic Jewish communities across America, the Sinagoga Major de Barcelona stands as a quiet yet powerful link to our shared heritage. [Kerry Schlossberg]

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Book Tells of Works and Lives of Latter Day Biblical Prophets

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Her book not only informs readers about the Bible, the history and mindset of the times, but also about the effects of all of this then and today. Most of the 286 pages are composed with the primary text in the top half, with an abundance of intriguing, informative details in the notes below. [Rabbi Dr. Israel Drazin]

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Balboa Park Walk Oct. 26 to Protest Sexual Violence by Hamas

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For Jewish communities across America, October 7th was not only a national tragedy for Israel but also a moral call to action. Sexual violence as a weapon of war left deep scars on survivors and shook Israel's social fabric. [Press Release]

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King Jeroboam of the Kingdom of Israel forced the people to participate in idolatrous practices, King Ahab of Israel built a temple for Baal, and Kings Zimri, Jehu, Shallum, Menahem, Pekah and many more became kings by assassinating their predecessors. What was Athaliah, whose reign followed the assassination of King Ahaziah in the Kingdom of Judah, known for? [Mark D. Zimmerman]

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Women Who Led Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Profiled in New Book

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The narrative is gripping and intense—a true “wild ride.” With so many names and situations to follow, it demands the reader's full attention, yet it's nearly impossible to put down. For anyone interested in World War II history, this is a must-read. [Sandra Scheller]

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Jewish Biography: Yuli Khariton, Soviet Nuclear Physicist

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In an atmosphere of utmost secrecy, work was being carried out in Sarov, culminating in the successful testing of the first Soviet atomic (August 29, 1949) and hydrogen (August 12, 1953) bombs. The name and surname of the chief designer and scientific leader of the Nuclear Project, Yuli Khariton, were classified. [Alex Gordon]

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'The Stamp Thief' Documentary Screened at Temple Adat Shalom

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As I watched the audience, I noticed that no one moved—everyone was completely captivated. The film evoked every emotion imaginable: sadness, anticipation, and yes, even laughter—something rarely experienced when viewing stories connected to the Holocaust. [Sandra Scheller]

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Indonesia's Bar of Israeli Gymnasts Recalls 1936 Tragedy of Gretel Bergmann

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This crushing blow meted out to the young Israeli gymnasts who trained round the clock, often missing family events, parties, and even a good night's sleep, resonates with me for a very personal reason. [Amy Neustein, Ph.D.]

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Hispanic Heritage Month Includes Many Jews

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Mexico has had a Jewish population since the early Colonial Era. Many individuals could not openly worship as they would be persecuted for practicing Judaism.

Mexico eventually adopted freedom of religion and began receiving Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis. [Cailin Acosta]

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OpEd: Praise for Trump's Role Ending Gaza Fighting; Criticism for His Domestic Policies

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We watched with interest as President Trump addressed the Knesset, and cringed at his self-aggrandizing remarks. Only Donald Trump could make this joyous and historic moment about himself; his hyperbolic claims of forging a regional peace that has evaded civilization for hundreds or thousands of years are patently false. The ceasefire agreement reached between Israel and Hamas is historic and important, though it is also tenuous and incomplete. [Halie Soifer]

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