

Daily Kickoff

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Around the Web

Lieberman's Legacy: Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) writes a remembrance of Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-CT), who died last month.

Transportation Trouble: Bridges and highways in San Francisco, New York, Chicago and other major metropolitan areas were shut down yesterday amid large-scale protests by anti-Israel protesters.

ADL Audit: The Anti-Defamation League released its annual Audit of Antisemitic Incidents, which registered 8,873 antisemitic incidents across the United States in 2023 — more than half of which occurred after the Oct. 7 terror attacks.

Campus Beat: The University of Southern California said that its valedictorian will not give an address at the school's upcoming commencement ceremony, citing security concerns; senior Asna Tabassum was discovered to have a history of posting anti-Israel content on social media.

Probe Over: *The New York Times* ended an internal investigation into a leak to the *The Intercept* regarding an unaired episode of its podcast "The Daily" that focused on Hamas' sexual violence on Oct. 7.

Time to Make the Matzah: *Bloomberg* visits the Streit's factory in Orangeburg, N.Y., the country's only still-operating mechanical matzah factory, as the company prepares for Passover, which begins next week.

Exit Interview: *Semafor* interviews Jina Moore Ngarambe, the former editor-in-chief of *Guernica*, who resigned following an uproar over the publishing of an essay about coexistence by a British-Israeli writer and peace activist that caused a furor among staffers.

Looking Left: *The New York Times* looks at how the activist left has centered support for the Palestinians — and opposition to Israel — in its political organizing.

Lear's Art: Seven pieces of art owned by Norman Lear until his death last year will go on auction next month; the works are expected to fetch upward of \$50 million.

What's Old is New: In *Newsweek*, sociologist Amy Neustein reflects on her great-grandfather's murder a century ago in what was believed to be an antisemitic attack as she confronts modern-day antisemitism in the wake of the Oct. 7 attacks.

Art Protest: The Israeli pavilion at the upcoming Venice Biennale will be shuttered for the duration of the art show, with the artist and curators associated with Israel's submission agreeing to open up the pavilion "when a cease-fire and hostage release agreement is reached."

Which Side Are You On?: *The Wall Street Journal* looks at how tensions in the Middle East are forcing moderate Arab states to choose sides in the growing conflict.

Stock Drop: U.S. stocks tumbled in the wake of Iran's attack on Israel over the weekend, with the Dow dropping 0.7%, the S&P 500 falling 1.2% and the Nasdaq losing 1.8%.

Bonus Boom: *Techcrunch* spotlights Zach Roseman's Draftboard, which extends job referral bonuses beyond a company's employee base.

Remembering: MLB's winningest Jewish pitcher Ken Holtzman, who played for the Oakland A's and Chicago Cubs, died at 78.