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Sabbath Ends: 9:21 p.m. NYC E.D.T.

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Weekly Reading: Beha'alo'secha

Weekly Haftara: Roni Ve'Simchi (Zachariah 2:14-4:7)

Daf Yomi: Bava Metz'ia 114

Mishna Yomit: Gitin 4:6-7

Halacha Yomit: Halacha Yomit: Shulchan Aruch, Orach

Chayyim 647:1- 648:1

Rambam Yomi: Hilchos Sotah chap. 4 – Isurei Bi'ah chap. 2

Earliest time for Tallis and Tefillin: 4:22 a.m. NYC E.D.T.

Sunrise: 5:25 a.m. NYC E.D.T.

Latest Kerias Shema: 9:11 a.m. NYC E.D.T.

Earliest Mincha: 1:35 p.m. NYC E.D.T.

Plag Hamincha: 6:55 p.m. NYC E.D.T.

Sunset: 8:30 p.m. NYC E.D.T.

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**Candle Lighting Times In North America
June 21 and June 28, 2024**

Atlanta	8:33, 8:34	Hartford	8:11, 8:11	Phoenix	7:23, 7:24
Baltimore	8:18, 8:19	Houston	8:07, 8:07	Pittsburgh	8:35, 8:36
Boston	8:06, 8:07	Kansas City	8:29, 8:30	San Diego	7:41, 7:42
Buffalo	8:39, 8:40	Los Angeles	7:49, 7:50	San Francisco	8:17, 8:17
Chicago	8:09, 8:09	Memphis	7:59, 8:00	Seattle	8:52, 8:52
Cincinnati	8:49, 8:50	Miami Beach	7:56, 7:57	St. Louis	8:10, 8:11
Cleveland	8:46, 8:46	Milwaukee	8:16, 8:16	St. Paul	8:44, 8:44
Dallas	8:20, 8:21	Montréal	8:28, 8:29	Toronto	8:44, 8:45
Denver	8:13, 8:13	Newark	8:13, 8:13	Washington	8:18, 8:19
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Editorials

Jewish Press June 25

Primary Election Endorsements

Primary Election Day in New York is Tuesday June 25. Early voting began on June 15 and will extend until June 23. In these divisive and highly partisan times, with hateful anti-Israel and an-

tisemitic rhetoric on the rise in the halls of government and misbegotten values on the ascendancy, it is more important than ever that members

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Letters to the Editor

Achdut Is The Best Antidote

I am a big fan of all of Dr. Amy Neustein's thoughtful essays, but the one published recently in *The Jewish Press* ("Sociological Pitfalls: We Must Stop Being Defensive about Our Right to a Homeland," June 7) was extraordinarily insightful and important. What we need is an antidote to the negative "looking-glass self," which has affected so many members of our community in the last several months. We should not and cannot be defensive – we need to be strong and proud, unwavering in our belief that we are fighting a just war against a monstrous enemy whose charter calls for the destruction of Israel.

Moreover, we cannot simply wring our hands over the fierce and very public disagreements in Israel's war cabinet or among its civilian population after what seemed an amazing outpouring of *achdut* following October 7, or about the widespread antisemitism we are facing either. In fact, our disunity poses a threat not only to the outcome of the war, but also to our mindset. What can we do to offset this?

We can take seriously our obligation to love our fellow Jew. It is not always easy to do so, especially when our fellow Jew doesn't look like us, *daven* like us, or share our thoughts and values. Still, it is imperative that we do so, especially during these challenging times. Every act of kindness to our fellow Jew will hasten the arrival of the *geulah* and the rebuilding of the *Bais Ha-Mikdash*, ushering in a period of peace and a time when our people will claim their rightful

place of honor among the nations.

Amy Neustein's op-ed was a good start. It encourages us to bolster our self-esteem and strengthen our group solidarity, which can best be done through a genuine and unconditional *ahavas Yisrael*.

*Joan Zlotnick, Ph.D.
Fort Lee, N.J.*

The Apology Trap

Thank you, Dr. Amy Neustein, for your incredible op-ed, "Sociological Pitfalls." Your op-eds are always an eye-opener to some of the worst destructive behaviors in society, both self-destructive and destructive of others in the new realities of the world.

Defensive behavior doesn't work on any level, whether on an interpersonal level or on a sociological level when we act as a group. When you're apologetic, you're automatically diluting the truth in order to gain the acceptance of your adversaries. You start denying reality in order to make the apology acceptable. Before you know it, you're in total denial and doomed for failure.

This is the same as telling the abused spouse to explain herself or himself to the terribly abusive personality. It just doesn't work. On the contrary, it's seen by the abuser as a sign of weakness, thus encouraging new abuse with greater intensity.

We don't have to be apologetic about our biblical, G-d-given ownership of the land of Israel in its entirety!

*Rabbi Menachem Shuchat
Toronto, Ontario, Canada*

Bonds Of Baseball Past

"Baseball Insider" by Irwin

Cohen ("Jewish Players," June 14) reminded me that just as Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby both fought racism in the 1950s, Detroit Tigers' Hank Greenberg had to do the same with antisemitism in his time. Doby, Robinson, and Greenberg document the long-lasting relationship between African-Americans and Jewish sports fans standing together for decades in support of each other.

It was a time many decades ago when most baseball fans could afford a bleacher, general admission, reserve, or box seat. Beer and other refreshments, as well as souvenirs, were reasonably priced.

*Larry Penner
Great Neck, NY*

Biden's Ominous Omission

Re: "Biden's Israelophobic Actions Show Sinister Intent, Not Election Concerns" by Morton A. Klein (June 10): It was very striking to me watching President Biden's speech at the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of D-Day and noticing a glaring omission in his words to the world. He spoke of the evil and tyranny of the Nazis that was confronted back in 1944, and he cited the Ukrainian conflict with Russia today as well as a battle for democracy. Significantly missing from his oratory was any reference to Israel's fight against the evils of Hamas. Surely this is a fight of good versus evil just like the conflicts against the Nazis and Russia.

This was no accident, as he and his administration continue to exhibit the bent knee to

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