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Libyan Jew Returns Home To Restore Shul

An exiled Libyan Jew begins the fulfillment of a lifelong dream, the restoration of Tripoli's main synagogue.

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Israel Formally Accepts Quartet Proposal for Renewal of Peace Talks

Israel has accepted the Quartet's request; the Palestinians have not responded, except to repeat their demands.

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Yeshiva Student Drowns In Uman

A young man from Netanya disappeared into an Uman river during *Tashlich*; the efforts of Zaka could not revive him.

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Tashlich in Prospect Park



Mario Tama/Getty Images

Yidden from many parts of Brooklyn congregate at the lake in Prospect Park to perform the ceremony of *Tashlich*.

Hagaon Harav Gedaliah Eisman, zt"l

BY HAMODIA STAFF

The Torah and *mussar* world was grieved to hear of the passing on Friday night of Harav Gedaliah Eisman, zt"l, *Mashgiach* of Yeshivas Kol Torah for more than half a century. With his passing, Yerushalayim lost one of its most precious gems, a *Gaon* and *tzaddik*, a pious *oved Hashem*, who illuminated the souls of thousands of *talmidim* over decades.

Harav Eisman was born on Pesach Sheini, 14 Iyar 5670/1910 in Poland to Rav Avraham, an Alexander chassid. During the years 5688-5690 (1928-1930) he learned in Yeshivas Kletzk, under the *Mashgiach* Harav Yechezkel Levenstein, zt"l, with whom he maintained close ties for many years even after they both moved to Eretz Yisrael. In Kletzk, Rav Gedaliah also met Harav Elazar Menachem Mann Schach, zt"l, the

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California Prevents Ban On Bris Milah

CALIFORNIA (Reuters/Hamodia) – California Governor Jerry Brown announced yesterday that he signed a bill preventing local authorities from banning the practice of *bris milah*.

The bill, which takes effect immediately, comes in the wake of an effort by a San Francisco group opposed to male circumcision to enforce a city-wide ban of the practice in a November ballot measure.

That effort was struck down in late July by a California judge who said it would infringe on religious freedom. The measure was removed from the November ballot.

The measure, which garnered 12,000 signatures of support, would have made it a misdemeanor crime to circumcise a boy before he is 18 years old in San Francisco, regardless of the parents' religious beliefs.

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Wall Street Protesters: We're in for The Long Haul 700 Arrested on Brooklyn Bridge

NEW YORK (AP) – The protesters who have been camping out in Manhattan's Financial District for more than two weeks eat donated food and keep their laptops running with a portable gas-powered generator. They have a newspaper – the "*Occupied Wall Street Journal*" – and a makeshift hospital.

They lack a clear objective, though they speak against corporate greed, social inequality, global climate change and other concerns. But they're growing in numbers, getting more organized and show no sign of quitting.

City officials "thought we were going to leave and we haven't left," 19-year-old protester Kira Moyer-Sims said. "We're going to stay as long as we can."

Saturday's arrests of more than 700 protesters who tried to cross the Brooklyn Bridge appeared to do little to dampen enthusiasm yesterday.

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Deep Dismay and Surprise Over Biden's Remarks On Pollard

BY AVRAHAM WEISSMAN

NEW YORK – During a meeting last week with Jewish clergyman in Boca Raton, Florida, Vice President Joseph Biden was in the middle of answering a question about an unrelated topic, when he brought up the fate of Jonathan Pollard. His remarks shocked and dismayed members of the Jewish

community.

"You probably want to know about Pollard, so let me tell you, President Obama was considering clemency, but I told him, 'Over my dead body are we going to let him out before his time. If it were up to me, he would stay in jail for life,'" Biden told them.

When some of the participants

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El Al Adopts Fee for Second Piece of Luggage

BY MEIR GOLD

YERUSHALAYIM – El Al Airlines has announced that it will soon join American carriers in restrictions on the amount of luggage allotted to each passenger without extra charge.

As of November 1, coach passengers to North American destinations will be allowed only one piece of luggage of up to 50.6 pounds, plus a carry-on bag. A fee of \$70 for a second piece of

luggage will be charged; \$230 to \$240 for a third one. Until now, two such pieces of luggage were permitted.

El Al joins Continental, Lufthansa and Austrian Airlines in the new policy.

Passengers holding tickets booked up to October 31 will be allowed two bags, as per the old rules. Passengers in first class and business class will also be exempt from the new restrictions.

U.S. Strike Kills American Al-Qaida Cleric In Yemen

SANAA, Yemen (AP) – The killing of U.S.-born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki and another American terrorist, a propagandist, in a U.S. airstrike Friday wipes out the decisive factor that made al-Qaida's branch in Yemen the most dangerous threat to the United States: its reach into the West.

Issuing online English-language sermons on jihad from his hideouts in Yemen's mountains, al-Awlaki drew Muslim recruits like the young Nigerian who tried to bring down a U.S. jet last year and the Pakistani-American behind the botched car bombing in New York City's Times Square.

Friday's drone attack was believed to be the first instance in which a U.S. citizen was tracked and killed based on secret intelligence and the president's say-so. Al-Awlaki was placed on the CIA "kill or capture" list by the Obama administration in April 2010 – the first American to be so targeted.

The other American killed in the strike, Samir Khan, published

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