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‘Most significant Holocaust Remembrance Day ever’

Yad Vashem’s annual ceremony tonight

• By JACOB GURVIS/JTA

Holocaust Remembrance Day begins tonight, with the day this year taking on added symbolism as Hamas’s October 7 attack was the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust.

With as many as 100 living hostages still in captivity in Gaza and pro-Palestinian protests roiling college campuses across the United States and other parts of the world, this year’s Holocaust Remembrance Day arrives during a particularly tense moment for global Jewry. Boston’s Jewish federation is calling it “the most significant Holocaust Remembrance Day in the last 76 years.”

On Monday, a siren will sound for two minutes at 10 a.m. throughout Israel as the country comes to a halt to remember the victims. If there is an actual attack during the siren, it will rise and fall.

For Yad Vashem, the theme of this year’s Holocaust Remembrance Day commemoration, which was planned prior to October 7, has taken on a new meaning. Billed as “A Lost World: The Destruction of Jewish Com-

munities,” Yad Vashem will host its annual ceremony this evening, featuring Holocaust survivors lighting six torches to represent the six million victims.

“The whole subject matter of this year’s theme is very much reminiscent of October 7,” Yad Vashem spokesperson Simmy Allen said.

Yad Vashem’s artist-in-residence, Shai Azoulay, said

he had incorporated themes from the current conflict into his artwork.

“We experienced... a sample of the Holocaust,” Azoulay said. “We got a sense, as a people, of what it means to experience a pogrom, and we were in shock, as though our limbs had been amputated, and it was a wake-up call.”

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Finding strength

• By EVE YOUNG

Since October 7, Israelis have been inundated with stories of the horrors and heroism people experienced on that day and during the ensuing war with Hamas.

It’s hard to turn on the television, read a paper, or scroll social media without encountering a jarring account of the atrocities committed by Hamas, a heartbreaking memorial to a fallen soldier, or an angry lament of the current situation and the lack of hope many Israelis feel for a bet-

ter future.

Given this reality, which has been ongoing for months, it is no wonder that many are unwilling or unable to muster the strength to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day. To many, the idea of opening up to more suffering and making space for more terrible memories seems absurd.

When *Zikaron BaSalon* (Remembrance in the Living Room), a grassroots initiative in which individual Holocaust survivors address

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Talks held in Cairo as sides at odds on ending the war

PM delays sending delegation until Hamas gives response

• By TOVAH LAZAROFF
and Reuters

Representatives from Hamas, Egypt, Qatar, and the United States met in Cairo on Saturday for talks on a possible hostage deal, while Israel delayed sending a delegation until the terror group gave a response to the latest proposal on the table.

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Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opted not to send a delegation without consulting with war cabinet Ministers Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot, while Defense



PEOPLE ATTEND a protest against the government and call for the release of the hostages, in Tel Aviv last night. (Ronen Zvulun/Reuters)

Minister Yoav Gallant and Strategic Affairs Mintier Ron Dermer were privy to the decision, according to media reports.

Egyptian sources said CIA Director William Burns arrived in Cairo already on Friday. KAN News reported

that the US has pushed Israel to send a delegation to join the talks as protesters and relatives of the hostages rallied in Tel Aviv demanding that the government finalize a deal now.

The rally was held amid a flurry of media reports that

expressed both optimism and pessimism regarding the potential for a deal, in a process that appeared to hit a crucial point, even as it remained stymied over a basic disagreement as to whether a

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Body of previously classified hostage found in grave of October 7 victim

Kibbutz Be’eri announces Dror Or was killed during massacre, body taken by Hamas

• Jerusalem Post Staff

The family of Elyakim Shlomo Libman, who was previously believed to be a hostage, announced on Friday that his body was found in the grave of a woman murdered on October 7.

Libman was a security guard at the Nova music festival. On October 7, he rescued several people from the massacre before going back one, final time and never returning.

It is still unclear why his body was in another person’s grave.

The army confirmed the discovery, saying that the IDF and the National Institute of Forensic Medicine had con-



ELYAKIM SHLOMO LIBMAN
(Courtesy)



DROR OR
(Courtesy)

ducted an investigation into the grave, which was in Gush Dan.

Libman and the woman he was buried with were murdered on October 7 in Re’im’s

parking lot.

Some initial estimates were that Libman was not taken captive since there were no forensic indications that he had been abducted.

At one point, however, one of Libman’s body parts was found, raising the possibility that he was buried with another victim from the Nova massacre.

ZAKA opened dozens of graves in the last few weeks until they found evidence of Libman’s DNA in a grave in the Gush Dan area.

The update came a few hours after Kibbutz Be’eri announced that Dror Or was murdered on October 7 and his body was taken by Hamas to Gaza.

Or’s wife, Yonat, was murdered on October 7 as well, and their children, Noam and

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ICC prosecutor to Netanyahu: Stop intimidation tactics

• By TOVAH LAZAROFF

The International Criminal Court’s Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan issued a veiled warning to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to stop his intimidation tactics designed to prevent the issuance of arrest warrants against top Israeli leaders for war crimes, including in Gaza.

“The office insists that all attempts to impede, intimidate, or improperly influence its officials cease immediately,” Khan wrote in a post on X.

He spoke out after Netanyahu and other top Israeli leaders delivered statements against the issuance of such warrants and US politicians threatened to reimpose sanctions the Trump

administration had leveled against the court, which were rescinded by US President Joe Biden.

President Isaac Herzog raised the issue when he met with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday.

There is a belief in the Prime Minister’s Office that US intervention could be helpful. The ICC has not formally announced the issuance of such warrants, which are expected to target Netanyahu, Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, and IDF Chief-of-Staff Lt.-Gen. Herzi Halevi.

In his post, Khan did not mention Israel, the US, or Netanyahu, but his statement is

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Critics slam concessions made to close encampments at universities

• By ANDREW LAPIN/JTA

When he announced this past week that Northwestern University had reached an agreement with the groups behind the school’s pro-Palestinian encampment, President Michael Schill was hopeful he could salvage the rest of the semester and commencement.

“I am proud of our community for achieving what has been a challenge across the country: a sustainable, de-es-

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calated path forward,” Schill said in a video he released to campus Tuesday.

But Northwestern’s pres-

ident has not been universally celebrated for finding a peaceful resolution amid so many other reports of violence and mass arrests. Instead, Schill, who is Jewish, has faced harsh criticism from the Jewish community.

Seven Jewish members of Northwestern’s antisemitism committee resigned en masse over the deal, leading the entire committee to announce Thursday that it

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Turkey halts trade with Israel until ceasefire

FM Katz says Erdogan’s move breaks international agreements

• By CEYDA CAGLAYAN
and HUSEYIN HAYATSEVER

ISTANBUL (Reuters) – Turkey said on Friday it will not resume trade with Israel, worth \$7 billion a year, until a permanent ceasefire and humanitarian aid are secured in Gaza, becoming the first of Israel’s key commercial partners to take such a step.

Israel’s “uncompromising attitude” and the worsening situation in Rafah prompt-

ed Ankara to halt all exports and imports, Trade Minister Omer Bolat said.

Foreign Minister Israel Katz criticized Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s move, saying it breaks international trade agreements and is “how a dictator behaves.”

Hamas praised the decision as brave and supportive of Palestinian rights.

It marks Ankara’s strongest step after months of sharp criticism of Israel’s mili-

tary campaign. Erdogan had faced growing domestic calls for more tangible action.

Turkey could not remain idle in the face of “Israeli bombardment of defenseless Palestinians,” Erdogan said after Friday prayers. Israel says it is targeting terrorists hiding in residential areas.

Erdogan later told Turkish business people that Ankara would manage problems

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Not ‘just another Eurovision,’ not ‘just another song’

Positive, energetic, and emotional Eden Golan concentrating on fine-tuning her performance

• By HANNAH BROWN

Eurovision contestant Eden Golan is focusing on her music during the unpre-

cedented tension surrounding Israel’s participation in this year’s competition, which will begin in Malmo, Sweden, on May 7.

Against a backdrop of calls from artists for the European Broadcast Union (EBU), the body that oversees the contest, to eject Israel from the competition because of its

ongoing war against Hamas, and despite the danger that the Israeli delegation and Israeli fans face from antisemitic elements in the southern Swedish coastal city, Golan remained positive and energetic.

She and her entourage arrived in Malmo last week. Advised by Israeli security

not to leave their hotel rooms except when absolutely necessary, the 20-year-old singer representing Israel and her backup dancers took part in two open rehearsals. She said in an interview on KAN 11 that she cried as she finished her second rehearsal on Friday – not out of grief but out of the emotions stirred by

taking part in Eurovision.

“The truth is, the rehearsals are going really well. We’re enjoying ourselves and working and improving every aspect [of the performance] and we leave very satisfied. There is no doubt that makes me emotional again and

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EUROVISION CONTESTANT Eden Golan (center left) stands among the rest of the Israeli Eurovision delegation, proudly displaying the Jewish state’s flag. (Alon Talmor/KAN 11)



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