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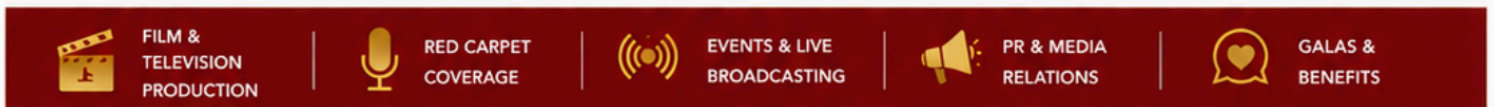


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BOXING in Florida **Jewish Legends, Champions & Ringside History**

Florida's boxing history was never just about punches thrown beneath bright arena lights. It was built inside smoky gyms, Miami Beach hotels, Palm Beach ballrooms, neighborhood fight clubs, and late-night conversations involving promoters, trainers, gamblers, celebrities, and larger-than-life personalities. Jewish fighters, managers, promoters, and supporters played a meaningful role in shaping that colorful history.

By the early 1900s, boxing had already become part of Florida's winter social scene. Wealthy northern families escaping cold winters traveled to Palm Beach and Miami, bringing with them an appetite for entertainment, gambling, and prizefighting. Boxing events quickly became fashionable attractions, blending athletics with high society culture. During the golden era of Miami Beach boxing in the 1950s and 1960s, the legendary 5th Street Gym became one of the most iconic training grounds in the world. Angelo Dundee trained Muhammad Ali there before the young champion shocked the world against Sonny Liston at the Miami Beach Convention Center in 1964. The gym attracted fighters, celebrities, sportswriters, and Jewish boxing enthusiasts from New York, Philadelphia, and beyond who wintered in South Florida.

Jewish boxers themselves helped leave a lasting imprint on the sport. Fighters such as Marty Pomerantz, a celebrated Golden Gloves champion, competed in Miami during World War II while stationed in Florida. Larry Boardman trained in Miami during boxing's heyday at the 5th Street Gym, while Morris Reif later became honored by the Florida Boxing Hall of Fame after a respected professional career that began with eighteen consecutive victories. Israeli heavyweight Roman Greenberg fought in Hollywood, Florida, while Yuri Foreman — both an ordained rabbi and professional boxer — brought a unique spiritual dimension to the sport during his Florida appearances.

Philadelphia native Steve Fleisher also represents the enduring connection between Jewish culture and boxing history. Long respected throughout the fight world, Fleisher dedicated years mentoring at-risk youth through legendary gyms including Joe Frazier's Gym, Joe Hand's Gym, Harrowgate Boxing Club, and the famed K & A Boxing Club in Philadelphia. Through those years he developed close friendships with boxing legends Smokin' Joe Frazier and Emanuel Steward while building relationships across nearly every facet of the boxing industry. Today, Fleisher proudly calls Florida home, continuing the long tradition of boxing personalities relocating to the Sunshine State.

Florida also became home to many figures connected to boxing's business and cultural side. Legendary promoter Don King, now long associated with Boca Raton, transformed boxing into global entertainment through historic promotions such as The Rumble in the Jungle and Thrilla in Manila. King maintained unique relationships within South Florida's Jewish community through charitable appearances, business connections, and longtime friendships developed over decades in Boca Raton and Palm Beach social circles. His larger-than-life personality became part of Florida's cultural fabric.

Another important South Florida figure is Dr. Khalilah Camacho-Ali, former wife of Muhammad Ali, who continues to make public appearances throughout the region. Through book signings, speaking engagements, charitable work, and entertainment projects, she remains connected to boxing's living history. She also shares a close friendship with Rabbi Loring Frank, reflecting the unique cultural intersections that often define South Florida's social landscape.

The Jewish influence on boxing extended far beyond fighters alone. Jewish trainers, physicians, promoters, journalists, venue owners, and fans helped sustain boxing during many of its most important decades. In Miami Beach especially, boxing often blended with entertainment, nightlife, and philanthropy, creating an atmosphere unlike anywhere else in America.

Today, Florida remains deeply tied to the fight game. Retired fighters from New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago continue relocating to South Florida for its weather, lifestyle, and active sports culture. Historic gyms still train young prospects while collectors, historians, and Hall of Fame members preserve the stories of the sport's legendary past. The Florida Boxing Hall of Fame, founded in 2009, continues honoring the fighters, trainers, referees, promoters, and personalities who helped turn Florida into one of boxing's most fascinating stages.


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JNF Appoints New International Director of World Zionist Village

Jewish National Fund-USA is proud to announce the appointment of Cora Neumann as its new International Director of the World Zionist Village. Set to open in 2029, the Village will serve as a global center for Jewish connection, leadership, learning, and peoplehood.

“Jewish National Fund-USA has been part of my family’s life for as long as I can remember,” said Neumann. “My grandfather, a Holocaust refugee, was director of Jewish Children and Family Services in Denver for 30 years and chaired Jewish National Fund-USA events in our community. The organization has been a steady, enduring presence for 125 years, and I am proud to step into this role to honor my family and our legacy and strength as a people.”

In addition to her personal connection to the organization, Neumann brings more than 25 years of experience in public service, global health, and community engagement to the role. A Montana State Senator, public health practitioner, and nonprofit professional, she has held leadership positions at the U.S. State Department, the World Health Organization, and the Montana Public Health Institute.

Neumann is excited to pay that legacy forward through her work with the World Zionist Village, leading the development and global engagement strategy that will strengthen Jewish identity, create a deep connection to Israel, and provide a welcoming space for Jews worldwide.

“The World Zionist Village is set to become a landmark destination and a defining force in Zionist engagement for generations to come,” said Jewish National Fund-USA CEO Russell F. Robinson. “Cora brings the vision, drive, and leadership needed to help make history, and I am excited to see the impact she will have in bringing this revolutionary project to life.”

Rooted in shared Jewish values and a deep love for Israel, the World Zionist Village will bring together students, educators, young professionals, community leaders, and families from across the globe for immersive experiences that foster dialogue, innovation, leadership development, and cultural exchange.

“I believe deeply in the power of place,” said Neumann. “I envision the World Zionist Village as a home away from home for Jews everywhere—especially for those feeling isolated, disconnected, or searching for community. It will be a place to reconnect with the land of Israel, with one another, and with something larger than themselves. A place to heal, and to grow.”

Through groundbreaking initiatives and special programming, the Village will help shape a stronger, more connected Jewish future for generations to come.

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PM Netanyahu meets with ZAKA Management and Volunteers



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Just ahead of Rosh Chodesh for the month of Shevat, a time in the Jewish calendar associated with renewal, inner strength, and the quiet nourishment of roots beneath the soil, **Benjamin Netanyahu** met at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem with the management and volunteers of ZAKA. Shevat is the season when growth begins invisibly—when trees draw life from deep within the earth before their branches show signs of renewal. In that same spirit, the Prime Minister recognized the men and women of ZAKA, whose work is often carried out away from the public eye, yet whose impact is immeasurable. He presented certificates of appreciation to the organization's volunteers in recognition of their extraordinary service and devotion during Operation Rising Lion.

Prime Minister Netanyahu expressed his deep and heartfelt gratitude on behalf of himself, the Government of Israel, and the citizens of the nation. He praised the volunteers for their moral courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to human dignity, even under the most harrowing conditions. He emphasized that their actions reflect the deepest values of Israeli society—responsibility for one another, respect for life, and steadfast resolve in times of crisis.

ZAKA CEO **Zvi Hasid**, joined by dozens of volunteers, thanked the Prime Minister for his leadership throughout the war and for his continued recognition of the organization's sacred mission. They expressed appreciation for his support of the volunteers who serve selflessly, often at great personal cost, driven not by recognition but by conscience and duty.

As the month of Shevat reminds us, true strength is not always immediately visible. It lies in the roots that hold firm beneath the surface, sustaining life and enabling future growth. In honoring ZAKA's volunteers during this season, the meeting stood as a powerful affirmation that the resilience of Israel is built not only on strategy and defense, but on compassion, unity, and the quiet heroism of those who serve humanity when it is needed most.

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Jay Shapiro Launches QUÄINTUM Magazine, Expanding Luxury Chamber Media Group into Technology

July 2026 - Entrepreneur, author and publisher Jay Shapiro has announced the launch of QUÄINTUM Magazine, (pronounced QWANTUM via umlaut dots) a new publication dedicated to technology, artificial intelligence, innovation and the future of business.

The magazine, available at Quaintum.tech, becomes the newest title published by Luxury Chamber Media Group, joining a family of publications that includes Good Jewish News, SOUTH FLORIDA magazine, SOUTHWEST FLORIDA magazine, Mondo Italiano, Mediterranean Magazine and Latin South Florida Magazine.

Although many know Shapiro as the founder of LUXURY CHAMBER of COMMERCE®, he says the inspiration for a technology magazine came from firsthand experience.

For more than fifteen years, Shapiro has built an extensive network of websites, digital publications and online communities. Recently, he undertook the enormous task of migrating thousands of web pages from an aging publishing platform to a modern system—an experience that introduced him to the rapidly evolving world of artificial intelligence and advanced digital technology.

"What started as a technical challenge became an education," said Shapiro. "Artificial intelligence helped transform what once seemed impossible into something achievable. Along the way, I discovered a genuine passion for technology and innovation."

That experience inspired the creation of QUÄINTUM Magazine, which will feature coverage of artificial intelligence, robotics, quantum computing, cybersecurity, emerging technologies, digital publishing, venture capital and luxury technology.

Shapiro is also the author of *How to Perform Like a Billionaire*, *Think and Grow Rich: Kabbalah Edition*, and *Luxury is a Mitzvah*, while continuing production of the feature film *Buddy from Brooklyn*, based on the life of horse racing legend Howard "Buddy" Jacobson.

He believes technology is becoming one of the defining forces of modern society.

"Technology now touches every aspect of our lives—from healthcare and finance to education and entertainment," Shapiro said. "Understanding innovation isn't just for engineers anymore. It's becoming essential for everyone."

Future plans for QUÄINTUM Magazine include both digital and print editions, technology-focused events, educational content and interviews with innovators shaping tomorrow's economy.

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