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Standing with Israel!

Sa'ar Blasts Turkish FM Who Described Israel as a 'Burden to Humanity'; Foreign Minister Gideon Sa'ar forcefully condemned Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan on Thursday, July 2, after Fidan unleashed an anti-Israel tirade in a television interview, branding the Jewish state a burden the world "can no longer bear." Sa'ar called the remarks "textbook incitement to genocide." His rebuke drew a hard line against a NATO member whose officials have steadily escalated their rhetoric against Israel. In the interview, Fidan claimed that Israel had become "a problem for all of humanity" and urged other nations to impose sanctions on the Jewish state. He went further, asserting that "these people have become a burden that humanity can no longer bear," and hinting that Turkey would not shrink from confrontation. "We have no problem with confrontation," he said. "If it comes to that, it is not an issue for us." Sa'ar answered that dehumanizing the Jewish people as an "unbearable burden" is "the classic, horrific language of history's worst eliminationist regimes." He insisted that the civilized world and Turkey's NATO allies "must unequivocally condemn this explicit call for the erasure of Israel." Israel's top diplomat left no doubt that such threats would be met head-on rather than ignored. (INN/VFI News)

Canadian Jews Weigh Leaving as Anti-Semitism Fuels Search for Safer Homes; Jewish organizations across Canada report that a sharp rise in antisemitism since the October 7, 2023, Hamas attacks has prompted some community members to explore relocation, with groups running exploratory trips to Panama, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and toward aliyah to Israel. B'nai Brith Canada documented 6,800 anti-Semitic incidents in 2025, the highest figure since it began issuing annual reports in 1982. Prime Minister Mark Carney noted that more than two-thirds of religion-motivated hate crimes in the country last year targeted Jews, who make up roughly one percent of the population. Canadian authorities have begun to respond. A federal law taking effect in July 2026 makes it a criminal offense to intimidate or obstruct people seeking to access synagogues, schools, and community centers. After three visibly Jewish men were shot at with an imitation firearm outside a Toronto synagogue in May 2026, police made an arrest, with a senior officer calling the repeated targeting of the community "unacceptable." Carney also launched a ministerial advisory council to assess antisemitism and coordinate a whole-of-government response. Community leaders are pressing hardest for the laws already on the books to be enforced. Rivka Campbell of Toronto's Beth Tikvah Synagogue urged officials to arrest offenders regardless of the expected outcome, to "send a message that we don't tolerate hate in any form." Others called on elected leaders to close the gap between legislation and enforcement so that Jewish Canadians can once again live openly and proudly. (JPost/VFI News)

Impoverished Venezuelan Jews Open Synagogues to Help Shelter Hundreds of Earthquake Victims; When two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela's capital, Caracas, and nearby La Guaira on Wednesday, June 24, volunteers from the country's Jewish community sprang into action, throwing open synagogues and community centers to hundreds of frightened residents. The magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 quakes struck seconds apart, killing more than 1,700 people and destroying hundreds of buildings. Within hours,

the community's institutions had become shelters. Roberto Mishkin, president of the Union Israelita de Caracas, said hundreds streamed into the Hebraica Jewish Community Center and the main synagogue many whose homes were damaged or destroyed, and others simply too frightened to sleep at home. Volunteers gathered food, water, and blankets, arranged cots and medication for the elderly, and even organized Shabbat services. "This tragedy has been very hard for the country, but we are united and in solidarity," said Miguel Truzman of the Confederation of Jewish Associations of Venezuela. Help poured in from the wider Jewish world and from Israel. A 17-member Israeli search-and-rescue delegation, sent by the Magen Company alongside the nonprofits Ready for Rescue and SmartAID, joined local teams to locate survivors, while IsraAid, NATAN Worldwide Disaster Relief, and the Joint Distribution Committee mobilized aid. For Mishkin, the priority was simple: making sure every family has somewhere to sleep, food to eat, and hope that they will rebuild together. (TOI/VFI News)

'Emotional': Ex-Hostages Sasha Troufanov and Sapir Cohen are Married; Former hostages Sasha Troufanov and Sapir Cohen were married on Sunday evening, July 5, roughly 17 months after Troufanov's release from captivity in Gaza. Both had been abducted from Kibbutz Nir Oz during the October 7, 2023, assault on Israel while visiting family. Cohen was freed during the November 2023 ceasefire, while Troufanov endured more than 400 days in captivity before his release in February 2025. The couple had only recently moved in together when terrorists seized them. Troufanov's mother and grandmother were also kidnapped and later released, while his father was murdered in the onslaught. At the wedding, Troufanov thanked the guests for sharing in their joy: "You've been with us every step of the way. Thank you so much. I love you." President Isaac Herzog and First Lady Michal Herzog joined the celebration and blessed the couple under the chuppah. "We prayed for your return, we were moved to tears when you came back home, and this evening we were privileged to rejoice together with you," Herzog said, wishing them a home "filled with love, light, and joy." Among the guests were several other freed hostages, including Rom Braslavski, who had been held alongside Troufanov in Gaza. (TOI/VFI News)



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