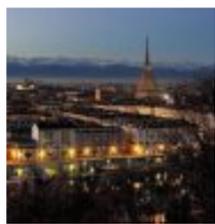




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HOLOCAUST

Seeking to Remember

Holocaust Memorial Center to read names of those who perished

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Guy Stern left Germany for the United States more than 80 years ago at age 15.

He never saw his parents, siblings or other members of his immediate family again. But he has vivid memories of them.

Sometimes, Stern says, he remembers them in his nightmares.

Stern, 97, is the sole survivor of the Holocaust in his family. As times grew worse for Jews in Germany in the late 1930s, his family sent him to live with an uncle in St. Louis. For a number of reasons, plans failed to have the rest of the family later join him in the United States.

After World War II ended, Stern learned that his family perished in the Warsaw Ghetto, and may have been part of an unsuccessful uprising that prisoners took against the Nazis there.

Stern will take part this week in Yom HaShoah observances at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills. Yom HaShoah, which means Holocaust Remembrance Day in Hebrew, is observed around the world. Its date is determined by the Hebrew calendar. This year, it falls on Thursday, May 2.

But for Stern, every day is Holocaust Remembrance Day, es-



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Guy Stern, a Holocaust survivor, and Ruth Bergman, director of education at the Holocaust Memorial Center, demonstrate the museum's eternal flame. The flame memorializes all those who died in the Holocaust, especially those who perished without survivors.

pecially at the museum, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, where he is the director of the Zekelman International Institute of the Righteous. The institute, housed in the museum, asks visitors questions like "Is it enough to just feel sorry for someone?" and "What does it mean to be courageous?"

"This has become my commemorative place," Stern said. "My entire family perished — from my grandmother, who was in her 80s, to my brother and

sister." Several years after coming to the United States, Stern was drafted and served with U.S. forces in France, just days after the D-Day invasion.

Following the war, he returned to his study of German literature and became a professor. He came to the Detroit area to serve at Wayne State University, where he still teaches. He is also a past interim vice president at WSU.

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IF YOU GO

Unto Every Person There is a Name

- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 2
- Noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5
- Volunteers can sign up at www.holocaustcenter.org/names
- Call: 248-556-3178
- Email: events@holocaustcenter.org

Report: Violent anti-Semitic attacks in U.S. doubled in 2018



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

A painted rock found as part of a makeshift memorial outside the Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, in honor of the people killed during worship services several days earlier.

By Michael Kunzelman
The Associated Press

Violent attacks against the Jewish community in the United States doubled last year, while overall attacks that also include vandalism and harassment remained near record-high levels, the Anti-Defamation League reported Tuesday.

The Jewish civil rights group released its annual census of anti-Semitic incidents three days after a gunman opened fire at a Southern California synagogue, killing a woman and wounding a rabbi and two others.

The New York-based group counted 1,879 anti-Semitic incidents — either harassment, vandalism or physical assault — in 2018. That is a 5 percent decrease from the 1,986 incidents reported in 2017, but the third-highest to-

tal since ADL began tracking the data in the 1970s. The 2017 number marked a 57 percent increase over 2016 and was the highest tally ADL had counted in more than two decades.

Nationally, the ADL counted 39 cases of physical assaults involving 59 victims in 2018, up from 19 assaults and 21 victims in 2017. The 2018 tally includes the 11 people who were killed and two congregants wounded when a gunman opened fire at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh in October. It was the deadliest attack on Jews in the nation's history.

In Michigan during 2018, anti-Semitic incidents dropped from 28 incidents to 21, which was the second-highest level recorded in the last five years. According to Carolyn Normandin, Michigan's ADL regional

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OBITUARY

Damon Keith, jurist who upheld civil rights, dies at 96

By Emily Langer
The Washington Post

Damon Keith, one of the most prominent African American judges on the federal bench, who upheld civil rights and civil liberties in influential rulings that included a 1971 decision barring the Nixon administration from conducting warrantless domestic wiretaps, died April 28 at his home in Detroit. He was 96.

The cause was complications from leukemia and heart disease, said his daughter Cecile Keith Brown.

Judge Keith served in the federal judiciary for more than 50 years beginning in 1967, when President Lyndon Johnson, a Democrat, named him to the U.S. District Court in Detroit, with jurisdiction over Eastern Michigan. Ten years later, President Jimmy

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MARVIN JOSEPH — THE WASHINGTON POST

Judge Damon Keith, shown here in 2016, spent over five decades on the federal bench. In 1971, he ordered that about 10,000 of the 24,000 students in the Pontiac public school system be bused to achieve racial integration.

IF YOU GO

Public visitation

- Saturday, May 11
- 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

Funeral service

- Monday, May 13
- 10 a.m.
- Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
- Livestream available at Community Arts Building at Wayne State University

FARMINGTON HILLS

Record low crimes reported

Part 'A' crimes were down by 403 cases

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Farmington Hills recorded all-time record lows last year in armed robberies, burglaries, larcenies from autos and auto thefts.

Police Chief Chuck Nebus recently presented the department's 2018 annual report to the City Council.

Part "A" crime, which consists of 23 of the most serious criminal offenses, was reduced by 16 percent in 2018 from the previous year. The city recorded the lowest number of reported offenses in the city's 45-year history.

The total Part "A" crimes reported last year was 2,104, a decrease from the 2,507 reported in 2017.

Other highlights of the report:

Murder

There was one murder investigated in 2018. The victim, a 22-year-old man, was shot and killed while visiting a Farmington Hills apartment. The murder was the result of an ongoing dispute between several persons. The three individuals allegedly responsible for the crime were arrested as they fled the scene.

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OAKLAND COUNTY

Ex-candidate sentenced to probation

Judge: Suidan must repay stolen money

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A former candidate for the state House of Representatives who embezzled nearly \$150,000 of campaign funds from Oakland County treasurer Andy Meisner has been sentenced to probation and ordered to repay the stolen money.

On Tuesday in Oakland County Circuit Court, Judge Nanci Grant ordered Jennifer Suidan, 34 of Wolverine Lake, to serve five years probation and make consistent, monthly payments to cover \$98,304 she stole from Meisner and \$51,000 she stole from the Goodman Acker law firm, which Meisner had hired to manage his campaign funds. Suidan had gained access to the funds — including the law firm's retainer that Meisner was charged — while she was employed at Goodman Acker, writing 67 bogus checks and making ATM withdrawals.

Suidan, who had an unsuccessful run in last November's election for state representative of Oakland County's 39th District, faced up to 20 years in prison after pleading no contest in March to the embezzlement charge. At the sentencing hear-

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WASHINGTON BRIEFS

Trump orders overhaul of asylum system, would force immigrants to pay fees for humanitarian refuge

President Donald Trump ordered major changes to U.S. asylum policies in a White House memo released Monday night, including measures that would charge fees to those applying for humanitarian refuge in the United States.

Trump's directive also calls for tightening asylum rules by banning anyone who crosses the border illegally from obtaining a work permit, and giving courts a 180-day limit to adjudicate asylum claims that now routinely take years to process because of a ballooning case backlog.

The order, announced in a presidential memorandum, comes as the president is seeking to mobilize his supporters with a focus on illegal immigration ahead of his 2020 reelection campaign.

"If the Democrats don't give us the votes to change our weak, ineffective and dangerous Immigration Laws, we must fight hard for these votes in the 2020 Election!" the president tweeted after the White House published his order.

— The Washington Post

Trump Organization, family sue Deutsche Bank, Capital One, seeking to block subpoenas

President Donald Trump and his family, as well as the Trump Organization, filed suit against one of their lenders and one of their banks late Monday, seeking to stop the financial firms from complying with subpoenas from congressional committees.

The lawsuit against Deutsche Bank, which has loaned Trump more than \$360 million in recent years, and Capital One are designed to prevent the two institutions from providing records to the House Intelligence and Financial Services committees. The panels are led by Reps. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., and Maxine Waters, D-Calif., respectively.

The filing, submitted late Monday in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, claims that the subpoenas were issued to "harass" the president - "to rummage through every aspect of his personal finances, his businesses, and the private information of the President and his family, and to ferret about for any material that might be used to cause him political damage."

— The Washington Post

Report

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director.

"I'm very glad to see any decrease in the number of incidents reported to our office,"

Normandin said. "But at ADL we track, report ... anti-Semitism and other forms of hate, and (Saturday's) incident in California - is a sobering reminder there is still much work to be done."

Information for the audit is compiled by a variety of sources including data provided by victims and is based on reported incidents. The audit looks at uniquely anti-Semitic incidents.

ADL's Audit classifies incidents into three categories: assault, harassment, and vandalism.

In Michigan, there were no assaults reported in 2018. Two-thirds of the incidents were in classified as harassment and one-third were vandalism.

Israel Dahan, whose 8-year-old daughter and brother-in-law were both wounded in Saturday's shooting at the Chabad of Poway synagogue near San Diego, said he doesn't understand why there's so much hate.

"We welcome everybody. We love everybody," said Dahan, 32, who is originally from Israel. "I don't even know why people like that (are) coming up against Judaism and against Jewish people."

Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL's CEO and national di-

rector, said he spent much of the weekend in California meeting and praying with the families of the shooting victims and other synagogue congregants. Greenblatt said it's "hard to find much solace" in the new data.

"Unfortunately, the horrific tragedy in San Diego County reminds us that anti-Semitism is virulently strong," he said.

In 2018, ADL counted 1,066 cases of harassment, defined as a situation in which a Jewish person or group of people "feel harassed by the perceived anti-Semitic words, spoken or written, or actions of another person or group."

Last year's tally of harassment incidents was 5% higher than in 2017. The one category that experienced a decline was vandalism: The 774 incidents in 2018 represented a 19% drop from 2017.

ADL's report says "known extremist groups or individuals inspired by extremist ideology" were responsible for 249 anti-Semitic incidents in 2018, accounting for 13% of the total.

"This is the highest level of anti-Semitic incidents with known connections to extremists or extremist groups since 2004, when at least 128 incidents were the result of leaflet distributions by white supremacist groups," the report adds.

The ADL report doesn't address online anti-Semitism.

"We are only talking about real-world incidents in this report," Greenblatt said.

But the deadly shootings

at the Pittsburgh and California synagogues and the recent mosque attacks in New Zealand demonstrate "the role of online communities in radicalizing anti-Semites and bigots to violence," said Oren Segal, director of the ADL's Center on Extremism.

"Extremists are preparing their social media strategy as they are preparing their weapons," Segal said.

ADL last year counted 140 anti-Semitic incidents that referenced Israel or Zionism, including dozens of robocalls from a white supremacist who ran an unsuccessful campaign for a U.S. Senate seat in California.

The report says ADL includes "anti-Israel incidents" in its audit of anti-Semitic incidents "if they invoke or are accompanied by classic anti-Semitic stereotypes and tropes (such as Jews/Zionists control the government), if they target Jewish religious or cultural institutions or if they are expressed by groups or individuals who consistently express anti-Semitic ideas."

"ADL is careful to not conflate general criticism of Israel or anti-Israel activism with anti-Semitism. However, Israel-related harassment of groups or individuals may be included when the harassment incorporates established anti-Jewish references, accusations and/or conspiracy theories," the report adds.

Associated Press writer Amy Taxin in Poway, Calif., and Don Wyatt, MediaNews Group, contributed to this report.

imposed to persecute Jews and others.

An eternal flame at the museum is meant to memorialize all who died in the Holocaust, especially those whose entire families or entire towns perished and who have no survivors to mourn them, she said.

To do so, volunteers will read the names of people who died in the Holocaust from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, May 2, and from noon to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5.

The observance, called Unto Every Person There is a Name, is a worldwide initiative.

friendship.

"On September 12 (2018) when I found out (about the embezzlement), I couldn't believe it. It stung like 1,000 cuts at once...this wasn't Jenny my friend who got in trouble. This was the Jenny who told lies, who couldn't tell the truth," he said.

Before hearing her fate, Suidan said she spent the stolen money "on everyday things...to fill the empty void feeling in my life."

She also said she was committed to "making up for the enormous, egregious series of errors" and the hurt she had caused.

Grant took issue with Suidan describing her actions as "errors."

"You did not commit a series of errors. You committed a series of crimes... you did it to a friend of yours - you violated that

Volunteers can sign up to participate in the reading of names by visiting www.holocaustcenter.org/names.

Following the reading of names on Sunday, several community leaders will speak, and visitors may place a candle at the eternal flame to remember relatives who died in the Holocaust or to remember those who have no survivors.

For more information, call 248-556-3178 or send an email to events@holocaustcenter.org.

For details on the museum's hours of operation and admission, visit www.holocaustcenter.org.

trust, and you violated Andrew Meisner's trust horribly," Grant said.

The case against Suidan began to unfold last September when discrepancies were detected at Goodman Acker.

At that point, Suidan had taken a leave of absence to focus on her campaign, but was subsequently fired and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office was contacted.

Outside of court, Suidan's attorney John Dakmak said: "There's no excuse for what happened - she's taken responsibility for it. From the very beginning, she's been very remorseful. She is truly sorry."

Meisner did not attend the sentencing hearing and didn't immediately return calls from The Oakland Press seeking comment.

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The Politecnico di Torino in Turin, Italy.

OU and FCA offer study abroad program in Italy

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Oakland University is offering a new program that

would allow students to earn a double master's degree in automotive engineering while studying in Italy and interning at Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles.

Nassar

The partnership between OU and the Politecnico di Torino in Turin, Italy is for students enrolled in the Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering - Automotive concentration. The program would allow students the opportunity to complete their second year in Italy, earning a master's degree in automotive engi-

neering from both schools.

"It's a tremendous opportunity," Sayed Nassar, Ph.D., distinguished professor in the department of engineering at OU and the founding director of the Fastening and Joining Research Institute, said.

"This unique program provides a global experience for students. It could also lead to better employment opportunities for our graduates on both sides of the world."

Students will study topics such as vehicle and infrastructure integration, sustainable manufacturing and advanced material joining.

Tuition for the second year abroad will remain the same as the regular OU rate, according to the university. For more information on how to join the program, contact Nassar at nassar@oakland.edu.

Keith

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Carter, also a Democrat, elevated him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Cincinnati.

Keith took senior status in 1995 but continued hearing cases, including on secret deportation hearings for alleged terrorists after 9/11. The George W. Bush administration, he declared, had unconstitutionally sought to "uproot people's lives, outside the public eye, and behind a closed door."

"Democracies die behind closed doors," he wrote in the oft-cited 2002 majority opinion.

The case provided a sort of legal bookend to his decision in the civil liberties case during the Nixon administration, which had helped propel him to national attention. In 1972, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld Keith's ruling ordering the government to turn over transcripts of conversations it had recorded in the course of investigating a radical group accused of planning to bomb a CIA office in Michigan.

Keith credited his drive in large part to his father, who worked for \$5 a day in a Ford Motor plant and implored his son to go to college. Another important mentor was future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thur-

good Marshall, who frequented Howard University when Judge Keith was a law student there in the late 1940s.

"Thurgood would say, 'When you finish Howard Law, I want you to use the law as a means for social change,'" Keith told The Washington Post in 2016. "That is what I've tried to do in my lifetime."

He venerated the Constitution as a way toward equality for African-Americans who had been excluded from schools, professions, neighborhoods, politics and other arenas of civic life. In 1971, he ordered that about 10,000 of the 24,000 students in the Pontiac, Michigan, public school system be bused to achieve racial integration. It was one of the first such orders in the North.

Shortly before the order took effect, 10 Pontiac school buses were firebombed, a crime for which five Ku Klux Klansmen were later convicted. Keith received death threats.

"I don't scare easily," he told The Washington Post in 2016.

The Supreme Court declined to review the case, allowing busing to proceed.

In 1975, Keith ordered Hamtramck, Michigan, a town neighboring Detroit, to relocate 500 African-Americans who had been displaced from their homes during federally supported

urban renewal projects that critics denounced as "Negro removal."

Writing that the city had "ignored their requests for assistance, failed to investigate complaints and in no way compensated such displaces for the loss suffered," he ordered the town to provide the former residents with new, affordable housing.

More than 30 years passed before the housing was built, but when he saw keys exchange hands, "it was meaningful to me as a human being," he told The New York Times in 2010.

Keith endured racism throughout his career - from his time as a janitor at the Detroit News, where a white reporter derisively told him that he should "keep mopping" instead of studying for the bar examination, to an incident at a 1991 conference on the Constitution's bicentennial, where he was mistaken for a parking attendant.

In 2016, he wrote a forceful dissent when the federal appellate panel on which he served upheld tighter regulations on absentee and provisional voting ballots in Ohio.

"Rather than honor the men and women whose murdered lives opened the doors of our democracy and secured our right to vote," he wrote, the majority had forsaken the votes of "the most defenseless."

Crime

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There was one murder investigated in 2017 which was also closed by arrest.

Sexual assault

There were 33 sexual assaults reported last year. This represents an 18 percent increase from 2017. However; it remains 27 percent below the historical average of 45.

Burglaries

There were 88 reported burglaries in 2018. This is a 30 percent decrease from last year and represents the lowest total of

burglaries in city history.

Armed robberies

There were nine armed robberies in 2018, which is a decrease of 44 percent from 2017. This number ties 2016 for the lowest number of armed robberies in city history.

Larcenies from autos

There were 204 larcenies from autos in 2018, a decrease of 41 percent from 2017. This represents the lowest total in city history.

Auto thefts

There were 40 reported auto thefts in 2018, a 52 percent decrease from 2017, the lowest total in

city history.

The Farmington Hills Police Department earned accreditation from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

It was the largest police department and one of the first 10 Michigan agencies to achieve accreditation.

The 2018 annual report, featuring crime data and illustrations of the Department's "Community Connections" Policing Program, is now available on the Police Department section of the City of Farmington Hills website at <https://www.fhgov.com/Government/Departments-Divisions/Police/Annual-Report/Police-Annual-Report.aspx>

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