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## NEW CRACOW FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL—PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After the horrific events of October 7, 2023 and the days that followed, who among us would believe that many of the hostages taken would still be in captivity nine months later?

At the outset it seemed that the western powers of the world sympathized with Israel, until she fought back. The Jewish State only seems to be in the right when she's the underdog, taking whatever the enemy dishes without defending herself. "innocents" were caught as collateral damage the outcry against Gazan civilian loss was loud and widespread. The US was also among those decrying what was happening. Two words for that: Hiroshima and Nagasaki. (They had no military value.) In Gaza, Hamas used/uses schools and hospitals under which to hide. The word innocents appeared in quotes earlier to denote that, in my opinion, Gazans are NOT innocent. The relatively recent rescue of hostages shows this. They were held in homes, not tunnels or fortified strongholds. What is happening?!

Here in the United States a major political party is seriously backing a convicted felon for president. This is a person who takes credit for the work of those who were in office before him and consistently says what are proved to be lies. When asked questions on the issues which are important to voters, he never answers the questions asked. He diverts attention to what he wishes to take about. Will the voters allow him to gaslight them again? His running mate, known to have disapproved of him in the past, of course has done a complete 180, and touts him as the greatest thing since sliced bread. How any woman can support this ticket is mindboggling. Are we living in a Bizarro world? I also urge all of you to look up Agenda 47 formerly known as Project 2025. It is truly scary.

Another major upheaval has recently occurred when the presumed candidate of the opposition dropped out of the race naming as

heir apparent the Vice President. We have yet to see who the running mate will be. It is interesting though, the GOP candidate who maligned the Democratic candidate as an old man is now the old man running for office!

We merely have stated facts.

Bernice Slutzman President/Editor

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## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Dear Members.

Greetings. I hope our July/August Newsletter finds you all in optimal health (or in case of illness, G-d forbid, well on the path back to it). Hard to believe that summer has already arrived and this current issue of our

Newsletter is being made ready for distribution.

I keep wondering how many different ways a Membership Committee Chairperson can ask the members to be current with their NCFS yearly dues when it's simply a matter of going online (www.newcracow.org), or writing a check to make a payment? I then shift to thinking "What's the importance of being a member of this present-day Cracow Society?" (other than having the ability to purchase a very reasonably priced cemetery plot)! It's true that in the last 4 years, the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic changed things for us socially, restricting all public meetings and events, turning our functions and attentions more to online communications. When our Society was finally able to have several in-person meetings, we couldn't help but notice the diminished attendance compared to prior events or to the large gatherings our survivor parents so vibrantly enjoyed. However, those who did recently appreciated attend really comradery and personal sharing. I'd like to add that we want to encourage our members to volunteer by helping us to create future programming and events. What kind of program interests you as a member? What kind of event would you be likely to attend?

My connection to this Cracow Society and our membership has become clearer and better understood in the 16 years since I returned to reside in NYC. When I lived great distances from the hub, I wasn't as interested. I didn't seek out 2G groups to affiliate with. So, I understand. However, during the many years of hands-on primary caregiving for my parents (my dear father & NCFS founder Victor Lewis, z'lv", and his lifetime help-mate, my beloved mother Regina, a'h" ... both who served this organization with love and dedication for more than 50 years), I searched for a local care-giver support group. Though I attended various ongoing caregiver support group meetings which helped to lessen the stress of the role and practical challenges of the workload, I felt I couldn't really share or talk about the internal dynamics that being an adult child of survivors held. There were times when I even felt a tinge of antisemitism from a group-mate or 2 when I shared deeper issues regarding the care for a Holocaust survivor parent, or my observance as

a Jew. Then OHEL Children's Home and Family Services contacted me when they received a large grant for a Zoom support group for 2G's caring for survivor parents. Whenever I meet a 2G or 3G, we understand that we share something special. We are a distinct community. We understand true love, devotion, dedication, commitment, compassion and service. We know the meaning of true miracles and either good timing or bad... for besides the awesome stories we may have heard from our parents, each of us is truly a miracle! We understand what genuine survival means and on a deep, deep level we also understand what "true evil" is. All this knowledge travels through the sensitivities of our psyches and in our bodies... and it is safe to explore, share and heal that landscape one with another.

So, nine months have already passed since our People Israel have been under attack extremist enemies from neighboring countries, and also from within. I'm sure that for many of us, not a day has passed when our thoughts haven't turned to or been aligned with our brothers and sisters under fire. What do we child survivors, 2G's and 3 G's feel? The events during the past year have triggered unimaginable emotional challenges to the catch phrase "Never Again" displayed at Buchenwald after liberation in 1945 as we witness the daunting rise of antisemitism in our streets, in subway stations, at exhibitions like NOVA in NYC, on our many campuses, on the walls of synagogues in cities all over the globe. A slogan that was meant to teach the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides has come back to haunt us. Today we cannot forget the names and memories of the innocents murdered at Nova in 2023. What can we do about these atrocities against the Jewish People? How do we participate so that "Never Again" and "Am Yisrael Chai" are upheld?

As a Society created by survivors and currently mostly their descendants, we need to be doing, taking action. Where our activities may have been dampened by Covid, or by the aging process, or responsibilities assisting family members, we still need to be doing within the Society. We invite you to share any ideas you have on what and how we can be an active force against the present rising tide.

I ask all members who have not yet renewed their 2024 membership to please do so by going online (www.newcracow.org) and submitting their dues through PayPal. Do consider the % fee PayPal subtracts from your amount by adding a little bit more. If paying by check, please send your dues (\$25 for single membership, \$40 for couple membership, any adult child over 18 living in parent's home is considered a separate single membership). ALSO NOTE: Online donations require an additional transaction. Adding a separate voluntary contribution will help defray some of our Society's costs.

To our members who have lost loved ones, we offer our deepest condolences. May their neshamas have an Aliyah and you be comforted by the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

Sincerely, Membership Chair Ida Lewis membership@ncfs.org Maria Helfman, co-chair

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## YONA AND JERRY GONEN'S TRIP TO two weeks were spent on an army base ISRAEL MAY 2024 volunteering for the IDF, which was organized

Jerry and I recently returned from a month long mission trip to Israel. We lived in Israel when we were young and did our required military service in the IDF including the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. We have continued to visit this beautiful country of ours many times over the years. This most recent trip impacted us in the deepest of ways. We would like to share some of our experiences with you, in the hope of giving you insight into the current conditions in Israel and the impact each and every one of us can make to help.

Our first week was spent with Magen David Adom, Israel's national emergency medical system. Its moto is: Saving Lives it's in our Blood.

MDA is an auxiliary service to IDF medical force in war time.

It maintains reserve storage of blood and plasma. It provides first aid to all residents regardless of religion or ethnicity.

It processes 270,000 units of blood yearly, its fleet consists of 2300 vehicles, 1400 out of it are ambulances. Currently, there is an urgent need for 300 additional ambulances.

We travelled with MDA to Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Otef Gaza, and other areas trying to understand how the events of October 7<sup>th</sup> unfolded. We did this through spending time with survivors of October 7<sup>th</sup> and families of the hostages where we heard about their experiences on that fateful day.

We also met with Israeli soldiers who were on the front lines that day and learned of their heroic efforts to eliminate the Hamas terrorists and save lives. We visited the kibbutzim where Hamas terrorized, murdered, and stole innocent lives. We were witness to the aftermaths of those horrors.

Our second week was spent with family and friends showing love and support. Seeing how the everyday Israeli is tasked with processing what happened on October 7<sup>th</sup> while continuing to go about their lives with war around them, hostages still missing, and their children and grandchildren being on the front lines. That was a humbling experience. The last two weeks were spent on an army base volunteering for the IDF, which was organized by Sar-El.

Our last service in the IDF was about 50 years ago, we were proud again to wear its uniform and serve our country. We sorted and packed medical supplies and organized equipment for the soldiers to be sent to the front lines. Our group consisted of volunteers from around the world, including France, Hungary, Germany, and Australia. To our surprise, some of the volunteers weren't even Jewish. They were individuals who understand that Israel's existence and success is important not just for Israeli's and all Jews but for all Western Civilization.

Many members of our congregation wrote letters for the soldiers that we distributed throughout our trip. Please know that those letters did not go unnoticed. The level of appreciation we received from each soldier was

amazing, they shared how these letters gave them the feeling that they are not alone, and the Jews of the diaspora are behind them and with them

Another important part of our trip was to bring Duffle bags full of necessary supplies to the soldiers, which was organized by Terri Ackerman.

We thought our trip to Israel was going to be about us providing support and encouragement to Israeli's, but what we didn't expect was the deep appreciation from everyone we met for just being there.

Israel is facing now the most critical moment in its existence especially with the threats from Hezbollah in the north. The war with Hezbollah is not a question of if but a question of when. Our responsibility is to help in any way we can. There is a great need to provide MDA with the right equipment. Currently there is an urgent need for Life Support ambulances.

If you can go to Israel, we encourage you to go. And even if you cannot, we encourage you to stand up against antisemitism and anti-Zionism here in the US.

#### Am Israel Chai!



## SUPPLIES FOR THE IDF

Supplies are still being sent to assist the IDF. Specific supplies can be ordered on Amazon and shipped directly to the location where duffel bags are packed for shipment to Israel

Among the items most requested by IDf commanders both in Gaza and in the North are:

- WETSOLS Multitools \$23.99 each
- Risen Israeli Bandage Vacuum Sterile Compression Bandages \$12.99 EACH

- JUSAID Tourniquet, \$19.99/3 pack, or other similar brand
- NOOLA 3-liter Hydration Backpack \$35.99 each
- DURACLEANSE Shower Alternative Body Wipes 100 (2-pack of 50) \$30.99
- RHINO-RESCUE Hemostatic Gauze 4" x 35" \$19.99 each
- WADEO 7200w Windproof Camping Stove \$37.99

You can open the link https://www.amazon.com/ registries/gl/guest-view/12ZQ2DVTVIQPK Just be sure that you have any items ordered shipped to:

Duffel Bags for Israel c/o Terry Ackerman SYJCC 74 Hauppauge Road Commack, BY 11725

There are many other items on the Amazon registry as well, so I encourage you to refer to the list. I realize that many of these items are costly, but they will jake the effort of our soldiers easier and for some or the items, they will save precious lives.

#### Bernice Slutzman

## **BARRY SPIELMAN'S VIEW** (As of June 2024)

Sadly, Hamas has always held the cards, that is as long as we want to see our hostages home alive. Maybe other countries would have written these people off, but Israel can't. And if it does, they who do so will pay a heavy price. That's the battle your watching now. The extreme ideological right wing is willing to sacrifice these people for what they believe is the better good. Most people are no longer willing to do so, because most people, haven't seen anything to convince us that more of the same - that is warfare in Gaza - will a) bring back the hostages b) topple Hamas. What Biden did was publicly out Netanyahu who has

already approved the deal, it was an Israeli proposal, but didn't make it public in fear of the right wing backlash that may topple his government. Now its out int he open. Now there is the right wing backlash. Now he has to choose what to do. Biden is correct in saying there is no complete victory here, not when Israel is dependent on the US, not when it can't afford to have a total rupture in its international relations, not with people it abandoned on Oct 7 rotting away in Hamas tunnels. You pay for screwing up. Now is the time to emerge with the best possible strategic results, put the onus on the US and others to ensure Hamas can't make a comeback and reserve the right to start the war again if it starts raising its head, bring back the hostages, calm the northern border, calm the international waters and most importantly, reorganize, and plan for the future in a much better way than we did in the past. Its not a pretty choice. But its the only realistic one right now. And I'm not the only one saying it. Almost every military analyst, not to mention the defense establishment and war cabinet that supported this deal. We'll see what happens..

## AT THE CROSSROADS

Before I sat down to write this article, I reread the one I sent back in April, that appeared in the last bulletin. It was written on April 14<sup>th</sup>, the day after Israel successfully repelled a massive missile attack of over 350 ballistic and cruise missiles, in addition to over 120 armed drones, shot at its territory from Iran. In that article I described how we, together with a coalition of countries, successfully defended against that attack, and that we suffered only a single casualty, a 7-year -old girl in the Negev, who at the time was fighting for her life. I described the set of opportunities it provided our leadership and criticized how the war had been handled until then, believing we were headed into a dead end where we would not be able to accomplish our goals of returning the hostages or removing Hamas from power.

Almost two months later, the good news, and it was reported in the papers, the 7-year-old girl survived and is recovering. And that's about all the good news to report. The

rest is that we have indeed sunk deeper and deeper into the morass, international pressure has intensified exponentially, our relations with the United States have been dangerously challenged, and militarily at least, we are no closer to toppling Hamas or returning the hostages.

It's depressing to say this, but if a country wants a future, its leadership needs to know how to read reality as it is and make the best of the situation, even a very bad one, so that tomorrow it won't look as bad. I'm not saying it's fair - Israel is indeed being treated differently than any country in the history of warfare – but that statement doesn't make the threats posed by the increasingly tightening noose in the form of the International Court of Justice or International Criminal Court, or the increasing number of countries breaking diplomatic ties with Israel or imposing military and economic sanctions, get looser. It is true that our leaders have more than once made the claim that if we must, we'll do this on our own. But is that realistic? Is it smart? What does that mean for the future of the country?

Our relationship with the US has been sorely tested. And in an election year, one wonders just how far the rope can be stretched.

Israeli military casualties continue to mount and daily (today at work we learned that one of the people in our company was killed by a Hezbollah drone), and we are told that more hostages are no longer among the living.

The economy is taking a hit. And the country is moving slowly but steadily back toward the dangerous rifts that almost tore it apart before the war started.

Now all of this may be worth it (or not-depending on your point of view which again is moving toward traditional political positions) – but in my view, it would be worth it if at least the end game was in sight or that the lofty goals or something close to them set by the government were close to being accomplished. But as good as the IDF has been doing in Gaza, and they are indeed accomplishing important military achievements in terms of destroying Hamas infrastructure and personnel, we are not close to toppling Hamas and we are certainly not close to bringing back hostages, certainly not alive. You don't have to be a military expert to understand that Hamas' game is to

hide in the tunnels while we go after them and from their perspective, the more civilians are killed, the better. At the end, from their point of view, if they are still standing, even if Gaza is destroyed and tens of thousands of Gazans killed, they won. And when a terrorist organization hides in a civilian population, shoots from a civilian population, makes its stand in a civilian population, no amount of careful planning and movement will prevent civilian casualties. Israel actually surprised the US and the world by evacuating over 1 million people in Rafach before we moved on the city with relatively little resistance or problems. But that didn't prevent a stray spark from the smallest piece of ammunition in the arsenal aimed pinpoint at Hamas terrorists from somehow taking to the wind and either hitting Hamas weapons stored in a civilian area or making their way to the tents in the distance where the Gazans had taken refuge. The horrific pictures of Gazans burned alive added to the narrative of Israeli war crimes. Untrue and as unfair as these claims may be, our ability to counter them at this point is minimal, the wave of hostility is unprecedented and the only things that stands between that criticism from becoming operational in the form of sanctions or worse, is the United States. And as we have seen, painfully, the position of the US is wavering, sometimes inexplicably so.

To be sure, the United States has stood behind Israel from day one, providing weapons, diplomatic support, threating our enemies with their military might and using it here and there to shoot down enemy missiles (like during the Iranian attack) and Yemen-based Hutti attacks on Israel and shipping in the Red Sea. They have made it clear to all that Israel has a right to defend itself, indeed destroy Hamas, but they have also been equally as clear regarding Israel's need to allow for humanitarian aid to enter Gaza and to avoid civilian casualties.

The first - humanitarian aid – is counter to Israel releasing hostages. The opposite. The more the aid went in, the less our choke hold on Hamas was effective. In the end, under intense pressure, Israel has allowed in huge amounts of humanitarian aid, enough even at a cursory glance to make the UN claims of genocide and forced starving of the population absurd (not that that ever stopped them. But the

US demands to refrain from civilian casualties - something impossible in war in general, and something Israel has done more than any army in history in particular – are self-defeating. Even more so, the intense pressure on Israel not to go into Rafach, echoed by everyone else in the world and taken to hysterical and dangerous heights with the demonstrations on campuses the world over, has done everything but ensure that Hamas will not surrender or even give in to a ceasefire. After all, why should they? They believe, with good reason, the world pressure will win the war for them. Israel will be forced to stop and they will survive and remain in power. And they won't have to release all the hostages until they get everything they want. Not just an end to the war, but a full Israeli withdrawal and commitment to leave them alone and basically rearm so they can plan another Oct 7<sup>th</sup>. In short, an Israeli surrender. No amount of diplomatic jargon changes the this American position counterproductive to the US announced goals of removing Hamas, never mind Israel's war

Which brings us to the latest attempt to find a path to a ceasefire and an end of the conflict. Given the position of the Israeli government has been consistent that we won't end the war unless the hostages are released and Hamas is no longer in power and Hamas has been consistent that it won't release hostages or agree to a ceasefire unless there is a commitment to end the war, one may reach the conclusion that any initiative is a non-starter. Behind the scenes, Israel has put on the table some very generous offers in terms of amount of time of a ceasefire, the number of terrorists that will be released from prison, that Gazans can return to their homes and so on. But the one thing Hamas wants to see, is the one thing the government won't provide. A guarantee to end the war.

Biden's speech revealing the Israeli proposal was an attempt to back Netanyahu into a corner, to show the Israeli public and others, that Israel has indeed put a proposal on the table to end the war. But it was disingenuous in the sense that this statement isn't entirely correct. What is correct is that we would have a phase one in which some hostages (women, sick, elderly, etc..) would be

released and there would be a ceasefire, Gazans would return to their homes, but during this phase one, there would be negotiations about how to get to Phase two, where the nonhumanitarian related hostages would be released, the IDF would withdraw, and other things would happen. But we reserved the right (supported by the US) that the war would continue if Hamas dragged its feet in the negotiations and in releasing hostages and presumably, though this wasn't published anywhere, didn't agree that as part of the deal they would not stay in power. From the look of Hamas' reaction as of today (June 6), they aren't buying it. And they are so convinced that they can weather this thing out (thanks to American, UN and European pressure on Israel) that despite over 36,000 people killed in Gaza, more than half of those by our accounts Hamas terrorists, and the incredible destruction of their infrastructure, they are still riding high enough to be calling the shots and making the demands.

Now I have no idea how this will play out. By the time you read this, we will all know. But the odds are high that there won't be a deal and the war will continue. Which means that ultimately, this goes back to Israel to decide, what course of action is in its best interest given where we are right now, not what in a perfect world, we would like to see.

We need to take several things into account:

- 1) Can we realistically destroy Hamas even if we have a very successful operation in Rafach and can we realistically have the kind of operation in Rafach to accomplish this given US and world opposition? The reports are that the IDF changed its battle plans to accommodate US concerns.
- 2) Can we realistically do this on our own, without coordination, risking not only diplomatic support but an arms embargo and Security Council Resolutions which may require sanctions?
- 3) Can we realistically put off the increasingly volatile situation in the northern part of the country with over

- 80,000 Israelis evacuated from their homes and internal pressure to either mount a full-scale war with Hezbollah with all that this would mean or find a diplomatic solution? It is clear that there will be no solution, diplomatic or military, until the situation in Gaza is resolved one way or another.
- 4) Can we avoid dealing with the larger problem Iran who for the first time shot hundreds of missiles from their territory at Israel and, according the nuclear agency monitoring Iran the IAEA, Iran is only days away from the bomb? To put it in the words of one top US official Iran is moving unhindered towards the bomb and Israel is dealing with two brigades of terrorists in Rafach?
- 5) Can the government decide to leverage the one thing that it has steadfastly refuse to do up till now, but is the one thing that may push Hamas out of power or force them to make a deal that is, decide on who will take over, the Day After, in Gaza? For fear of bringing in the Palestinian Authority, Israel has refused to discuss this, much to the chagrin of the US. The end result is that after every IDF successful operation, once we withdraw, Hamas comes back and then the IDF has to return a second or a third time. And, there is no one to take over the areas the IDF has operated in or the Rafach crossing or the humanitarian aid. Ultimately, if we continue down this Israel will again become path, responsible for the millions of people in Gaza, with all that means including a military occupation. And trust me, a lot of people in the government, want that to happen.
- 6) Can we as a people, as a nation, as a state, realistically move forward, if we knowingly commit 124 hostages

(probably one third are already dead) to death by not putting their fate as the top priority, despite having to accept a very, very, very difficult deal that would in effect end the war? The army made it clear that it would know how to go back in and start the war again if Hamas would ever violate the agreement, meaning someone shot a missile, they rebuild tunnels or their munitions factories. Is that even a realistic approach?

When taken all together, and this is the of almost every military analyst view (including right leaning analysts) that appear in the news and write commentary, it apparently is also the opinion of the IDF top brass, as well as the Shabak - we have reached the crossroads where we need to decide to get the hostages out and end the war, resolve the situation on the northern border either diplomatically or by war and start a healing process. I fully support this approach. It isn't popular. It is not the view of the right wing ministers whose views seem to have dictated policy so far – Ben Gvir and Smotrich – who threaten to bolt the government if that is the direction we move. But it is the responsible thing to do. And leaders are tested by their leadership not their maneuvering to keep their governments together. Will Netanyahu rise to the occasion or will we find ourselves continuing to fight a war in which the chances of accomplishing our goals are low and diminishing while the price of continuing to try do so is increasing astronomically daily?

It is a choice between miserable options. And I don't envy those who have to make it. But life is not a reality show. It is reality. And we need to choose from the options that are available, bad as they are.

That's the meaning of leadership.

Barry Spielman Oranit, **June 6, 2024** 

## **HELP WANTED**

As we move forward we are in need of help from individuals who can do any of the following: are proficient in Zoom, can help create content for our social media or create and format email flyers. Any time you are able to donate would be appreciated. Email us at info@newcracow.org if you are interested.

## **CEMETERY INFORMATION**

Periodically I make a run to Beth Moses Cemetery. On my visits there I check on all three of our sections. I regret to inform members whose family are there that their graves are not being maintained for. I have noticed that some don't even have any plantings on the site.

Please understand that it is not the responsibility of the Society to care for these graves. Arrangements can be made with the cemetery for perpetual care or maintenance on a per year basis.

Bernice Slutzman Cemetery Chairperson

## SUNSHINE COMMITTEE REPORT

## **HAPPY EVENTS**

Anniversaries

July

Mr. & Mrs. Steven Blumenfrucht 39 Mr. & Mrs. Abe Krieger

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Hilfstein 50

August

Mr. & Mrs. Peter Berkowsky 44
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Myers 42
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Blumenstyk
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Rappaport
Mr. & Mrs. William Huppert
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Schapiro 48

Mr. & Mrs. Ira Kantor

Many blessings for more happy and healthy years together.

To announce simchas and anniversary dates, please include the year on the renewal card or online.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Belated congratulations to survivor member Saul Dreier, founder of the Holocaust Survivor Band, who played the drums at the White House last December at age 99. He started playing drums again at age 90 and has been playing ever since. Google Saul and see his AARP video on Facebook. Yasher koach, Saul.

Congratulations to Bernice Slutzman on the graduation of her grandson, Jacob Hurst. He will be attending Albany University in September.

**Refuah Sheleimah**—**Get Well Soon** To any of our members presently in need of healing... Continued blessings for a complete healing are extended. To those members who are recovering, may you go from strength to strength!

#### Condolences

Sincere condolences go to Dr. James Zellner and Andzia Zellner on the loss of son / grandson, Joshua Zellner, May 24th. May his neshama soar on its Aliyah.

Our Society sends its most heartfelt condolences to the families of members who have recently passed. If our members do not own plots at Beth Moses, we would appreciate being informed of the loss by the family or friends.

## **Contributions:**

Susan Krul Caren in memory of her beloved father, Eli Krul \$36

We wish to thank our members wholeheartedly for their generous contributions. Our Society survives on your donations. Please feel free to contribute to NCFS at any time in memory of a family member's yahrzeit, to celebrate a birth bar/bat mitzvah, engagement, wedding, anniversary, to honor a friend, well wishes for the sick, or simply to fulfill our mitzvah of giving tzedaka. Check donations can be written out to the New Cracow Friendship Society and sent to the address below or online through PayPal payment at www.newcracow.org via the donation tab. Please be sure to mention what your donation is for and consider there is a fee for PP which reduces your donation amount.

We love to share good news with our members. Please send us your news. Have a great summer, everyone!

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