



Israeli Pride

For the first time in Israel, the Israeli Justice System has made a valiant new move in order to promote Equality to Gay families in Israel.

Unanimously, and in opposition to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, High Court judges ordered the registration of 2 adoptive fathers in their son's birth certificate.

In 2015, the couple adopted their son in a closed adoption (a process which disconnects the child with his birth parents and requires a new birth certificate to be issued).

The Tel Aviv Family Affairs Court confirmed the adoption and ordered their registration. In spite of the court's decision, the Ministry of Internal Affairs refused to reissue the certificate with both his fathers' names on it.



Politics and Alleged Sexual Harassment

David Keyes, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's U.S.-born foreign press spokesman, resigned Wednesday several months after allegations of sexual misconduct were reported in the U.S. and Israeli press.

The accusations, made by a number of women, including then-New York State Senate candidate Julia Salazar, dated back to Keyes' time as a human rights advocate in New York in the early 2010s. Following the publication of the allegations, Keyes took a leave of absence from his position. Israel did not launch any criminal investigation into the incidents, as the alleged offenses took place abroad.

In a statement, Keyes thanked the Civil Service Commission for closing its probe of him, saying there was "no evidence or even a shred of evidence" of wrongdoing on his part as an employee of the government.



Tragic Terrorist Attack in Ofra Junction

During the last week, several terrorist attacks hit Israel, leading to injuries and deaths.

The most prominent of them was a shooting in Ofra Junction that left Israelis shocked: a young married couple, Amiad and Shira, were shot at. Shira, then pregnant, was rushed to the hospital. In an attempt to save the baby, the emergency delivery placed the premature infant in an incubator. Several days later, the newborn's condition worsened and doctors failed to save him.



Amiad and Shira

Israelis protest Violence and Inequality

Last weekend, Israeli civilians protested Violence against women and Inequality for women in Israel.

This protest was a result of statistics that showed that 24 women were murdered by family members this year. This number is the highest it has been since 2011.

Women and men supporting equality for all protested wearing black and red as signs of grief and as symbolism of the blood that those 24 women have shed.



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