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Torah Day School kindergarten student Netanel Gold joined other TDSA students in putting United States and Israeli flags into the ground lining the path to the school as a sign of solidarity with Israel.

**Atlanta's first Disabilities Film Fest**

The first week of October will mark the inaugural ReelAbilities ATL Disabilities Film Festival. The series of films, performances and presentations celebrating those living with disabilities begins the night of Sat., Oct. 1 at the Buckhead Theatre and will premiere two short films, "Stubborn & Spite" and "All Day."

The Festival was founded and is being co-chaired by Howard and Lynne Halpern and produced with the help of nonprofit Georgia Community Support & Solutions. More than 36 community partners are onboard for the six-day event honoring, in part, the Halperns' son.



"Due to a brain injury at an early age, our son Douglas has been our inspiration in our working closely with the disabilities community for decades," Lynne said.

"Through the support of many great organizations, Douglas has been able to grow into a life of independence. ReelAbilities ATL is giving our community the opportunity to explore the lives of people with disabilities and hopefully to change attitudes and eliminate bullying and discrimination.

"We are so proud to be bringing this festival to our city."



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**L' Shana Tovah!**

**Renting**

**SYDNEY, Australia (JTA)** - The small Jewish community in the earthquake-ravaged New Zealand city of Christchurch will celebrate Rosh Hashanah in a rental property because the city's only synagogue has not yet been repaired.

The congregation would now be "lucky if repair works can start in 12 months' time," the acting president of the Canterbury Hebrew Congregation, Bertina Wallace, said in a report to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

**Recognized**

**(JTA)** - Spain recognized Israel as the Jewish homeland for the first time and called for a peace deal that does not affect its Jewish majority.

Spanish Foreign Minister Trinidad Jimenez declared Israel the homeland for the Jews during her speech before the United Nations General Assembly.

Jimenez called Israel "the embodiment of the project to create a homeland for the Jewish people."

**Israel pledges**

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** - Israel pledged \$1 million to help preserve Auschwitz.

The money will be given in two transfers over the next two years to the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation.

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