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**Rabbi Shaul Offen reading the Torah at the Israel Defense Forces Medical Unit Field Hospital Camp, Port-au-Prince, Jan. 22.**

- Support longer-term recovery (in the months following the earthquake) including rebuilding of community centers, clinics and schools; replanting of crops and farms to reestablish the local food supply and provide a source of income; and support to community-based organizations' efforts to rebuild civil society.

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## Senate passes Iran sanctions bill

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JTA news service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate has passed a comprehensive Iran sanctions bill. The bill, passed by voice vote Jan. 28, hews closely to a companion bill passed last month in the U.S. House of Representatives; White House requests to roll back some of the harsher provisions were unheeded.

The bills target Iran's energy sector, singling out for sanctions any entity — individual, company or even country — that deals in refined petroleum with Iran, a major oil producer, but with a refining sector in disarray.


The Obama administration has preferred to emphasize multilateral sanctions targeting Iran's leadership coupled with diplomatic outreach. Both bills must now be reconciled

and the final version is likely to be signed by Obama, despite his reservations.

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which led lobbying for the bills, urged swift passage and signing.

"Iran's possession of nuclear weapons capability would be a devastating blow to America's national security interests," spokesman Josh Block said. "The U.S. and our allies must impose biting diplomatic and economic pressure to try and peacefully prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons and avoid confronting more distressing alternatives."

The bills allow Obama waivers for national security reasons. Obama's predecessors have exercised such waivers with earlier sanctions bills.



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**David Marger, Menorah Manor Vice Chair & Chair Elect:** "Menorah Manor is a wonderful place where the elderly in our community can go for various care as they age. I am honored to be able to help with this organization and provide such a mitzvah and thankful that Menorah Manor has been here for many of my loved ones." David is a managing

partner of mobile homes and RV parks as well as in the business of real estate. This father of "two lovely daughters" enjoys cooking for the family on weekends.

**Family:** Helen, wife; Sarah 20, and Olivia 16.



**Ida Michels, Senior Living Trustee:** "Menorah Manor means that there is a qualified nursing center that meets the religious needs of the Jewish community."

Ida is a retired speech pathologist who has been "married to a wonderful man for 54 years." She contributes her dedication to an upbringing in which she was taught that giving is important.

**Family:** Stanley, husband; Mark and Jon, sons; Katie, granddaughter 14; Austin, grandson 11; Ana, granddaughter 9; Simone, granddaughter, 6.



**Paul Samson, Foundation Trustee:** "I am proud to be a part of a facility designed to bring dignity to people in their twilight years." Paul owns a franchise development company based out of Tampa. He enjoys spending time with his family.

**Family:** Annette, wife; Roman, son, 8; Isabella, daughter, 10.



**Marion Samson-Joseph, Foundation Trustee:** "Menorah Manor is a haven for our elderly, where they are cared for in a loving atmosphere and receive the best care possible, this was my wish when Menorah Manor was conceived... I always wanted a nursing home in this area that would care for our elderly in a manner consistent with

our Jewish heritage; until Menorah Manor was built, this was not available." The Bernard L. Samson Nursing Center was named in memory of Marion's late husband. Marion has held a variety of leadership positions within Menorah Manor and has been involved with the organization since its inception.

**Family:** Four children Dori, Barbara, Paul and Cal.



**Marilyn Sapperstein, Menorah Manor secretary:** "Every community should have a place where you can observe freely and be surrounded by people of your heritage as you get older... Menorah Manor means that my mother is safe on a daily basis and is surrounded by people that love her and are giving her quality care." Marilyn is a retired educator who loves to read, play golf

and exercise. Her husband, children and mom come first in her life and everything else simply follows.

**Family:** Michael and Scott, sons; Vicky, daughter-in-law; Robby, grandson, 14.



**Ronna Sharp, Menorah Manor Foundation Trustee:** "Menorah Manor always stood out for me as a safe, homey, positive, Jewish environment... It's nice to live among your peers, those that share your heritage. It is instilled in me that we need to take care of our own. Someday soon, we will be the older generation and I would choose Menorah Manor as my home away from

home." Ronna Sharp is an interior designer with her own company. She is on the interior design and art committees for the Inn on the Pond and is an avid crossword junkie.

**Family:** Steve, husband; Rachel, daughter, 15; Hunter, son, 12.



**Audrey Schechter, Menorah Manor Foundation Trustee:** "I want to follow in my family's footsteps by devoting time to such a wonderful, heart-filling organization." Audrey is a part-time attorney and full-time mom. In her spare time, Audrey likes to cook and take care of the family's one-year old dog, Patrick.

**Family:** David, husband; Emma, daughter, 9; Grace, daughter, 7.



**Saul Schechter, Menorah Manor Vice Chair & Senior Living Chair:** "Menorah Manor means a well run, financially sound organization that cares about the health and welfare of the elderly." Saul has been involved with Menorah Manor since its inception. He is now the project chair for the Inn on the Pond.

**Family:** Suzie, wife; two sons, Adam and David; three grandchildren.



**Sharon Schloss, Foundation Trustee:** "My mother has always been treated with the best medical care, love and respect from the staff. Her years at Menorah Manor have been filled with socializing with her friends, attending activities, taking trips to restaurants and stores, dancing and singing, attending religious services, and having fun." Sharon cared for

mother until she required "the type of full-time nursing care that only Menorah Manor could provide." She is currently a second grade instructional assistant at the Pinellas County Jewish Day School.

**Family:** Art, husband; Amy and Marc, children; Hanna, granddaughter, 3; Jacob, grandson, 1.



**Roy Siegle, Foundation Treasurer:** "I and my wife will never forget the loving care that my mother-in-law was given... Menorah Manor to me is the epitome of Jewish giving. The compassionate caring for the aged, no matter their religious affiliation... the selflessness of the workers and volunteers... without which Menorah Manor could not exist." Roy

married his "first sweetheart," Bette, in August of 1943 shortly after he received his pilot's wings for being a night combat fighter pilot during WWII in the European Theater. The couple will be celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary this summer. The Siegles have been a part of the Menorah Manor family for the past 25 years.



**Jeffrey Ulm, Foundation Trustee:** "Menorah Manor means that not only can our Jewish seniors have the best care available, but my wife and I, and our friends can be confident that the same high level of care will be there when we need it... Its mission will grow as our population ages." Ulm is a district manager for the largest condominium and homeowners

association management company in the Tampa Bay area. And he loves winter sports!

**Family:** Karen, wife; Rachel, daughter, 24; Hannah, daughter, 21; Ethan, son, 18.

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**Rita Fishman, Menorah Manor Foundation Trustee:** Rita Fishman, and her husband, Stanley, are longtime supporters of Menorah Manor and live in Clearwater.