Falafel shop owner breaks down on TV

ERUSALEM (JTA) — An Israeli falafel shop owner broke down in tears in a television interview on Sunday, April 19, that resonated across the country as a symbolic encapsulation of the economic toll that the coronavirus is taking on small businesses. “Look at my wallet, it’s empty,” said the shop owner Yuval Carmi, pulling out his wallet during the Channel 13 interview “I don’t have a shekel in my pocket.”

He added: “I’m embarrassed to face my children, to tell them I have nothing I can buy for you. I have nothing to give them. I have nothing.”

Gantz takes over in 2021, if . . .

JERUSALEM — Israel finally has a government. On April 20, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and chief rival Benny Gantz signed an agreement to form a coalition government together.

The deal ends more than a year of deadlocked elections and political stalemate. Since March, 2019, Israelis have gone to the polls three times and, on each occasion, essentially delivered a tie between Netanyahu and Gantz.

The Israeli government is back in business — and want to tackle the coronavirus. Gantz ran his entire campaign, for more than a year, on the need to unseat Netanyahu. He’s reengaging on that promise, he says, so that Israel can overcome a more urgent challenge — the coronavirus pandemic.

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A Family’s Love for the Holocaust Museum
By HAMAS

Lotty was only 12 when the Nazis captured her family in Belgium and her mother was sent to Auschwitz. Lotty and her brother managed to escape, but their mother perished. Lotty arrived in New York in 1942 and settled in Kew Gardens. A few years later, she married Holocaust escapee Lotty Stark lived under the Nazi occupation of Belgium, but escaped via boat for the Persian Gulf. She arrived in New York in 1942 and settled in Kew Gardens. A few years later, she married Holocaust escapee...