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It's time: Red Heifer organization calls for national Temple movement | Israel 365 News.com

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A [red heifer born last month in the hills of the Galilee](#), sired by imported American semen and born to a black-coated mother, has reignited a coordinated national campaign among Israeli rabbis, breeders, and educators to restore the lost laws of ritual purity to the Jewish people. The campaign arrives at a moment when public appetite for Temple-related preparation appears to be surging: a recent survey found 55 percent of Israeli Jews now support rebuilding the Holy Temple on the Temple Mount, and a report published this week put the number of men enrolled in Temple service training at 150,000, out of a planned 200,000. “This is not a private event or private issue,” declared Yehuda Ben Tzvi, head of programming at the Mikdash Educational Center, in an interview with [Joseph Good](#) of [Hatikva Ministries](#). The calf, he announced, is only one piece of a six-point national strategy the organization has spent the past year building, one Ben Tzvi insists must become “a national historical event” rather than the work of a small circle of activists.

The campaign’s appeal to ordinary Israelis is no longer confined to grassroots circles. On Sunday, [Israel365 News published an editorial by Yosef Eitan](#) reporting that the government has quietly called for training 200,000 men in the procedures of Temple service, with 150,000 already enrolled. The Israeli government itself has not formally endorsed the broader Temple movement, but the figures Eitan cited suggest the Israeli public increasingly has. Last week, [Israel365 News reported on a new survey](#) commissioned by the Temple Mount Heritage Foundation and conducted by the Direct Polls Institute, which found that support among Israeli Jews for rebuilding the *Beit HaMikdash* (Holy Temple) on *Har HaBayit* (the Temple Mount) now stands at 55 percent.

Ben Tzvi, who lives in Jerusalem overlooking the Temple Mount and descends from a family of *Leviim* (Levites), opened the conversation by describing his life’s work. “I spend my nights and days reminding myself, the Jewish people, and the rest of the world to love Jerusalem, never forget Jerusalem,” he said, before turning to what he called “an epic historic two years” for the Jewish people. “It’s not all about arms and strength and the military effort,” Ben Tzvi said, “but it’s also about faith, about the inner strength, remembering who we are, why we are here, what is the destiny of the Jewish people.”

“Tip to Toe 100 Percent Pure”

The centerpiece of the interview is the new calf, discovered by a team member of the National Red Heifer Institute who works at a breeding farm using semen imported from the United States. “Fascinatingly enough,” Ben Tzvi said, “a beautiful red heifer was born around a month ago, and she was, funnily enough, discovered by one of our team members from the National Red Heifer Institute.” He emphasized the unlikely genetics involved. “A red heifer born from a black Angus, but she was tip to toe 100 percent pure.” The calf has been named *Tamima*, meaning whole or unblemished. “We named her Tamima in a prayer that she will remain *Tamim*, whole, both in body and in redness of her coat,” Ben Tzvi said.

The law of the red heifer, *parah adumah* in Hebrew, comes directly from the book of Numbers: “This is the statute of the law which the Lord has commanded, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, that they bring you a red heifer without spot, in which is no blemish, and on which never came a yoke” (Numbers 19:2).

Posted today by The Temple Institute:

MAZAL TOV! A PURE RED HEIFER IS BORN!<https://t.co/MPRah6z2mM>

A Red Heifer Is Born in the Galilee

"And They Will Take You a Pure Red Heifer." (Numbers 19:2)

In the shadow of the war in the north, a pure red heifer was born in a dairy farm...
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— Sarah (@italiathetruth) [June 14, 2026](#)

Ben Tzvi explained why an animal that sounds common is, in practice, nearly impossible to produce. “A red heifer is not so rare,” he said. “It’s actually something which is found throughout, for example, Canada, hundreds of thousands of red Angus are bred throughout in huge pastures.” The disqualifying factor is the ear tag. “By law, you must place an ear tag upon birth upon the newborn calf, which practically makes 99 percent of cattle, which you reach over a week’s age, not worthy for the ritual, because they have a blemish, a hole in their ear.” When the Galilee calf was found already tagged, Ben Tzvi acted immediately. “I said to Shahi, immediately get those tags out of there,” he recalled. “The next day, eight years of age,” referring to days old, “she already didn’t have any tags, and we are now waiting to see if the blemish will heal 100 percent.”

The second obstacle is color retention. “He has to keep it 100 percent red coat until it’s two years of age,” Ben Tzvi said, “plus most red Angus grow white hairs” within a year and a half. “We spent months researching the subject.” Even five red Angus cattle brought to Shiloh years earlier failed the test. “They’ve also grown white hairs in their tails.” Rabbi Azariah Ariel, head of the Halacha Institute, has proposed a laser-based solution. “He brought forward a proposition to use a laser to burn the stems of the

white hairs,” Ben Tzvi said, “in order we will definitely be sure that they will not grow white or black hairs instead of the red.”

Good identified Rabbi Ariel’s lineage on air. “His father has been the leading sage on the Holy Temple since 1987,” Good said, “and actually, he was one of the paratroopers in 1967 when the Temple Mount went back to the people.”

“Even More Rare Than the Red Heifer”

The second of the six components, Ben Tzvi said, is harder to secure than the heifer itself: a ritually pure *kohen* (priest). “Any *kohen* today, at least the people in the synagogue, is considered a *kohen*,” he said, “but a pure *kohen* is nearly unheard of, because he has to be born outside the hospital.” Contact with death, even indirect, disqualifies. “Any closeness to a dead body, whether by touch, like a graveyard, or with a tomb, or in a vicinity in a hospital where somebody passed away, that would turn the entire body within the hospital impure.”

A small number of families have raised sons under these conditions from birth. “They have had their son born at home,” Ben Tzvi said, “and throughout his life have made the effort that he would never step, not in a hospital, definitely not in a graveyard, and over every trip they would ask and consult of an expert, is this area considered an impure zone, or is it clear.”

He described how easily the effort can collapse. “One family had four sons who, when they’re teenagers, one day somebody passed away in the building, and the whole family were considered impure,” Ben Tzvi said. “We had nothing we could do.”

Despite the risk, the institute now has a candidate. “Thank God, there is a pure Cohen who we definitely keep in secret,” Ben Tzvi said. He recounted a recent close call. “Just a while ago, our *kohen*, who, again, is 100 percent pure, went to visit a family in the hospital. He didn’t enter the hospital himself, but he drove into the car park to allow his wife to enter.” The team scrambled to determine whether the parking lot counted as part of the impure zone. “We went through severely to understand, was there a dead body in the vicinity or not? And thank God, the hospital was free of any impurity at the time, but it could have so easily been otherwise.”

A Balcony Over the Mount of Olives

The third required component is the precise spot where the heifer must be burned, a location requiring direct line of sight to the site of the Temple itself. “The Cohen stands facing this point, where his eye can see clearly the place of the temple,” Ben Tzvi said, “and there he sprinkles seven times in the blood of the heifer, and only there can the ritual be done.” That requirement points to the Mount of Olives, the only ground east of the Temple Mount high enough for the sightline. The historical site, Ben Tzvi said, now sits beneath a church partway down the mount, a location he doubts will be made available. As an alternative, he raised a recent proposal. “Why don’t we build a balcony

on the eastern side of Temple Mount?” he said, describing it as a platform that could host the ritual without requiring entry onto the holy site itself.

“It’s a National Institute. It’s a National Effort.”

Ben Tzvi was blunt about why three working components are not sufficient. “This is not enough,” he said. “It’s a national institute. It’s a national effort, which needs three more components.”

The fourth is halachic backing built on national consensus. The institute has assembled twenty rabbis devoted to resolving questions left unanswered for two thousand years. “They are taking ten or more important selected dilemmas, which we need to reach conclusions to give practical guidance to the program, and they are step by step reaching conclusions by democratic resolution,” Ben Tzvi said. In their first month and a half, the panel reached conclusions on three subjects, one of which directly addressed whether a reconstituted Sanhedrin is required before the ritual can proceed. “Although until the Sanhedrin are reestablished in Israel, it is not obligatory to have their presence recreating the red heifer ritual,” Ben Tzvi said, “but a great effort must be done to make it a national event. We are not representing ourselves, we are representing the entire sides of the Jewish people of the nation.”

The fifth component is public awareness, built through media, an expanding educational park at Mini Israel between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, and direct outreach. “Anybody interested in making more videos or interviews is welcome to make contact,” Ben Tzvi said. He also warned against a widely circulated story from the previous July describing an alleged red heifer rehearsal. “It was 100 percent far from being anything up to standard,” he said. “It was far away from Jerusalem, nowhere close. The Cohen wasn’t 100 percent pure at the time. He drove in a car from the spring to the actual point. It finished long after dusk.” He praised Good directly for his role in countering such misinformation. “You are definitely a trustworthy source, which I very much appreciate.”

The sixth component is funding, and on this point, Ben Tzvi was emphatic that the campaign will not accept money from non-Jews at this stage. “We are not asking for funding from any non-Jewish pocket,” he said, “because we believe that first and foremost the t=Temple and our covenant with God stems from the relationship between the Jewish people and God.” He described the project in concentric terms, beginning with the Jewish people and expanding outward. “Once its temple is built, the circles can resound. Once we’ve made the inner circle, it can stand to the outer circle, all creating God’s presence within the Jewish people, bringing blessing to the nations... around the world.”

“Why Does Anybody Care So Much About a Red Heifer?”

Toward the close of the interview, Ben Tzvi addressed the deeper purpose behind the campaign. “It’s all about the relationship and the closeness between us and God,” he

said. “How are we able as human beings to have His presence dwell within us?” He framed the return to the land of Israel as setting the stage for this next step. “Once the Jewish people have moved from after 2,000 years of exile to a new step in the life and the story of the Jewish people, creating a homeland and a nation here in Israel, it makes a great change where we can aspire to create a nation [in] which God dwells in our midst.”

He described the Temple’s structure in intimate terms. “The Temple is drafted just like a home. We have the lantern, we have a table. The Holy of Holies is twice named in the Bible, the bedroom, the intimate close connection between God and the Jewish people.” At the same time, he stressed its universal reach. “The courtyards around the temple in the Temple Mount can definitely encompass all humanity, Muslim, Christian, Hindu, any God-fearing person asking to stand for his maker and praying to God.”

Ben Tzvi closed with a direct call to action. “Please purify your hearts, be righteous, care for the people around you,” he said, “and please God, as humanity, we will have the merit of having God dwell within us and of the full redemption.” He ended the interview looking ahead to the calf’s second birthday. “Please God, we are to from here in Jerusalem declare the victory of life, recreating purity here in Jerusalem.”

Russia's fuel crisis is so bad that a mom and her baby waited in line for 18 hours to get gas - 'Are we in the Soviet Union?' | MSN.com

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The fuel shortage ravaging Russia has forced motorists around the country to wait in endless lines to fill up, evoking memories of communist-era privation.

Ukraine's months-long campaign of drone strikes on oil infrastructure deep inside Russian territory has forced refineries to shut down. Energy analysts have estimated that 25% or more of Russia's refining capacity has been taken offline by the attacks.

The head of Russia's biggest oil company even called the damage to refineries "unprecedented," according to a letter to President Vladimir Putin that was [leaked to Russian newspaper Kommersant](#).

The long-range drones and widespread shortages mean Russian civilians far from the frontlines are suffering the effects of Putin's war on Ukraine.

In the Siberian city of Irkutsk—about 3,000 miles from Ukraine—gas station lines are so long that local officials have vowed to provide portable toilets for Russians waiting along the road.

One such motorist, Alyona Sadovnikova, [told the New York Times](#) that she, her husband and their 18-month-old baby got in line at 11 p.m. one recent Friday and waited until 5 p.m. the next day until they were finally able to get gas.

During the 18-hour ordeal, she used the bathroom at the gas station, where she also bought snacks, while others in the line shared food and toys with her baby.

She first noticed Russia's fuel shortage in mid-June after she tried filling up at a gas station but couldn't because it was only serving people with ration coupons.

"I was horrified: Are we in the Soviet Union now where you had to get coupons to buy sausage?" Sadovnikova, a 26-year-old who works in social media, told the *Times*.

The fuel crisis is adding further [strain to Russia's economy](#), which has been hit by high inflation and steep interest rates to rein in prices. The onerous borrowing costs and weakening consumer demand have spurred more defaults, raising fears that a banking crisis may be imminent.

On Saturday, Ukraine continued its drone strikes, this time at an [oil terminal in St. Petersburg](#), which was previously targeted in June during Putin's signature economic conference.

Putin has acknowledged the fuel crunch but shrugged off Ukrainian attacks on oil facilities as "not critical." Still, the Kremlin has banned exports of gasoline and jet fuel to provide more supply for domestic consumption and has even [imported gas from India](#)—despite being one of the world's biggest oil producers.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak also downplayed the situation, saying the fuel market was "not easy, but controllable." And Finance Minister Anton Siluanov even denied the crisis created a spike in gasoline prices.

But prices are in fact rising, fights are breaking out among frustrated drivers waiting in line, and some gas stations are closing. In Krasnodar, Russia's third-largest region, a local official said at least one-third of the gas stations have been shut down.

In Crimea, the Ukrainian peninsula Russia illegally annexed in 2014, the fuel shortage forced authorities to declare that fuel is now mostly reserved for municipal and emergency services with sales to the public halted, unless there are extra supplies left over.

On top of that, Crimea is suffering from power outages and a lack of water. Historically a summer vacation destination for Russians, people are now fleeing Crimea as panic has set in.

Even the Russian-backed leader of Crimea warned on [social media](#) that "large volumes of fuel won't be for sale in the immediate future."

Israel has become ‘a burden humanity can’t bear,’ says Turkey’s foreign minister | All Israel News.com

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Turkey’s Foreign Minister continued a series of **extremely hostile** and antisemitic statements against Israel by Turkish officials on Thursday, dubbing the Jewish state “a burden that humanity can no longer bear.”

Speaking to CNN Türk, Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said, “No matter which way you look at it, there is no parameter to continue to bear these people... Israel is not only Turkey’s problem, and it is not only President [Recep Tayyip] Erdogan’s problem.”

“These people have become a burden that humanity can no longer bear. The human conscience cannot bear it, political systems cannot sustain it, and economic systems cannot sustain it either. Everyone must step forward, take a diplomatic position, and impose the necessary sanctions on these people,” he added.

Israel’s Foreign Minister Gideon Sa’ar quickly hit back at Fidan’s “nauseating words,” which he said are “clear incitement to genocide.”

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— Gideon Sa'ar | גדעון סער (@gidonsaar) [July 2, 2026](#)

“Dehumanization of the Jewish people and portraying them as an ‘unbearable burden’ is the classic language of history’s greatest tyrants. The enlightened world and Turkey’s allies in NATO must unequivocally condemn this explicit call for Israel’s destruction,” Sa’ar urged.

The exchange marked yet another new low in the deteriorating relations between the formerly allied countries.

Last Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had warned that Israel takes Erdogan’s recent hostile rhetoric “very seriously, because if there is one thing we have learned from the history of our people, it is that when someone says they intend to destroy you, you should take them seriously.”

A month ago, Turkey’s interior minister suggested that Jerusalem could one day be reconquered by the successor state to the Ottoman Empire. “Just as we witnessed the liberation of Damascus, Aleppo, and Karabakh, God willing, one day we will also witness the **liberation of Jerusalem**,” he said.

“Hardly a day goes by without Erdogan calling for the destruction of the State of Israel,” Netanyahu noted, adding he would “draw the attention of our American friends to these remarks. We are not ignoring them.”

Meanwhile, U.S. President Donald Trump has continued calling Erdogan a “friend,” praising his contributions in the region, and last week even hinted the U.S. could sell advanced F-35 stealth jets to Turkey, causing [protests from Republican lawmakers](#).

This came after Trump revealed that Erdogan could have entered the war to support Iran against Israel: “He was a prime candidate to go into the war with Iran — maybe on the Iran side, because he’s not a big fan of Israel,” Trump claimed.

“I asked him to stay out. He stayed out,” Trump told reporters in the Oval Office last week. “Erdogan is a great leader, a very strong person... Everything I’ve ever asked from him, he’s done.”

Asked whether he had prepared gifts ahead of an upcoming NATO summit in Turkey, he said, “I’m going to probably do something that’s going to make [Erdogan] very happy.”

However, he deflected concrete questions about the possible sale of F-35s, with Vice President JD Vance chiming in that “There are certain things that we have to certify that have happened in order to comply with American law. The president has asked us to do that... so they can get the F-35s... This is really a congressional thing.”

Reuters also reported that the administration notified Congress of its intention to approve the sale of U.S.-made jet engines for Turkey’s locally-produced KAAN fighter jet, which is under development, to the tune of some 613 million euros.

Israel and Greece have opposed the sale of stealth fighters to Turkey, over fears that this would erode their technological edge over the Turkish Air Force.

After years of good relations between the countries, Erdoğan began to harshly criticize Israel after the [Gaza flotilla incident](#) in 2010, before [restoring full diplomatic relations](#) in 2022, culminating with an announcement in 2023 that he planned to [visit Israel soon](#).

However, since Hamas’s October 7 invasion, Erdoğan has once again thrown his full support behind the terror group, refusing to [call them terrorists](#) on several occasions and even comparing Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler.

Socialist-led California city's clash over Israel and antisemitism offers glimpse into the left's future | Foxnews.com

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[A California city](#) that has long been a hub of progressive politics now appears to be a test of how the American left navigates issues of Israel and antisemitism.

In Richmond, California, a city led by democratic socialist-aligned Mayor Eduardo Martinez, discussions about housing, crime and other local issues quickly became drowned out by discussions about Israel's war in Gaza following [Hamas' Oct. 7 attacks](#). The debate spread into the Bay Area, and Jewish leaders and residents said Martinez had crossed the line between legitimate criticism of Israel and antisemitic rhetoric.

Stephen London, a Jewish Richmond resident who spoke to Fox News Digital, said that, before Oct. 7 he had not paid much attention to local politics. However, once the city became the first in the country to pass a ceasefire resolution after the attacks, he began watching city politics closely, questioning why city leadership was focused on a war thousands of miles away.

"Whatever your politics are about the Middle East, what the hell does it have to do with Richmond?" London told [Fox News Digital](#).

A CALIFORNIA TOWN BET BIG ON SOCIALISM; IS IT COMING TO MORE AMERICAN CITIES?

London said his family lives in Israel and that he has visited the country a few times, including volunteering on a kibbutz, but he has not been there in several decades.

The resolution, passed in October 2023, declared the city's solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza and accused Israel of carrying out "a campaign of ethnic cleansing and collective punishment," according to a [page on the city's website](#) that appears to have since been deleted.

The resolution became a flashpoint for Jewish residents of Richmond, like London, and for Jewish leaders in the Bay Area, many of whom argued that it was aimed more at justifying Hamas' attack than criticizing Israeli policies.

"We could understand a year or more [later] on how policy critiques of the Israeli government could lead folks to want to speak out. But this was really just glorifying Hamas and demonizing the Jewish state as Jewish residents of Richmond were grieving, grieving for the worst attack [on the Jewish people](#) since the end of the

Holocaust with Oct. 7," Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) Bay Area CEO Tyler "Tye" Gregory said.

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS RUNNING ON ANTI-ISRAEL CAMPAIGNS

In August 2025, Martinez participated in the People's Conference for Palestine in Detroit, where he wore [a hat that said "DD TT IDF,"](#) an acronym for "death, death to the IDF." The mayor also spoke at the conference, where he compared himself to Palestinians, saying he understood the Palestinians' struggle because he was bullied as a child.

"If Palestine were a schoolyard playground, I would be a Palestinian, and that part of me, that part of me that couldn't endure the abuse anymore, would be Hamas," [Martinez said](#).

While the conference intensified criticism of Martinez, his actions after the Hanukkah attack in Bondi Beach, Australia, proved to be the tipping point for many Bay Area Jewish leaders.

"He's made a lot of outrageous accusations and shared a lot conspiracies online. But the moment of Bondi Beach was so horrific. It was such a gut punch to all of us to see the leader in the East Bay of an important city really blame that on us as we were grieving was just the last straw," Gregory told Fox News Digital.

After Martinez shared on LinkedIn what JCRC Bay Area saw as offensive posts about the Bondi Beach massacre, the organization called on the mayor to resign. The posts contained conspiracy theories about the December 2025 Bondi Beach massacre in Australia.

One of the posts read, "RIP to all of the victims of Israel's false flag attack. The hero that disarmed the attacker was a Syrian-born Muslim man. That doesn't help the narrative that Israel is trying so hard to push." The same post accused Israel of "trying to manufacture fear and hate." Another post said that "the root cause of antisemitism is the behaviour of Israel & Israelis," and was captioned, "They know it. We know it. Everybody knows it..."

[The JCRC said](#) that the rhetoric in the posts was "dangerously antisemitic, deeply offensive, and wholly unacceptable — particularly coming from a sitting mayor." The organization added that the posts, along with Martinez's past behavior, reflected "a consistent and deeply troubling disregard for the safety and dignity of Jewish people."

[J, The Jewish News of Northern California](#), an outlet that took screenshots of the offensive posts, reported that Martinez later removed his LinkedIn page from public view. As of this writing, it appears that it is not possible to find the Richmond mayor on LinkedIn.

SOCIALIST-RUN CALIFORNIA CITY TAKES ON CHEVRON WHILE RESIDENTS WORRY ABOUT LONG-TERM CONSEQUENCES

The mayor later [apologized on Facebook](#), expressing his regret and saying that he did not "fully read and understand" the posts.

"I failed to fully read and understand the meaning behind what I was reposting, and inadvertently spread content that was factually inaccurate, conspiratorial, and portrayed Judaism in a negative light," Martinez wrote.

"As Mayor, I have a responsibility to represent all of Richmond and to bring people together. In this instance, I fell short of that responsibility," he added. "I deeply regret my actions and am committed to doing better. This will include serious personal reflection and meeting directly with members of the communities I have harmed to listen, learn, and understand their perspectives firsthand. This is necessary, and I take it seriously."

Reactions to the apology were mixed. Some who commented on the post said the mayor was standing on the right side of history by opposing Israel, while others argued that the apology was not strong enough. Critics who commented on the apology post noted that the mayor was falsely claiming ignorance and not actually apologizing "for amplifying antisemitic conspiracy theories."

As the controversy unfolded, Martinez was preparing for his re-election bid. Martinez is both aligned with the Democratic Socialists of America and is a member of the Richmond Progressive Alliance (RPA), a powerful coalition that has had influence over politics in the city for years.

Rather than backing Martinez ahead of the June 2026 primary, the RPA announced in February that it would be supporting Councilmember Claudia Jimenez.

"We support mayoral candidate Claudia Jimenez because she is the best leader to move the city of Richmond forward. Claudia has demonstrated skills in managing city finances, championing immigrant rights, and spearheading the Chevron settlement fund," the RPA [wrote on Facebook](#).

Despite what the coalition stated in its endorsement announcement, some speculated that the group could have made the decision as a way of distancing itself from Martinez after the Bondi Beach posts.

INSIDE THE CALIFORNIA CITY WHERE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS ARE TESTING THEIR 'ANTI-BUSINESS' AGENDA

For Gregory, the controversy surrounding Martinez was not just about the mayor's comments, but rather how Bay Area Jewish leaders choose to respond to debates over Israel as they become more commonplace in local politics.

"I think the Jewish community needs to pick its battles. We're often not going to be able to stop people from the DSA from getting elected. The question is, what do you do once they're elected?" Gregory said.

Gregory warned that the Jewish community has to strike a balance between being "really careful not to cry wolf" and keeping the public's attention on the issue. He said the community should work with officials when they are doing the things they were elected to do, such as filling potholes, improving public safety or tackling other everyday issues.

"Where they are doing those things appropriately, I think that we need to work with them like we would another mayor or another elected official. And where they're crossing the line, where they are demonizing the Jewish community, that's where we need to step up and get involved," he said.

The questions raised in Richmond regarding Israel and antisemitism have come up in other progressive strongholds as the issues become increasingly prominent in local politics. This has been the case [in New York City](#), where Mayor Zohran Mamdani has been criticized for his stance on Israel. Mamdani was widely panned during his campaign over his refusal to condemn the phrase "globalize the intifada," which many interpret as a call for violence against Jews.

Despite his objections to Martinez, London expressed that he believed Richmond was in better shape than the Big Apple.

"I think Jews are getting organized. You know, we realize if we don't stand up for ourselves, we're in big trouble," London said. "I sort of like look at what's happening in New York and think 'Wow, things could be much worse. We don't have a Mamdani here.'"

House Democrat Dismisses Antisemitism in Modern Times Because ‘All the Jews Are Rich’ | Breitbart.com

#bibleprophecy, #democrat, #jews, #anti-semitism

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Rep. Becca Balint (D-VT) said a fellow House Democrat dismissed concerns about antisemitism by claiming it is no longer a problem because “all the Jews are rich.”

Speaking to CNN, Balint [said](#) the unnamed lawmaker made the remark during a bipartisan House antisemitism task force meeting. She recalled the incident after watching footage of California state Sen. Scott Wiener being forced out of a transgender rights event by protesters angry over his support for Israel, saying it reminded her of other examples of antisemitism she has encountered.

Balint said the moment felt familiar. She compared it to people who dismiss homophobia before questioning her identity as a lesbian, people who accuse Jewish politicians of having dual loyalty, and the unnamed Democrat colleague who allegedly remarked, “I didn’t really think there was any antisemitism anymore, because all the Jews are rich.”

Balint also said she fears some of her own supporters will eventually turn against her because she continues to support Israel’s right to exist alongside a Palestinian state.

“I know at some point there will be a day of reckoning, because I still believe that Jews should have a homeland,” Balint told CNN. “There will be people, I think some of my own supporters, who will turn on me, because I still believe in a two-state solution. I still do. I still believe that Israel should be safe and secure. I believe that the Palestinians have been so ill-treated for so long and deserve a safe and secure homeland. I do not believe Israel should be dismantled.”

[Recent Poll Shows Less Than 50% of Born Again Christians Believe Life Is Sacred | Crosswalk.com](#)

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A groundbreaking new survey reveals a startling decline in core Christian beliefs among self-identified Christians, with less than half upholding the sanctity of human life and a vast majority embracing syncretism over biblical truth.

Do you believe that all life is sacred? According to the [American Worldview Inventory 2026](#) survey conducted by the Cultural Research Center at Arizona Christian University, less than 50% of born-again Christians believe in the sanctity of human life. While the study is shocking, [The Christian Post](#) defines “sanctity of life” as “the moral and religious belief that all human life is inherently sacred, holy, and [possesses an immeasurable worth](#).”

With merely 44% identifying as Christians believing they will go to Heaven when they die because they’ve repented of their sins and named [Jesus](#) their Savior, one overarching question remains: why are so many others not so sure?

Based on a sample from over 2,000 adults collected in January 2026, only 27% of Americans view human life as sacred. 25% believe that thought life might not be sacred, noting: “it has great value because of the human ability to reason or to make a difference in the world,” researchers add.

The ACU researchers' study clarified that “The only people groups for which a majority view human life as sacred were people with a biblical worldview; biblically defined disciples; SAGE Cons [Spiritually Active, Governance Engaged Conservative Christians]; adults who attend either an evangelical or Pentecostal church; and individuals who are consistently pro-life.”

Surprisingly, only 57% of American adults believe humans are created in the image of God and need [redemption](#), despite 70% identifying as “Christian.” 52% believe abortion is morally acceptable, and 33% are pro-life.

“The survey also found that 90% of American adults hold syncretism as their dominant worldview instead of Biblical theism.” By definition, syncretism is the blending of distinct, often contradictory beliefs, cultures, and schools of thought to create one compiled system.

Since seeing the results, Barna Group, a leading market research firm that specializes in faith, culture, and leadership, raised deep concern for those who claim to profess true Christian faith:

“Even among regular churchgoers or people who say they are deeply committed to their faith,” their objective “is to experience life on their terms, in the quest for control, popularity, comfort, or pleasure.”

“Americans meander through life with a broad assortment of vague religious beliefs and volatile religious behaviors. That religious amnesia has produced a nation where the dominant worldview— adopted by nine out of 10 adults—is Syncretism, not biblical Christianity,” Barna argues. “Dismissing the importance of biblical truth principles and a holy lifestyle has led to tens of millions of regular church attenders settling in as notional Christians—people who embrace the label and the idea of Christianity but refuse to study, meditate, work, and sacrifice in ways that cultivate genuine Christ-like lives.”

Scientists Build Fully Synthetic Life Form That Can Eat and Reproduce | Futurism.com

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Scientists claim that for the first time in history, they have constructed a synthetic cell that feeds, grows, and replicates — just like a natural one — out of non-living chemical components.

The team from the University of Minnesota says their “[SpudCell](#)” is the “first synthetic cell with a complete cell cycle,” and can “grow, replicate its genome, divide, and undergo selection and competition across multiple generations.”

The research, which is being hailed as a major breakthrough, could usher in a new biotech era defined by synthetic organisms that can be grown from scratch and programmed to complete specific functions. It’s a futuristic approach that could open many doors for our efforts to solve a wide variety of human problems, from fighting cancer to capturing carbon.

It could also challenge our preconceived notions of what’s considered “life,” while exploring the essential functions of a living cell.

“We’ve replicated in chemistry what only used to be possible in biology: the complete set of behaviors of a cell,” said team lead and University of Minnesota synthetic biologist Kate Adamala in a [statement](#) about the work. “It proves that the most fundamental functions of life, like growth and replication, do not need a mysterious magical spark.”

Yet the research is still in its infancy. SpudCell is still primitive, most closely resembling a bacterium. But since it’s built from scratch, the team says it has some key advantages over natural cells.

“I know the full ingredient list of the cell, I know exactly what chemicals, what molecules at what concentrations,” Adamala [told CNN](#). “It is fully defined, which means we can engineer it.”

“We’re hoping we’re really starting the true age of bioeconomy, enabling technology that will let people engineer biology,” she added.

As detailed in a [preprint paper](#) that’ll be submitted for publication this week, SpudCell is made up of anywhere from 150 to 200 molecules. While it can feed, grow and

replicate across roughly five generations, it's orders of magnitude simpler than a natural cell, which can hold billions of molecules.

Adamala called the construct an “incredibly wimpy organism that right now basically does nothing other than to eat and occasionally make a daughter cell.”

To get it to replicate once every 12 hours or so, scientists have to feed it externally while holding it at 86 degrees Fahrenheit. That's a lot slower than natural bacteria, like *E. coli*, which divides every 30 minutes, as *CNN* points out.

It also can't produce its own proteins, meaning that scientists have to feed it regularly.

Put simply, SpudCell is far from self-sufficient.

“It's just the beginning,” Adamala told *CNN*. “It's a chassis that we're hoping to build on, and that's significant, because now we actually can have some reasonable idea of how to build on it.”

Whether SpudCell actually constitutes what we refer to as “life” remains hotly debated, with experts arguing it can't evolve on its own without the laborious care of its makers.

“I would say Kate has constructed a cell,” Stanford University associate professor of bioengineering Drew Endy, who founded a public-benefit institution alongside Adamala, told *CNN*. “I don't think she's created life.”

“However, does it promise a future where more people will be able to build cells?” he added. “Yes.”

Others were more open to the idea that the researchers had made a major step towards creating synthetic life.

“Kate Adamala's team designed and built a nonliving synthetic cell that is much closer to being ‘alive’ than anything else produced by the bottom-up synthetic cell field,” J. Craig Venter Institute synthetic cell researcher John Glass, who was not involved in the research, [told the New York Times](#).

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A well-known tarot card reader says she has become a Christian and has deleted her tarot content, saying she could no longer reconcile it with her newfound faith in [Jesus](#).

Alex, known online as “Alex Reads Tarot,” told followers she had spent the past year growing in her faith before concluding she could no longer practice tarot. She said she had deleted her tarot content, stepped away from her platform, and now wants to use her social media presence to point others to Christ, [FaithWire](#) reported. She has nearly 1 million social media followers.

“I don’t know exactly what comes next for me, but what I do know is that [Jesus](#) Christ has saved my life, and I can no longer ignore that reality,” she said.

In a 10-minute video posted to Instagram and TikTok, she announced that she had deleted all of her tarot-related content and would no longer create videos centered on tarot readings.

Alex’s popularity had even reached the music world. Singer Hayley Williams of Paramore references her in the song *Love Me Different*, which describes a bout of late-night social media scrolling and includes the line: “up ‘til 3, Alex Reads Tarot, reads the s--- out of me.”

Alex, in her video, acknowledged the many online friends she had made around the world – but said her newfound faith demands a lifestyle change.

“This is what makes this so difficult,” she said, according to FaithWire. “But, over the past nearly year, something has begun to change in me on my journey. I noticed that, as my faith grew, I began to find myself wrestling with questions that I couldn’t quite ignore.”

She said that internal struggle became impossible to dismiss.

“What started feeling as something that I couldn’t quite explain began to grow into something that I couldn’t quite ignore anymore,” Alex said. “If you told me a year ago I’d be making this video, I probably wouldn’t have believed you. But one thing that I’ve come to realize is that life can gently shift in ways that we don’t always see coming.”

“I know that some people may find this decision surprising – and some people may wonder how I can be saying this after spending years of doing the work that I’ve done – but all I can do is be honest,” she said.

She arrived at the decision only after [prayer](#), she said.

“The more that I’ve prayed, the more that I’ve reflected and sought God, the more that I’ve realized that I couldn’t ignore where this journey was leading me, and I know, I know that some people may be disappointed by this decision, some people may be surprised, and others may have questions that I can’t fully answer, and I do understand that,” Alex said, according to [Church Leaders](#).

“All I can say is that this hasn’t been an easy conclusion for me to come to,” she added. “It’s been something that I’ve wrestled with for a while now, and I’ve only just arrived here after a great deal of reflection and searching, and I hope people can see that this does come from a sincere place, from a desire to be honest about where I am today.”

Alex has since launched a faith-centric Instagram channel devoted to her newfound faith: [AlexBelongstoChrist](#).