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Good morning, New York. Brace yourselves: The heat wave scorching Europe is heading our way. Every day this week is expected to top 90 degrees. Here are some NYC tips on beating the heat (and helping your neighbors stay safe).

Please join us and UJA-Federation of New York tonight at 6:00 p.m. for a free conversation about the uneasy, mercurial identities of Jews in Ukraine and Russia in light of Putin's war. Jewish Week editor in chief Andrew Silow-Carroll will moderate the discussion with authors Gal Beckerman and Irina Reyn, who have explored these issues in their work. Register here.

Jewish pitcher Eric Reyzelman drafted by the New York Yankees



The New York Yankees have selected 21-year-old pitcher Eric Reyzelman in the fifth round of the Major League Baseball draft on Monday. The son of two Jewish immigrants — his mother is from Ukraine and his father is from Moldova — the Californian said he is looking forward to putting down Jewish roots in New York. “Everywhere I’ve gone, every Jewish person in so many areas of the country are somehow all Yankee fans,” he tells our colleague Jacob Gurvis. “It’s unbelievable.”

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We're also talking about...

Return to sender: Israel’s top immigration official says the country will not award citizenship to Baruch Lanner, an Orthodox rabbi and convicted sex offender from the United States. The announcement came a day after nearly 200 American rabbis and Jewish scholars, as well as the

Rabbinical Council of America, the Modern Orthodox body, urged Israel to deny Lanner's application for citizenship, calling him a "threat to public health and safety."

And then there was light: Those dazzling photographs from the Webb Space Telescope are a God's eye view of the moment of creation, writes Rabbi Benjamin Resnick of the Pelham (N.Y.) Jewish Center.

She persisted: Ephemeral New York recalls the story of Sadie Frowne, a 16-year-old Jewish "Polish Sweatshop Girl" whose hardscrabble life in New York was told in the 1906 book "The Lives of Undistinguished Americans."

Sacred stories: Over the past year, Central Synagogue has facilitated and helped fund 14 interviews with Holocaust survivors, in a collaboration with the USC Shoah Foundation's Last Chance Testimony Collection. "Our members are honored to be trusted with these stories," Rabbi Nicole Auerbach tells writer Julie Gruenbaum Fax.

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Photo of the day



Forty Holocaust survivors and their spouses were treated to their first vacation in years courtesy of The Blue Card and Nachas Health Net in Brooklyn, two agencies that cater to their needs. From July 10-15, the getaway at The Hudson Valley Resort and Spa included swimming, exercise, arts and crafts and challah-baking (above). (Margarita Corporan)

Around the Jewish world

A 100-year-old Jewish doctor in Cleveland is officially the world's oldest practicing physician (JTA)

Antisemitism scandal roils international art exhibition Documenta 15 (JTA)

Marking 80 years since deportation of French Jews, Macron vows to oppose antisemitism today (JTA)

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What's on today

The Supreme Court – Polarized or Pragmatic?

Tuesday, July 19, 2022, 12 p.m. ET. *Online*.

Join Ilya Shapiro, director of Constitutional Studies at the Manhattan Institute and fellow at the Jewish Policy Center, for a discussion of how the U.S. Supreme Court has become as politicized as the rest of the government. Free.

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Today in NYC history



On this day in 2007, AMC aired the first episode of "Mad Men," the television series set in the gin-soaked, maled-dominated world of Manhattan's 1960s advertising industry. Over its seven seasons, series creator Matthew Weiner (above center, with cast) explored various Jewish themes, including tensions between Jewish upstarts and Madison Avenue's WASPy old guard. (Wikipedia)

Have a great day!

– The New York Jewish Week staff

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