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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

1. The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 BC.
2. 1582 - The Gregorian calendar, which marks January 1 as the new year, is adopted by the Roman Catholic Church.
3. "Auld Lang Syne" is traditionally sung at midnight on New Year's Eve.
4. "Auld Lang Syne" was written by Scottish poet Robert Burns in 1788.
5. The words auld lang syne mean "times gone by"
6. Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolized productiveness.



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Heard on All Things Considered
Martin Kaste

The secret to comedy, according to the old joke, is timing. The same is true of cybercrime.

Mark learned this the hard way in 2017. He runs a real estate company in Seattle and asked us not to include his last name because of the possible repercussions for his business.

"The idea that someone was effectively able to dupe you ... is embarrassing," he says. "We're still kind of scratching our head over how it happened."

It started when someone hacked into his email conversation with a business partner. But the hackers didn't take over the email accounts. Instead, they lurked, monitoring the conversation and waiting for an opportunity.

When Mark and his partner mentioned a \$50,000 disbursement owed to the

partner, the scammers made their move.

"They were able to insert their own wiring instructions," he says. Pretending to be Mark's partner, they asked him to send the money to a bank account they controlled.

"The cadence and the timing and the email was so normal that it wasn't suspicious at all. It was just like we were continuing to have a conversation, but I just wasn't having it with the person I thought I was," Mark says.

He didn't realize what had happened until his partner said he'd never gotten the money. "Oh, it was just a cold sweat," he says.

By the time they alerted the bank, the \$50,000 was long gone, transferred overseas.

It turned out Mark was on the vanguard of a growing wave of something called "business email compromise," or BEC. It's a category of scam that uses phony emails to trick

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Shiny New Gadget Of The Month:



Bose Frames Audio Sunglasses with open air headphones, Blue- tooth Connectivity

Courtesy of Amazon this is one of 2020's most coolest gadgets!

Sunglasses with built-in Bose speakers that produce rich, immersive sound for you, while others hear practically nothing. The apps that work with Bose Frames are Spotify, Apple Music, Skype and WhatsApp, Google Maps or Waze

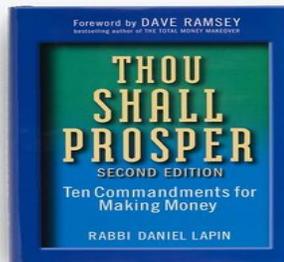
Open-ear audio allows you to stay aware of your surroundings, while enjoying your music

Bose Frames Rondo feature rounded lenses for a distinct look. Lens Width: 49.5 mm | Bridge Width: 15.5 mm | Temple Length: 154 mm

Integrated microphone for clear calls and access to your phone's virtual assistant

Blocks up to 99% of UVA/UVB rays

Inspirational Leadership Spotlight Rabbi Lapin



Courtesy of Wikipedia—

Daniel Lapin (born January 1, 1947) is an South African-born American Orthodox rabbi, author, and public speaker who heads the "American Alliance of Jews and Christians".[1] He was previously the founding rabbi of the Pacific Jewish Center in Venice, California,[2] and the former head of Toward Tradition, the Commonwealth Loan Company and the Cascadia Business Institute. Lapin currently hosts a daily television program with his wife, Susan, and provides spiritual advice to people through his website.

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No country has been more hospitable to its Jewish population than the United States of America. It is hard to think of another nation in which a Jewish community has enjoyed a longer period of tranquillity and affluence.

For two thousand years, in different countries, at different times, the wandering Jew found a resting place for his weary feet. Some of these resting places were more hospitable than others, many were downright painful, but they were the temporary abode that God had arranged for His people. However, after two world wars finally left America as the mightiest economic and military power in the world, her Jewish community achieved maturity and emerged as the healthiest and wealthiest of all Jewish communities. The hospitality that Jews have enjoyed in America is unparalleled in recent times and perhaps even in all time.

One explanation often advanced to account for the hospitality enjoyed by America's Jews has been the size of the American Jewish community along with its economic and political influence. In other words, America has been good to her Jews because Jewish power has allowed her little alternative. In addition to demonstrating breathtaking ingratitude, this argument is as wrong headed as claiming that turning on street lights causes the sun to set. Even a moment's humble reflection reveals that American Jews have achieved affluence and political prominence precisely because of the security and tranquillity they have enjoyed here for so many years.

A valuable clue in the search for an explanation of America's fondness for Jews and Israel is that it comes most often from precisely those politicians who do not preside over major centers of Jewish culture. For example, it is hard to make the case that Congressman Louis Gohmert supports Israel in order to placate the large number of Jewish voters in Texas. If America's support for Israel were based entirely on political expediency, that support would originate from the State Department. It does not. Instead it springs from the heartland of America as a reflection of the deep commitment to Judeo-Christian values felt by so many Americans. Clearly something more profound lies behind several hundred years of affinity and friendship between America and its Jews. The question is, what?

.The real answer is that in the history of the world, only two nations were founded on an idea rather than on a land. The founders of America, the Pilgrims, were called "separatists." Similarly the early Jews, Abraham and his family, were called "Ivrim"—Hebrews, or in English—"separatists," those who have crossed over to a new side.

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Making the transition to Windows 10 and Office 365
 By Matt Barlow / Corporate Vice President, Windows

MICROSOFT – Windows 7 support will end on January 14, 2020

Microsoft made a commitment to provide 10 years of product support for Windows 7 when it was released on October 22, 2009. When this 10-year period ends, Microsoft will discontinue Windows 7 support so that we can focus our investment on supporting newer technologies and great new experiences. The specific end of support day for Windows 7 will be January 14, 2020. After that, technical assistance and software updates from Windows Update that help protect your PC will no longer be available for the product. Microsoft strongly recommends that you move to Windows 10 sometime before January 2020 to avoid a situation where you need service or support that is no longer available.

After 10 years, support for Windows 7 is coming to an end on January 14, 2020, with Office 2010 following shortly thereafter. We are here to help you with recommendations for what to do next and answer questions that you may have about end of support. End of support means that your Windows 7 or Office 2010 software

will no longer receive updates, including security updates. But, there's good news – Windows 10 is the most secure Windows ever and Office 365 delivers the latest in personal productivity. Together they make a perfect pair to help you do everything you were doing before – safer, faster and easier.

To help our customers get advanced notice of this change, we are reaching out with information and resources. Beginning next month, if you are a Windows 7 customer, you can expect to see a notification appear on your Windows 7 PC. This is a courtesy reminder that you can expect to see a handful of times in 2019. By starting the reminders now, our hope is that you have time to plan and prepare for this transition. These notifications are designed to help provide information only and if you would prefer not to receive them again, you'll be able to select an option for "do not notify me again," and we will not send you any further reminders. Just as software has changed over the years, so has hardware. To learn more about the latest line-up of modern PCs and information for moving from Windows 7 to Windows 10, just click on the "learn more" button on the notification.

Life360 App Guide for Parents (Track Your Kids)
 July 17, 2019 By Smart Social

How Life360 is helping families and friends stay in touch.



Q&A with Life360 Member Travis L.
 November 5, 2019

Tell us a little about you.

My name is Travis L. and I live up in the country in eastern Washington as a cable installer with my wife, who works in the medical field. We have a son in his mid-twenties, and a few pets – three dogs and three cats

How did you hear about Life360 and why did you download it?

We actually downloaded the app on accident. But since we live 30 miles outside of town, we use it to see if someone is passing the store and maybe have them pick up a few things that we may need.

My Mom, Dad and wife are all in the same Circle. We check each other's location sporadically. Mainly to see if my parents are home so we can call them, or for them to see if we are home from work so they can call us.
 What does your family think about Life360?

My parents were really excited about Life360. Since they live in Arizona, they like to check-in on our whereabouts and it lets them feel connected.

How has Life360 helped you in an unexpected way?

It was the night before Thanksgiving in 2017 and I was preparing to host dinner at my house. I had gone to the store earlier that day to pick up King Crab, but they were out – so my wife was going to stop on her way home to pick it up. She called me on her way home to let me know that she was about to pick it up and would be home shortly. I was watching TV at the time and when my show was over 45 minutes later, I realized my wife still wasn't home, which was odd since the store is only 7 miles away. So, I checked Life360 and when I zoomed in, I saw she was in the hospital. During the entire drive to the hospital, I thought she had been in a car accident, but when I arrived, I found out that she had a brain aneurysm. She had collapsed at the store and the store called 911 who took her to the hospital. The next day she had a craniotomy procedure done and was in ICU in 16 days. She's since made a full recovery. Thanks to Life360, I arrived only 45 minutes after she arrived at the hospital. We love this app and we will never get rid of it. We all check it a lot more frequently now – especially to and from work if the roads are bad.