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By **MIKE COHEN**

SAN FRANCISCO- America. The breakdown According to recent figures, looks as follows: the Bay Area is home to the fourth largest Jewish community in North America. San Francisco (227,800), the East Bay (100,750) and San Jose (63,000). The community is very proud of The Contemporary Jewish Museum(<https://www.the cjm.org>), which since 1984 has distinguished itself as a welcoming place where visi-

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another through dialogue and shared experiences with the arts.

THE HILTON UNION SQUARE: We were excited to get accommodations at the Hilton San Francisco Union Square (www.sanfrancisco.hilton.com), lo-

cated in the theatre district and within walking distance of cable cars, and the Moscone Center and about one mile from night clubs, Chinatown and Nob Hill. Macy's and the upscale Westfield San Francisco Center are only a few blocks

away.

This historic three-tower hotel provides rooms with city views, the Cityscape lounge on the 46th floor and a ballroom that occupies an entire floor. You can relax on their 16th floor pool deck.

There are more than 1,900 rooms here, making it the largest hotel on the West Coast.

We stayed in one of the hotel's newly renovated Tower Two Luxury suites, which has a main bedroom
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with two Queen sized beds and a small sofa. This connects to a much larger room - called a parlor - which features a Murphy bed, two sofas, a round dining room table that can seat six and windows on all sides. Combined you have two bathrooms, two fridges, two in-room safes and more cupboard space. There is also a tablet in each room, which provides you with all of the necessary hotel and city information. For a nominal charge you can surf the net with it as well.

Classic guest rooms offer HDTV and Wi-Fi access while ultra-modern rooms showcase city skyline or bay views. Accessible rooms are also available. There's plenty of choice for dining here. Head to Herb 'N Kitchen where you can eat your way - sit down, grab and go, or order to your room. Urban Tavern is the place to be for breakfast and the Lobby Bar is the perfect setting

to unwind after a busy day.

Whether conducting business, keeping up with a fitness routine or looking to spend quality time with your family, this Hilton hotel provides the amenities you expect and the extras you deserve. A comprehensive Business Centre is located in the lobby level of Building Two. For your fitness and recreational convenience, enjoy the fully equipped 2,800 sq. ft. health club with high calibre equipment.

EMBASSY SUITES AIRPORT: Here is a tip when arriving in San Francisco in the middle of the evening. Why head to your main hotel right away? We checked into the modern Embassy Suites by Hilton San Francisco Airport hotel. Here you can enjoy spacious accommodations in this all-suite hotel, where a separate living area and bedroom are standard features. The flexible rooms have tiered Wi-Fi available and convenient, delicious dining options at your fingertips. Their daily cooked-to-order breakfast and evening receptions with drinks are included in all reservations. They offer a complimentary shuttle bus service to and from the airport, a free daily trolley to and from the city of Burlingame (11:30am to 9pm) and a complimentary motor coach to downtown San Francisco on Fridays and Saturdays. The hotel is located 10 miles south of downtown San Francisco. You can take a refreshing swim in their indoor on-site swimming pool, or check out the fitness center. The tropical atrium, perfect for relaxing after work or a day out, features a beautiful koi fish pond and water fountain. The on-site restaurant is called To Fifty and there is also a Starbucks on site. I really felt at home

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and enjoyed the ambience of the gigantic lobby, where I connected to free Wi-Fi and got a lot of work done squeezed between some Netflix binge watching. The hotel is located at 250 Gateway Boulevard. For more information readers are invited to call 650-

589-3400 or log on to www.sanfranciscoairport-southsanfran.embassy-suites.com.

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WORLD IN REVIEW

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Steve Bannon and Jared Kushner, wife Ivanka and Gary Cohn. Two issues helped fuel the simmering animosity between the two camps.

According to the article Bannon urged Donald Trump to carry through on his campaign promise to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and to adopt a much tougher line with Mahmoud Abbas. When Abbas met with Trump at the White House Bannon was nowhere to be seen. "I'm not going to breathe the same air as that terrorist", he is reported to have said. Kushner has taken a much different position on both issues. He does not support the embassy move at this point and also sees Abbas

as someone with whom the United States, and Israel, can work.

The response to events in Charlottesville drove the wedge even deeper between the two camps. Bannon supported Trump's response to the violence, agreeing with the president that the anti-racism protesters were just as much to blame as the neo-Nazis and white supremacists. Jared and Ivanka, on the other hand, both urged Trump to speak out more forcefully against the KKK and the neo-Nazis.

"Steve Bannon re-issues his revenge" screamed the headline in *Vanity Fair*. "He wants to beat their ideas into submission", said Breitbart News Editor-in-
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