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Today's newsletter looks at developments in the Middle East since the signing of the declaration of intent between the United States and Iran, Hollywood icon Hedy Lamarr, and the experiences of a rabbi when booking a holiday home.

Today's topics

Wishful thinking and reality. Since signing their Memorandum of Understanding, the governments in Washington and Tehran have stood out for issuing a multitude of statements. Above all, these statements have one thing in common: they contradict one another. But there are other good reasons why the MoU is not worth the paper it is written on. There is a wide gap between the announcements and wishes of the US government on the one hand, and the reality in the Middle East on the other. [The memorandum between the U.S. and Iran remains a dead letter - FokusIsrael](#)

Film star and inventor. Austrian-born Hedy Lamarr became one of Hollywood's first icons — and at the same time, together with her partner, invented a technology that is now part of everyday life for all of us. How this came about, and why she concealed her Jewish identity even from her children, Hedy Lamarr told FokusIsrael.ch in an

AI conversation: [Hedy Lamarr: "What hurts me the most is not having told my children the truth about their origins." - FokusIsrael](#)

A rabbi's experience. Yoni Birnbaum is senior rabbi of the largest Jewish community in England. When he tried to book accommodation in southern France for the summer holidays with his family, he had an unpleasant experience. It could just as easily have happened in Switzerland, Germany or Italy. You can read what happened and how Rabbi Birnbaum dealt with it in his guest article here: [Our holiday landlord realised we were Jewish. What happened next was deeply troubling - FokusIsrael](#)

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