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Palestinians who left the northern Gaza Strip made their way south on Friday near Khan Yunis as calls to evacuate persisted.

## Shaken and Grieving, Jewish New Yorkers Put Aside Differences

By JOHN LELAND

New York's Jewish community is the largest outside of Israel, and it is often polarized, particularly regarding Israel and its treatment of Palestinians. Since the brutal terror attacks on Israelis last Saturday, many New York Jews said they have put aside those differences.

This week, thousands of Jews from across the political and theological spectrum gathered outside the United Nations, many wrapped in blue and white Israeli flags, coming together both to grieve and to condemn the assault.

It was a show of unity that would have been hard to imagine previously, said Eric Goldstein, chief executive of UJA-Federation of New York. "To a large degree the Jewish community has come together in this moment."

New York City has long had uniquely close emotional bonds with Israel, which strengthen in times of crisis — a relationship forged through the atrocities in Europe that led to the country's

founding and created much of New York's Jewish community. Jewish New Yorkers have looked at Israel as an emblem of home and survival in a hostile world.

Tens of thousands of New Yorkers have relatives in Israel, Mr. Goldstein said. When Israel comes under attack, Jewish New Yorkers — including those who

might rarely think about Israel — feel the threat.

One measure of this relationship: Gov. Kathy Hochul, Mayor Eric Adams and Attorney General Letitia James all addressed the crowd outside the United Nations, supporting both Israel and the city's Jewish community.

Yet that relationship has had its

divisions, with many progressive congregations and secular Jews strongly criticizing Israel. This polarization has increased since the rise of the far-right government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a judicial reform program aimed at weakening Israel's court system.

Amichai Lau-Lavie, an Israeli-born rabbi who has been vocal about both his criticisms and his love for Israel, said it was time to put aside divisions and focus on shared grief.

"Right now people are hurting, and we just want to hold each other's hand and let the divisions be in the back," he said. "Our political position now makes no difference. Left, right, pro-occupation, anti-occupation, don't know about it — we're hurting and we're shocked and we're horrified and we want Israel to get through this."

Particularly for liberal congregations, the attacks have prompted a reconsideration of the language they use in discussing Israel, said Rabbi David Ingber, who leads the progressive

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A demonstration outside the United Nations on Tuesday.

LOUISE GLÜCK, 1943-2023

## Nobel Laureate Poet's Prism Was Pain, Trauma and Loss

By CLAY RISEN

Louise Glück, an American poet whose searing, deeply personal work, often filtered through themes of classical mythology, religion and the natural world, won her practically every honor available, including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award and, in 2020, the Nobel Prize for Literature, died on Friday at her home in Cambridge, Mass. She was 80.

Her death was confirmed by Jonathan Galassi, her editor at Farrar, Straus & Giroux, The Associated Press said. Richard Deming, a friend and former colleague of hers in the English department at Yale, said the cause was cancer.

Ms. Glück (pronounced glick) was widely considered to be among the country's greatest living poets, long before she won the Nobel. She began publishing in the 1960s and received some acclaim in the '70s, but she cemented her reputation in the '80s and early '90s with a string of books, including "Triumph of Achilles" (1985), which won the Na-

tional Book Critics Circle Award; "Ararat" (1990); and "The Wild Iris" (1992), which won the Pulitzer Prize.

Her work was both deeply personal — "Ararat," for example, drew on the pain she experienced over the death of her father — and broadly accessible, both to critics, who praised her clarity and precise lyricism, and to the broader

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DANIEL EBERSOLE/NOBEL PRIZE OUTREACH, VIA REUTERS

Louise Glück in late 2020.

## Microsoft Gets Merger at Last With Activision

By KELLEN BROWNING and DAVID McCABE

SAN FRANCISCO — Microsoft said on Friday that it had closed its \$69 billion purchase of the video game giant Activision Blizzard, overcoming significant regulatory hurdles in Britain and the United States and signaling that the tech industry's giants are still free to use their cash hoards to get even bigger.

The deal, the largest consumer tech acquisition since AOL bought Time Warner more than two decades ago, won approval from British regulators on Friday, the last remaining regulatory obstacle.

The completion of Microsoft's Activision acquisition is a clear signal that several years of governments around the world scrutinizing big tech companies have so far done little to curb their power, their growth or their ability to ink megadeals. And the deal could provide a blueprint for other big tech companies on how to suc-

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## Chinese Bitcoin Mines in U.S. Fuel Suspicions

By GABRIEL J.X. DANCE and MICHAEL FORSYTHE

When a company with Chinese origins broke ground last year on a crypto-mining operation in Cheyenne, Wyo., a team at Microsoft that assesses national security threats sounded the alarm.

Not only was the site next door to a Microsoft data center that supported the Pentagon, it was about a mile away from an Air Force base that controlled nuclear-armed intercontinental ballis-



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A Bit Origin Ltd. operation in Wyoming near an Air Force base.

overseas investors.

Microsoft's warning did not go unheeded. Speaking on the condition of anonymity, U.S. government officials told The New York Times last week that they had been tracking the Wyoming operation for months. One official said that measures had been taken to mitigate potential intelligence collection but declined to elaborate. In addition, the mining company said it responded to queries from the federal investment committee.

The national security concerns about the Wyoming site, previously unreported, reflect a broader unease about a recent surge in Chinese Bitcoin mines across the country.

Aside from intelligence-gathering worries, the mines, which are large warehouses or containers packed with specialized computers, put immense pressure on power grids. The computers typically run around the clock while "mining" for the digital coins, the most popular among the various cryptocurrencies.

Brian Harrell, a former assistant secretary for infrastructure protection at the Department of Homeland Security during the Trump administration, said the

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Today, cloudy, afternoon rain, cooler, high 56. Tonight, cloudy, rain, breezy, low 50. Tomorrow, a morning shower, breezy, partly sunny, high 59. Weather map, Page B12.