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US Senators Urge Obama to Veto Anti-Israel UN Resolutions



Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
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BY JNS.ORG

A bipartisan group of 88 US senators sent a letter to President Barack Obama on Monday urging him to veto any anti-Israel resolutions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict brought in front of the United Nations Security Council before his term ends.

The pro-Israel lobby group, the American Israel Public Affairs

Committee (AIPAC), initiated and sponsored the letter with leading efforts by Sens. Michael Rounds (R-S.D.) and Kristen Gillibrand (D-N.Y.).

Hours after the statement was released, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) said he supported the "spirit" of the letter but did not sign it because he rejects the idea that a "two-state solution" is the "only" resolution.

Eleven others who did not sign the bipartisan letter are:

Harry Reid (D-Nev.), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), Tom Carper (D-Del.), Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.), Bob Corker (R-Tenn.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Tom Cotton (R-Ariz.) and Ben Sasse (R-Neb.).

The letter states, "We urge you to continue longstanding US policy and make it clear that you will veto any one-sided UNSC

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Netanyahu Orders Immediate Bolstering of Forces in Jerusalem

BY RUTHIE BLUM

In the wake of Monday's Palestinian stabbing attack in Jerusalem — which left a female Israeli police officer critically wounded and a male colleague in moderate condition — a decision was taken to bolster security immediately, rather than waiting until the upcoming Jewish High Holidays, Israel's Channel 2 reported.

According to the report, the decision was reached by Jerusalem District Police Commander Yoram Halevy at an emergency meeting after the attack — the seventh since



The site of Monday's terrorist attack at Herod's Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem. Photo: Israel Police.

Friday — and following a similar discussion the previous day that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu conducted with security officials.

According to the Prime Minister's Office, Netanyahu's meeting was convened to assess the security situation ahead of the Jewish holidays, beginning with Rosh Hashanah on October 2, through Yom Kippur and Sukkot at the end of the month.

The PMO further stated:

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Opinion.

A New York Times Editorial Calls for Cutting US Aid to Israeli Military



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

Just how far out of the American political mainstream is the anti-Israel editorial position of the *New York Times*?

The latest outrage from the newspaper is an unsigned staff editorial criticizing as excessive the 10-year, \$38 billion aid agreement signed last week between Israel and the United States. That deal was approved by President Obama and Secretary of State Kerry, and praised by Hillary Clinton. Congressional Republicans, if anything, want to make it bigger.

Standing outside that bipartisan consensus, the *Times* editorial, representing the paper's official, institutional opinion, asserts, "It is worth asking whether the ever-increasing aid levels make sense, especially in the face of America's other pressing domestic and overseas obligations." The editorial even goes beyond that, not just "asking" but answering in the negative: "In truth, the aid package is already too big."

One sign of the anti-Israel bias of the *Times* is that it uses a different standard to measure military aid to Israel than it uses to measure spending on other things. The *Times*' characterization of the aid as "ever-increasing"

fails to take into account inflation. The White House fact sheet on the deal states that the money, covering 2019 to 2028, "will be disbursed in equal increments of \$3.3 billion in FMF and \$500 million in missile defense funding each year for the duration of the understanding."

When congressional Republicans try to constrain the growth of welfare or entitlement spending programs like food stamps or Medicare by holding spending growth to less than the inflation rate, let alone level in nominal terms, the *Times* editorialists and columnists work themselves into a furor denouncing "cuts." Yet when it comes to Israel's aid, somehow only nominal dollar figures get mentioned, with no adjustment or understanding of the idea that \$3 billion in 2007, when the last memorandum of understanding was signed, is worth something different than \$3.3 billion in 2028, which will be the final year of aid covered under the new memorandum.

If the *Times* editorial writers have trouble understanding this point, let them perform a thought experiment with keeping their own salaries constant every year for 10 years straight, without any increase for inflation. Do you think they'd describe that as "ever-increasing"? Or let them imagine a federal budget for college financial aid, or for health care for the poor, or some other favored *Times* cause, that featured an amount locked in at a constant number for 10 years straight, with no increase or adjustment for inflation

from year to year. Why, the *Times*' own single-copy newsstand price in New York City has skyrocketed to \$2.50 today from the 60 cents it cost in 1999. Home-delivery prices have also steadily climbed. Would the *Times* commit to a decade-long subscription price freeze?

Using the federal government's own online inflation calculator, \$3 billion in 2007 dollars has the buying power of \$3.48 billion in 2016. So the aid levels to Israel are not "ever increasing," they are decreasing in real terms. It's not in many people's interest to point this out. It makes the pro-Israel lobbying groups look even more impotent than they did after they failed to stop the Iran deal. It makes Mr. Obama look anti-Israel, and it makes Prime Minister Netanyahu look like he got a lousy deal. If you look at what the dollar can buy in gold, the dollar in 2007 bought roughly twice as much gold as one today will buy. So, far from "ever-increasing," the dollar-denominated aid is worth about half what it was worth a decade ago. It's no wonder that the last time around Israel's representative in these negotiations was a central banker, Stanley Fischer; the deal is as much about the present discounted value of dollars as it is about military hardware, a point that seems totally lost on the *Times*.

What's more, the *Times* editorialists carping about a \$3.8 billion a year military aid deal to Israel that doesn't even keep pace with inflation — it would be accurate to characterize it as a "cut," in real terms — are the same ones



Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

who have been loudly cheerleading for the Iran nuclear deal that will provide the terror-sponsoring Islamic Republic with \$150 billion in sanctions relief, including billions in cash already airlifted in cargo planes on wooden pallets to Tehran as hostage ransom.

The *Times* doesn't say, if the \$3.8 billion a year in aid to Israel is "already too big," what its preferred aid level is. But imagine the changes in relative strategic strength that would be wrought by following the *Times*-proposed pattern and funneling billions of dollars to Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps — for funding the Hezbollah and Hamas terrorist groups to kill Jews in Israel and elsewhere — while at the same time cutting US military aid to Israel to even lower levels than the new depths (in real terms) endorsed by President Obama.

The *Times*, as is typical of a newspaper

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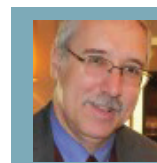
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15 Years Since Durban — the Conference That Ushered in an Era of Israel-Demonization



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For both supporters and detractors of the state of Israel, no single conference of the past 15 years has had a more enduring impact on the evolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict than the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, held in Durban, South Africa.

The event, which took place in September 2001, was hijacked by many of the over 1,500 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in attendance, as well as by governments that reject Israel's right to exist. Multiple instances of antisemitic imagery and language were reported at the UN-sponsored NGO Forum, and Jewish attendees were intimidated and excluded. Even the initial governmental draft, prepared at a UN preparatory conference in Iran, sought to demonize Israel, reinstating the antisemitic slander that Zionism equals racism. In the mainstream Jewish community, the overwhelming majority of which professes the right of the Jewish people to self-determination in their ancestral homeland, there were no delusions as to whom was being targeted as a whole when the term Zionist was used in such

a derogatory context.

The virulent antisemitism and anti-Israel atmosphere led the United States and Israel to withdraw their delegations, noting the absurdity that a conference intended to combat xenophobia and intolerance instead singled out one particular ethnic group of one particular nation state for demonization.

While some of the anti-Israel rhetoric was ultimately removed from the final governmental Declaration and Programme of Action, the NGO Forum overwhelmingly adopted its own Final Declaration that depicted Israel as committing "crimes against humanity," "ethnic cleansing," "apartheid" and "genocide" against the Palestinians. The NGOs at Durban also called for "a policy of complete and total isolation of Israel as an apartheid



The Durban II conference in 2009.
Photo: NGO Monitor.

state...the imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions and embargoes, the full cessation of all links (diplomatic, economic, social, aid, military cooperation and training) between all states and Israel."

Since 2001, this declaration has served as a blueprint for the well-financed NGO network, aiming to demonize and isolate Israel internationally. The grossly unfounded accusations have exhaustively been repeated by anti-Israel groups, which lobby to influence the foreign policies of Israel's allies, especially in Europe, and pursue investigations by UN bodies, the International Criminal Court and national justice systems of supposed Israeli "war crimes."

Likewise, Durban marked a turning point with the emergence of BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) campaigns, which are rooted in the strategy set out in the NGO Forum's Final Declaration. The situation has progressively worsened as Israel is obsessively targeted for boycott, prosecution and condemnation in the UN, European capitals, trade unions, media outlets and on many college campuses.

For many observers, the "Durban Strategy" marked the coming out party for a "new antisemitism." Unlike more traditional forms of antisemitism, which were by nature more overtly religious or racial in their blatant discrimination towards Jews, new

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World News.

Iranian Commander: Iran Can Target All of Enemies' Vital Interests

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The head of Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps declared that it was his country's military might that brought world powers to the negotiating table over the nuclear issue, the semi-official news agency Fars reported on Monday.

According to the report, Brigadier General Hossein Salami asserted during an interview with state-run TV on Sunday night, "We are so powerful that we can target all the vital interests of the enemies in the region from either inside or outside Iran with any desired intensity and power."

In addition, he claimed, "The hidden parts of our military power are always more than the overt parts of our power."

This, Fars reported, echoed comments made in June by the deputy chief of staff of Iran's armed forces, the gist of which was that the United States and its allies, among them Israel, would be surprised by Iran's secret military achievements — something they may discover if there is a war.

"The enemies of the Islamic Republic, headed by the Americans, the Zionists and the British, are (only) aware of a part of the Islamic Republic of Iran's power in different defensive and missile fields and fortunately, since we are self-reliant in this area, our enemies aren't aware of certain parts and will not be aware any time soon unless something happens," Brigadier General Massoud Jazayeri was quoted as saying. "In such a case, we might need to display a part of our capabilities in the battlefield and I believe that if such a thing happens, they will be much surprised to suddenly see how much progress the Islamic Republic has made in defensive fields."

These statements are examples of increasingly threatening rhetoric emanating from Tehran since its signing of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with world powers last year.



IRGC commander, Brigadier General Hossein Salami. Photo: Wikipedia.

As was reported by *The Algemeiner* last week, a top regime official engaged in saber-rattling over the US military presence in the Persian Gulf, which he called "unwelcome and illegal."

The escalation in tensions also comes as the US Congress is investigating allegations that the Obama administration transferred billions of dollars in cash to Tehran, some of which was purportedly paid as ransom for the release of American prisoners.

As *The Algemeiner* reported earlier this month, Mark Dubowitz, the executive director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told the House Financial Services Committee's Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations that "Iran may have received as much as \$33.6 billion in cash or in gold and other precious metals" between 2014 and 2016.

In response, Texas Senator and former Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz tweeted, "Americans deserve an explanation of why the Obama Admin is using their money not to fight terrorism, but to fund it."

two-state solution.

The letter also reminded Obama about former US Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice's veto of a one-sided UN resolution in February 2011, to prove that "even well-intentioned initiatives" at the UN could "risk locking the parties into positions that will make it more difficult to return to the negotiation table and make the compromises necessary for peace."

\$150 billion to Iran while cutting American aid to Israel to new lows.

One final observation: *The Times* editorial about the Israel aid deal was published on Saturday, the Jewish Sabbath. The newspaper has an ugly habit of using the Jewish Sabbath and holidays — when observant Jews refrain from writing or using computers — as moments to attack Jewish interests, with the effect of making it more difficult for organized Jewish groups to mount a rapid response. In the past I have called the practice "Kind of an opinion journalism version of the Yom Kippur War." One hopes the Sabbath publication date of this *Times* editorial won't prevent both the American Jewish leadership and the government of Israel from meeting it with the sharp and forceful rebuttal that it deserves.

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resolution that may be offered in the coming months. Any such resolution, whether focused on settlements or other final status issues, will ultimately make it more difficult for Israelis and Palestinians to resolve the conflict."

The senators also wrote the only way to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is through direct negotiations leading to a

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Cutting Aid

with a post-Holocaust Holocaust obsession, surrounded its weekend editorial calling for defunding the Israel Defense Forces with a scrim of fulsome Holocaust-related coverage. The paper carried an adoring profile of Phillippe Sands focusing on his status as the grandson of a Holocaust survivor. And then there is a Nicholas Kristof column provocatively headlined "Would You Hide a Jew From The Nazis?" The *Times* editorial writers may imagine that they would have hidden a Jew from the Nazis 75 years ago, but right now, with the Iranian-funded terrorists aiming missiles, bombs, and rockets at Israeli civilians and at Jewish community targets outside Israel, the *Times* editorial writers want to send

Al-Aqsa Mosque Cleric Prays for Destruction of America, Russia



Palestinian Muslim cleric Abdallah Ayed. Photo: Screenshot.

BY JNS.ORG

A Palestinian Muslim cleric prayed for Allah to "vanquish America and Russia" in an address last week at Jerusalem's Al-Aqsa Mosque, the Jerusalem Post reported.

"Oh America, let me tell you about the day when the call to prayer will be heard from atop the White House, from atop the red palace in the Kremlin in Moscow," Abdallah Ayed said in a video posted

online and translated from Arabic by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

Among other calls for the destruction of Russia and America, Ayed prayed that Allah should "pulverize their ships and kill their soldiers."

Ayed ended his prayer expressing his hope that a caliphate will be established soon and that the world will turn to Muslim religious and governmental rule.

Terrorist Who Stabbed IDF Reservist Caught on Camera Preparing to Infiltrate West Bank Jewish Community

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The Palestinian terrorist who stabbed an IDF reservist on Sunday morning in the West Bank settlement of Efrat was identified a number of hours earlier by security cameras, Israel's Channel 2 reported.

According to the report, the footage showed the terrorist reaching the outskirts of the Jewish community — located just south of Jerusalem — and hiding behind a bush.

The video led to the dispatch of reserve-duty soldiers to the area to scour it to locate the intruder. During the search, the terrorist jumped on and stabbed an officer — moderately wounding him. This spurred other soldiers at the scene to open fire and neutralize the assailant — who was also moderately wounded.

Both the officer and the terrorist were evacuated to Jerusalem's Hadassah Medical Center/Ein Kerem for treatment.

Channel 2 pointed out that Efrat lacks a security barrier, instead employing an apparatus that combines technological means with IDF cooperation to protect residents from attacks.

"Experience has shown that fences do not prevent terrorist attacks," said Efrat Regional Council head Oded Ravivi, adding that the mechanism in place in his jurisdiction was what staved off an actual infiltration and a far worse scenario than what occurred.

A representative from Hadassah hospital said that the officer arrived with a stab wound in his arm pit.

An IDF spokesperson said that additional searches were being conducted in the area to rule out additional threats.

This was the latest Palestinian terrorist incident over the past 48 hours, with rock-throwing, stabbings and a car-ramming in Jerusalem and Hebron. It is the latest upswing in the surge in violence against Israelis that began last September.



CCTV footage of a Palestinian terrorist, prior to his stabbing of an IDF officer. Photo: Screenshot.

World News.

The Quarterly Review



Quarterly Review magazine editor Dr. Leslie Jones is under fire for a reported antisemitic comment he made to a journalist. Photo: Quarterly Review website.

BBC Journalist Mistakenly Taken for Jewish Taunted by British Intellectual Commanding She 'Get Back in the Oven'

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A BBC journalist mistakenly identified as a Jew was told at a recent high-end London event to “get back in the oven,” the *Daily Mail* reported over the weekend.

According to the report, journalist Henrietta Foster became the target of an antisemitic tirade by Dr. Leslie Jones, the editor of the *Quarterly Review* magazine. Jones was said to be upset by Foster's appearance in a documentary about the children of Nazi war criminals.

Foster told the *Daily Mail* of the unpleasant encounter with Jones:

We had fallen out at a previous reception over Brexit — I told him to **** off because he had voted out. Then he came over to me last Thursday and said, “You were in that film, weren't you?” and told me I was cruel in my filmed question to the son of a Nazi officer.

Then he just said: “Get back in the oven. Do you understand me? Just get back in the oven.”

The comments were overheard by Martin Bright, a former Observer journalist and adviser to ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair. The *Daily Mail* report said Bright and another guest at the event reproached Jones over the

comments, in response to which he claimed he had been joking.

In a statement published on the *Quarterly Review* website on Sunday, Jones said, “I will refute in detail the politically motivated accusations made against me in the *Mail*... on my return.”

Bright told the *Daily Mail*, “Something has happened over the past months in this country to give a license to the open expression of antisemitic views.”

Recently, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, Jewish Labour MP Ruth Smeeth was assigned police protection, following an antisemitic death threat made against her on a social-media platform.

At the time, Smeeth told the UK's Sun newspaper she held Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn “personally responsible” for the threats she had received. Earlier this summer, as reported in *The Algemeiner*, Smeeth said she was “verbally attacked” by an activist linked to the left-wing organization Momentum — which supports Corbyn — during the conference revealing the results of Labour's investigation into antisemitism allegations within the party.

several locations in the capital, both in the eastern and western parts of the city.

Meanwhile, police have also been preparing an increased presence to secure Monday night's Maccabiah Race in Jerusalem and its estimated 3,000 participants.

According to the Hebrew news site nrg, the Transportation Ministry has also decided to step up security on buses and trains throughout the city.

In addition, nrg reported, the police raided the east Jerusalem neighborhoods of Silwan and Shuafat, arrested the two brothers of the terrorist who committed Monday's stabbing attack at Herod's Gate of the Old City, and, as an additional security precaution, ordered the closure of Arab shops and access to pedestrians along the main street of east Jerusalem. This move sparked condemnation from the city's Arab merchants, who accused the police of engaging in collective punishment and hindering their livelihood in the process.

Meanwhile, nrg said, the attempt to enhance the police presence in Jerusalem has proven problematic, due to a severe shortage

Ethiopian Israelis Urge US to Condemn Government in Addis Ababa

BY JNS.ORG

Nearly 100 Ethiopian Israelis protested in front of the US Embassy in Tel Aviv on Monday, urging America to stop supporting the Ethiopian government, the *Jerusalem Post* reported.

The demonstration followed the deaths of more than 400 Ethiopians in the Oromia and Amhara regions during anti-government demonstrations that began in November 2015. Protesters were also sparked by the Ethiopian government's plan to expand the capital through a project that would displace farmers.

“The United States must condemn the murders of Ethiopian citizens,” one protester, Endalamaw Hailei, told the *Jerusalem Post*. “I joined [the demonstration] because I care about Ethiopia.”

Many in Israel's Ethiopian community



U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

have family members who still live in the African country. There are at least 9,000 Ethiopian Jews still waiting to emigrate to Israel, following Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's approval to process their immigration through a \$1 billion program.

Israeli Minister: Australian Labor's Imposed Israel-Travel Restrictions Cause for Deep Concern

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A member of Israel's security cabinet expressed “concern” over the Australian Labor Party's (ALP) newly published guidelines for MPs traveling to Israel, insisting that they spend equal time in Palestinian territories, *The Australian* reported.

Jerusalem Affairs and Environmental Protection Minister Ze'ev Elkin said he is worried that “anti-Israelism in Europe and Western society will come to be the modern, politically correct antisemitism,” after a decision was made at the ALP national conference requiring MPs to spend equal time in the PA when taking trips to Israel, funded by Jewish organizations.

According to the report, the announcement follows a failed attempt by ALP members to block Labor politicians from traveling for free to Israel altogether.

“You can see in Europe, what began as BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) activity against the state of Israel (escalated) and there was a terrorist attack on Jewish communities in France,” Elkin said. “In this context, when we are looking in the last year at the increase in anti-Israeli activity in Australia — of course it's not the mainstream of Australian society or political establishment, but it's a concern.”

As *The Algemeiner* reported, recent anti-Jewish and anti-Israel activity in

Australia has included an initiative to block the erection of an *eruv* in Sydney, slammed as “textbook antisemitism” by religious and political leaders, and thousands of Holocaust-denial fliers distributed across Australian university campuses.

Members of ALP have long supported action requiring its ministers to split their time equally while in Israel. According to *The Australian*, one of the plan's major proponents, New South Wales Opposition Leader Luke Foley, was recently found to have failed to follow his own guidelines when on a visit to Israel in 2013.

As *The Algemeiner* reported, Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop recently wrapped up a trip to Israel, during which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accepted her invitation to become the first head of the Jewish state to pay an official visit Down Under.



Jerusalem Affairs Minister Ze'ev Elkin. Photo: Facebook.

of manpower. According to the news outlet, despite the very large budget allocated for the addition of 1,200 police officers, the force has only managed to recruit 200 over the past

few months. As a result, the only way that the current directive for increased security can be implemented is through the enlistment of officers from other districts.

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Netanyahu instructed that police forces be increased, especially in the Old City and around the Temple Mount, and directed that determined action be taken against any attempt to violate order there.

Prime Minister Netanyahu ordered that the Knesset Speaker be requested to act to continue to prevent MKs and ministers from going up to the Temple Mount during this sensitive period.

The Prime Minister directed that activity be increased against Palestinian incitement on social networks, including expanded action vis à vis Facebook and other platforms, with the goal of removing inflammatory content. He also instructed that a response team be established to refute disinformation about Israeli policy on the Temple Mount.

Channel 2 said that police intend to station officers at “sensitive” areas, or those with a high potential for terrorist activity. To this end, hundreds of additional police officers are already being dispatched to

U.S. News.

Watchdog Uncovers New Members in Antisemitic Student Ring at U of Tennessee That Supports Terrorism, Lauds Hitler

BY LEA SPEYER

A ring of antisemitic students at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK) has turned out to be larger than originally thought, a clandestine campus watchdog organization revealed to *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

According to Canary Mission, newly discovered postings by the group — which it previously described as a “cesspool” of racism — included calls for terrorism against Jews and the mocking of the Holocaust.

In all, far above 100 tweets and social media postings featuring radical and racist rhetoric have been uncovered and connected to the network, which consists of dozens of current UTK students and alumni.

“The expansion from 23 people to 34 shows that there was more people involved than we realized,” a Canary Mission representative, speaking on condition of anonymity, told *The Algemeiner*. “Sadly, there

could very well be even more radicals that we have not yet uncovered.”

The students, according to the watchdog group, have ties to UTK’s Muslim Students’ Association (MSA) and Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapters.

“So far, this is the worst case we have uncovered,” Canary Mission told *The Algemeiner*.

Canary Mission’s expanded dossier shows that the posts span a wide range of offenses, including incitement to and threats of violence; antisemitism; racism against both blacks and whites; homophobia; praise for Hitler; and the endorsement of terrorism and terrorist organizations.

Newly added to Canary Mission’s database of offenders are several UTK alumni, including Mohanad Alhams, who graduated in 2015 and was a member of the SJP and MSA groups. In several antisemitic tweets in 2013, Alhams mocked Holocaust suffering:

Mohanad Alhams @MohanadBest

How do you get a Jewish girl's number? Roll her sleeves up

Mohanad Alhams @MohanadBest

Whats the difference between a Jew and a pizza? The pizza leaves the oven.

Mohanad Alhams @MohanadBest

Whats the difference between a Jew and harry potter? Harry Potter can escape the chambers.

Mohanad Alhams @MohanadBest

What do you call a flying Jew? Smoke.

Summer Awad — a 2016 graduate who was a member of UTK’s SJP chapter and is a supporter of the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement — shared an image on Facebook in June featuring the Dome of the Rock and Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem alongside five

hands representing various forms of Palestinian aggression against Israel.

The image was accompanied by a poem which read: “...We will scream out the names of the martyrs and paint with their blood the proof of our claims...Do you hear our war cry...Do you see our weapons?”



However, one of the most surprising finds, the watchdog said, were the “familial connections that came up,” including brother and sister Ameen and Sarah Abdel-Khalek.

“Radical terror supporter Ameen Abdel-Khalek’s sister is a fellow UTK student and SJP and MSA member. She is as radical

an endorser of violence and terror as he is,” Canary Mission told *The Algemeiner*.

In October 2015, Sarah tweeted a video of two Palestinians beat-boxing in praise of terror group Hamas, PLO founder Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Fatah party.

That same month, amid a wave of terror in Israel, Sarah tweeted a graphic in support of three Palestinian terrorists who were killed while carrying out attacks.

Bank. “Raising generations that have known nothing but an occupation.



Ameen’s social media accounts, Canary Mission found, are rife with posts spreading terrorist groups’ incitement, propagating antisemitic blood libels and stereotypes, inciting against homosexuals and transsexuals, and demonizing Israel.



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Opinion.

Why Is Israel Paying US Jewish Groups to Shy From Fighting BDS?

SHMULEY BOTEACH
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Imagine if the US government were to earmark millions of dollars for fostering democracy in the developing world, but neglected to require that the NGOs receiving the money encourage a positive view of America — or, at the very least, strenuously disavow ideological anti-Americanism.

Congress would quickly and rightly take the administration to task for such a folly. No taxpayer should be expected to groups that hate his or her country, or even those who are ambivalent about opposing the haters.

It is with dismay, then, that we have watched Israel's Ministry for Diaspora Affairs sign off on the disbursement of \$22 million for Hillel, Chabad and Olami activities on US college campuses — without insisting that the groups stand up to the menace that is BDS.

We can only hope that this was an oversight — a fiscal fumble by an Israeli cabinet that has otherwise confronted the BDS movement — and is empowered to make such funding decisions without parliamentary vetting.

Because otherwise, the Diaspora Ministry risks being perceived as having acquiesced to the thinking that excuses Hillel,

Chabad, and Olami from fighting for Israel on colleges campuses — namely, the belief that Israel has become so toxic on American campuses that any public association with the Jewish State will dissuade Jewish students from joining Jewish activities.

To be sure, we both admire and applaud Israel's new efforts to support Jewish activities on American campuses. Israel is, and should be, the locus and focal point of global Jewish efforts and outreach. That Israeli taxpayers are prepared to fund the spread of Judaism and Jewish identity on American campuses is exemplary and laudable. But the Jewish State is an integral part of any Jewish identity. To disseminate a Judaism that is unconnected to the land of our forefathers, and the place of Jewish spiritual longing for millennia, is to spread a Judaism that lacks a foundation and soul.

Moreover, Jewish observance that lacks Jewish pride always dissipates and disappears. Even if the Diaspora Ministry succeeds in getting Jewish students to become more Sabbath and kosher observant, it all risks being lost if students hide their identity in the face of Jewish critics and bigots. Hence, standing up proudly for Israel is part and parcel of guaranteeing the continuity of Jewish observance. There is no Israel without Judaism, and there is no Judaism that does not place Israel at the apex of Jewish spiritual longing. Israel is the test of Jewish pride today. And without Jewish pride, there can be no authentic, lasting Jewish observance.

Yet some in Hillel, Chabad, and Olami would have us believe that BDS has won the war for the hearts and minds of American Jewish students — a constituency so crucial for Israel's future backing in the Diaspora.

Chabad and Hillel, especially, are in a unique position to provide an immediate and effective challenge to the spread of BDS lies, most of which demand Israel's withdrawal from Judea and Samaria (despite the fact that all polls show that this would create a Hamas-controlled terror state, like in Gaza). That Israel would provide funding that doesn't demand some degree of response to this demonization of the Jewish State is disappointing, scandalous, and mystifying.

To be sure, \$22 million will buy a lot of Shabbat kugels and bagel brunches. It will be pay for many a community organizer or Rabbinic intern at Hillel. It will provide necessary funding for Talmud classes at Chabad, or Hagim celebrations at Olami. But while these groups are to be highly commended for promoting Judaism, they are dead wrong to think their goal can be achieved by side-stepping their duty to defend Israel.

Israel is at the core of the Jewish experience. Its successes reflect Jewish values. Its troubles prompt Jewish soul-searching. The BDS mobs know this, which is why they have carried aloft the few yet vociferous Jews who support them — in hopes of driving a wedge between the Jewish people and the Jewish State.

But of course, the self-hating Jews of BDS are just fig leaves for legions of antisemites who march for Israel's demise not because of what it does, but because of what it is: the world's only Jewish state. Hillel, Chabad, and Olami cannot be seen as koshering this wretched masquerade by refusing to stand up to and expose BDS for what it is.

The State of Israel has both the right and the duty to demand that any money it provides for Jewish causes abroad come with



A mock Israeli checkpoint set up during "Israeli Apartheid Week" in May 2010 on the University of California, Los Angeles campus. Photo: AMCHA Initiative.

a full-throated and unapologetic endorsement of Jewish statehood in activities that — are both pro-Israel and anti-BDS. Hillel, Chabad, and Olami should make this commitment publicly to Israel's Diaspora Ministry before receiving one Israeli taxpayer shekel. Doing so will not just help Israel, it will also help American Jewish students who — seeing their campus leaders fight for what is right — will emerge as prouder and more committed Jews and supporters of the Jewish State.

Chabad, Hillel, and Olami all want students to more deeply embrace Jewish tradition and observance. Few things are more important. But that commitment will falter without Jewish pride, and the great test of Jewish pride today is the degree to which we stand up for, and defend, the first Jewish state in 2,000 years.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach served for 11 years as Rabbi at Oxford University where he hosted five Israeli Prime Ministers and helped to pioneer pro-Israel activities on campus.

Amir Ohana is a Likud Member of the Knesset, founder of the Likud's LGBT Caucus, and served for 12 years as an officer in the IDF and Israel's Shin Bet Domestic Security Service.

It Takes a Judas to Know One; Amos Oz's Vile Display



RUTHIE BLUM
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On Tuesday night, the person touted as "Israel's most famous living author" appeared on the BBC to promote his latest book. In the course of his interview with "Newsnight" host Kirsty Wark, Amos Oz engaged in his second favorite activity (after receiving international awards and having his novels turned into movies starring the likes of Natalie Portman): He slammed the nation of his birth, which turned him into a cultural icon.

To be fair to Oz, bashing the Jewish state that he represents with such panache is key to his success abroad. Talent is a factor, of course, but it is neither sufficient nor a prerequisite to inspiring adoration among the literati and political elites.

Indeed, had he not been the darling of the Left, the odds are slim that Oz would have been invited by the UK network to discuss Judas, his take on the famous traitor whose story constituted the "Chernobyl of Western antisemitism for 2,000 years," and the basis for "pogroms, inquisitions, persecutions and the Holocaust."

From the BBC's point of view, having Israel's crowned jewel provide a stamp of approval for its own dim view of the Jewish state is an opportunity not to be missed or squandered. Nor does any topic segue better into what Wark was really after than "persecution."

With virtuosity born of brilliance, Oz managed to go above and beyond the call of duty — "defending" his homeland by likening it to the worst of evil regimes.

"If people call Israel 'nasty,' I to some degree agree," he said. "If people call Israel the 'devil incarnate,' I think they are obsessed; they are mad. But this is still legitimate. But if they carry on saying that therefore there should be no Israel, that's where anti-Zionism becomes anti-Semitism, because none of them ever said after Hitler that Germany should cease to exist, or after Stalin that there should be no Russia."

Oz pulled a similar stunt when explaining his opposition to the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement. It is wrong, he said, "because it hardens the Israeli resistance, and deepens the Israeli paranoia that the whole world is [and] always has been against us [as if to say]: 'They [the boycotters] don't even discriminate between one Israeli and the next; they boycott all of us, and whatever we do, they are going to hate us, so let's be bad guys for a change.'"

Furthermore, he added, just because

boycotts were effective in the case of South Africa, "you have to be very stupid to think the prescription — the medicine — that worked very well against cholera will also kill the plague. This is a kind of mental laziness."

Oz then went on to equate Palestinian terrorism with Israel's response to it: "There are many, many people in ... Europe who have a very soft spot for the Third World, saying, 'Well those people have suffered a lot; you have to understand, it is only natural they are violent. [But] when it comes to the Jews, they often say: 'Well, they have suffered so much; how can they be violent after such an experience?'"

Nobody, Oz concluded, should be "100% pro-Israel or 100% pro-Palestine." Everyone needs to "grasp the complexity and ambivalence of the clash between right and right, and sometimes between wrong and wrong."

Oz's display was disgusting, plain and simple. Nothing new there. But the way his interview is being reported by one media outlet after the other is equally disturbing. Somehow, the main message that has been plucked selectively from his vile pontification was his acknowledgment that the denial of Israel's right to exist — or claim that it shouldn't have been established in the first place — "crosses the line from anti-Zionism to



Amos Oz. Photo: Alchetron.

antisemitism." Wow.

There are two possible reasons for this travesty. One is that a famous leftist like Oz is assumed to be so hostile to Israel that any scrap of recognition he bestows on it makes headlines. The other is that nobody, other than his BBC host, actually listened to, heard or understood what Oz said. Either option reflects a very sorry state of affairs.

What I, for one, have to say about Oz's book on Judas is that it takes one to know one.

Ruthie Blum is the managing editor of The Algemeiner.

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Another familial connection discovered by the watchdog is between UTK student Afeef Youssef Kamah — a "radical Hamas and Hezbollah supporter" — and his mother, Suhad Ziadeh-Kamah, who "regularly participates in UTK SJP activities."

Canary Mission told *The Algemeiner* it hopes that by going public with its information,

"UTK's administration will finally publicly condemn the vile bigotry, antisemitism and support for terrorism among their students."

"We also demand that National SJP and National MSA, at the very least, publicly condemn their UTK chapters," the watchdog added.

Greg Kaplan, UTK's Hillel faculty adviser and a member of the university's Diversity Task Force, told *The Algemeiner* that despite

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the revelations, the school has a “very healthy campus climate.”

“Diversity is a major issue on campus right now and a big part of the curriculum. We are trying to make sure UTK has a more tolerant environment,” he said. “I was surprised to read about the antisemitic behavior from students at this university, because certainly they are not paying attention in class. This is a very serious situation that is being monitored very carefully.”

Responding to *The Algemeiner's* request for comment, Karen Simsen, director of media and internal relations at UTK, stated:

The university is committed to supporting an environment in which tolerance, civility, freedom of expression, and responsible citizenship are integral parts of

our learning experience.

Our campus principles of civility and community encourage all members of the volunteer family to consider how others view and relate to the world and to remember that we are all part of a larger diverse campus.

The university does not condone the past statements that have been noted in *The Algemeiner's* reports and social media posts attributed to members of our campus community by the Canary Mission.

We have made it clear to our campus community that bigotry toward anyone — especially specific ethnic, religious or marginalized groups — is not consistent with the values of the University of Tennessee.

We have addressed the information brought to our attention through our standard processes for responding to incidents of bias.

Staff from the Office of Student Conduct reviewed the reported posts for potential violations of our student code of conduct; staff in the Office of the Dean of Students combed through past reported incidents of bias in search of any related historical issues.

Our campus police department has been alerted to the issues in order to explore any potential threats or security concerns.

Our dean of students, Melissa Shivers, has had several meetings regarding these issues. These meetings have involved student leaders and advisors from our Jewish and Muslim student organizations to discuss the reports and any underlying issues.

She has reported that despite the respectable differences between each organization, the consensus is that the three groups are in solidarity with each other and disagree with the assertions

alleged in the articles regarding an inhospitable campus climate.

During the same meetings, students were advised on what they should do if they feel unsafe, threatened, harassed or targeted.

We have also had many discussions with community leaders and alumni to address their questions regarding these reports and to share with them the measures we take to monitor and address issues that arise about our campus climate.

As reported by *The Algemeiner*, Canary Mission released its second extensive report revealing antisemitic and racist online posts by persons affiliated with UTK on August 11th. The move, the group said, was in response to UTK's downplaying of *The Algemeiner's* initial exclusive report on the issue on August 4th.

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antisemitism conceals the millennia-old hatred in a contemporary package, one better suited for a 21st-century audience. This antisemitism, as reflected in the Durban process, exploits the language of universal human rights and civil society, with NGOs publishing false and distorted allegations regarding Israel, and creating and maintaining double standards that apply only to a single country. New antisemitism goes well beyond any notion of legitimate criticism of Israel and its policies, and instead promulgates hateful vilification of the country, its people, and its Jewish character.

The impact Durban has had on the Jewish world can also be seen in the strategies adopted in response. Following Durban, the organized Jewish community, and later the Israeli government, recognized the threat of “soft power” warfare, in the form of BDS, lawfare and related campaigns. As a result, a major amount of energy and resources have gone into debunking the political attacks against Israel and its supporters.

To be sure, an alienated, vocal minority that rejects the existence of the state of Israel has also emerged. Over the past few years, some fringes have attempted to make Israel a wedge issue in the community. Many of Israel's staunchest opponents, in particular pro-BDS forces, use the internal dissent coming from this small Jewish minority as “kosher” affirmation to their vigorous anti-Israel activities.

Yet, to a larger extent, the response

to demonization has succeeded, as seen in the failure of BDS campaigns to gain meaningful traction. The NGOs that attended the Durban Review Conference in 2009 reversed some of the damage, providing a counter-voice to the hate which was supplemented by then Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Fifteen years later, the “halo effect” that protected NGOs from scrutiny at Durban has been eroded. Many NGOs with misleading names and mission statements using buzzwords like “peace,” “justice” and “human rights” have been called out and exposed for their deceptive agendas.

Many NGOs utilize the financial support they receive to fulfill a genuine humanitarian mandate, despite problems that can emerge when doing so in areas controlled by recognized terrorist groups (see Hamas' appropriation of aid in Gaza). Still, many other NGOs serve a detrimental role, facilitating hate and mistrust, fueling the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

Looking back 15 years, one can see that the Durban conference ushered in an era of coordinated efforts to isolate Israel internationally and advance a strategy of demonization. Campaigns by NGOs, and counter-efforts to prevent the damage they cause, are now essential elements of the contemporary configuration of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

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Impressions.

Patriotism and the National Anthem

BY JEREMY ROSEN

There has been a huge amount of debate in the US about the refusal of a Colin Kaepernick, an American football player, to stand during the national anthem. His supporters argue that the Constitution gives him freedom of expression to do this (and to protest the injustices faced, mainly, by the poor black minority in the US). The also claim that this right outweighs any offense he might have caused.

Kaepernick is not the first person to do this. Megan Rapinoe, of soccer fame, also refused to sing it — but no one seems to have noticed. I also recall the famous 1968 protest at the Olympic Games, where two black American athletes — John Carlos and Tommie Smith — stood on the podium during the anthem and raised glove-clenched fists, also in protest of discrimination against blacks. In that case, if I recall correctly, hardly anyone came to their defense, and they were vilified. The difference over the years in public attitude alone might challenge the assumption that nothing has changed.

What is a flag but a piece of cloth? What is an anthem but a trite, banal song? Does it really matter? The answer is yes, it does.

I was brought up in the UK. I have witnessed the dramatic decline in nationalism of any sort. In my youth, every performance at the movie theaters ended with the national anthem. No more. We never, ever took oaths of loyalty. Nationalism was regarded by the educated classes as, to quote Samuel Johnson, “The last refuge of a scoundrel.”

In 1933, the Oxford Union, the university’s undergraduate debating society, passed a famous motion that “this House would not in any circumstances fight for King and Country.” It made headline news at the time; Churchill called the vote “abject, squalid, shameless” and “nauseating.” The vote is even said to have misled Hitler into thinking that the British had lost the will to fight. Yet that same class, minus a few who became spies for the Soviet Union, did indeed go to war to defend liberty. And Brits in general do take pride in the Queen, even if they laugh at her handbag and don’t think much of her husband and family.

Nationalism mattered terribly in the 19th and 20th centuries. But in Europe and Britain it is now almost the exclusive preserve of right-wing, racist, neo-Nazi neo-fascists. In Europe today the dominant political and administrative classes no longer see themselves as wanting or having to preserve any specific cultural, religious heritage, ideology or loyalty. They are part of a wider, common, universalist and tolerant mindset (except when it comes to Israel).

What of Israel? In 1948, Israel had to reestablish a nation out of disparate mixture of cultural and racial immigrants. The country was divided by a common religion, rather than united by it. So Israel needed to develop a civil religion based on nationalist symbols — the flag, Masada, the Holocaust and the army — to reinforce a sense of identity, mission and culture. It succeeded admirably for its Jewish population. Less so for the others. Israel is indeed different from Europe and the US, in that it exists specifically to reinforce and

protect a specific culture and religion. Loyalty is a big thing.

Even so, Israel’s Declaration of Independence accords rights and equality to other religions, too. Whatever the Jewish state’s limitations, most countries of the Middle East do not afford the same rights to other religions that it does.

Yet many Jews disapprove of and disagree with

relatively unimportant rituals that exist in American life designed to reinforce identity and pride in the nation, and I think he is wrong to offend those. Coming from Europe, one of the things that strikes us is American pride — the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, singing God Bless America — even if we know full well the sordid side of its history. Silly as they are, we’re impressed by them. Most Americans



The American and Israeli flags. Photo: Wiki Commons.

the politics of the state, on the left and the right. The Left has produced a fine array of antisemitic Israelis. On the right, xenophobia thrives. Neturei Karta will happily burn the Israeli flag. Hundreds of thousands of haredi Jews refuse to serve in the armed forces, and some physically assault those who do. They will refuse to stand in silence during memorial days. Refuse to sing the national anthem.

I and most Jews I know strongly disagree and disapprove. We don’t look down on their ideological position. They are entitled to that. But we oppose their public disparagements of a state that protects and supports them financially and otherwise.

Every religion, every nation, every person functions on two levels: that of ideas and values and that of ritual and behavior. Many Jews love the ideas of Judaism but do not like adhering to rituals. Others live by the rituals but have great difficulty with some of the theological ideas. Regardless, we are all committed to being Jewish and are grateful for a place of refuge and somewhere to call our own, even if we live elsewhere. In the end, the rituals, be they religious or civil religious, are what reinforce that strange and wonderful thing called identity. I think certain things need modification and should be argued for. But in principle I stand for the rituals of the state.

The US has its constitution, its laws and its rituals of behavior. Anyone living there must adhere to its civil constitution. Freedom of expression allows for disagreement and challenge. We can be religious or not. Patriotic or not. In the case of Kaepernick, he can and should protest against anything that offends him. But there are certain

are proud and happy to live there, and much of the rest of the world desperately wants to join them.

Whatever is wrong in American life, its laws are egalitarian and they recognize the rights of minorities — racial or sexual. These rights are upheld by the Supreme Court. That does not mean that hatreds, prejudices, and biases do not exist. Human beings are messy things.

American society has protected Kaepernick (as Israel has Neturei Karta), afforded him a safe, caring home, and a wealth-producing career. He should rail against racism. But not against a state that condemns it. Refusing to stand, as I see it, undermines the simple rituals that help bring so many disparate peoples together. It is this sense of American exceptionalism that is both offensive to some and affirmative to others. But any outsider coming from Europe recognizes a spirit of American pride that does not exist there. But it exists in Israel, too.

Keeping rituals in America and mitzvot in Judaism are so important. Regardless of whether we think they are Divine or not, they help reinforce identity. Vague ideas such as human rights and Tikkun Olam — lovely and important as they are for humanity in general — are not enough to reinforce a specific identity. Conventions matter.

Unless America wants to go the way of Europe, it ought to expect (although I don’t believe it should compel) its citizens to respect its rituals, and to stand during its national anthem — even as one protests at its injustices and limitations. And that goes for Israel and being Jewish, too.

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25-47 McDonald Avenue LLC under the Condominium Act of the State of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York on the 27th day of April, 2007, in City Register File Number (CRFN) 2007000221142 (hereinafter called the "Declaration"). The Unit is also designated as Tax Lot No. 1127 in Block 895 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York and on the floor plans of the Building, certified by Douglas Pulaski, Registered Architect, on January 31, 2007, approved with the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York on January 31, 2007, as Condominium Plan No. 1794, and filed in the Register's Office on April 27, 2007, in CRFN 2007000221143. Together with an undivided 1.51 percent interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration) appurtenant to the unit. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$359,779.64 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 506194/2015 STEVEN D. COHN, ESQ.; REFEREE
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrea Romeo; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 6, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2952 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings City and State of NY, Block 8900 Lot 866. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,106.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510782/2015. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 30, 2016
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST Frank Wade a/k/a Frank Amos Wade a/k/a Frank A. Wade; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 19, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224,

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Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 13, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 639 Miller Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4087 Lot 16. Approximate amount of judgment \$320,417.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502809/2015. Salvatore Scibetta, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 9, 2016
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NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE Index No. 17526/12 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, -vs- JEFFREY MINTZ; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; ARCHIBALD MOLEISH AND DULCIE RHODES, Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action, dated June 17, 2016, and entered in the Kings Clerk's Office on June 28, 2016, Adam Kalish, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on October 13, 2016 in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale commonly known as 1350 E. 84th Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York 11235; [Block 8074, Lot 53]. Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Kings County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$262,370.34, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,440.00, with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment. DATED: August 23, 2016 Adam Kalish, Referee BARCLAY DAMON, LLP J. Eric Charlton Attorney for Plaintiff Office and Post Office Address One Park Place 300 South State Street Syracuse, New York 13202-2078 Direct all inquiries to: Ruth A. Stegner, Paralegal Phone No.: 716-566-1452
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NOTICE OF SALE 1892 Bergen Street Brooklyn, New York STATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgage Loan Servicer to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, a federal savings bank d/b/a Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely in its capacity as Trustee for and on behalf of the Knoxville 2012 Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Tracy Brock, James Louis, Paulette Small, et al, Defendant(s). Index No. 12524/14. In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$979,374.09 plus interest and costs duly granted by this Court and entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on the 15th day of March, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor at the in Room 224 of Kings

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County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016 at 2:30 PM, the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 1452 Lot 21. Said premises known as 1892 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Premises sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale. SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement, if any, contained in Deed recorded September 25, 1997 in Reel 4028 Page 934. LEONARD SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Helfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118
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File No.: 2015-2741/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Ada Strausberg, Lawrence Montaigne, Merrel Marlin, Gerald Cinamon, Judith Lewis, Sarah Levine, Robert Lowenberg, NYC Human Resources Administration, Saunders Street Associates LLC, Time Warner Cable, Bank of America, Verizon, North Shore LIJ, NYC Fire Department EMS, PharmScript, National Grid, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of JEROME BERGER aka JERRY BERGER, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of JEROME BERGER aka JERRY BERGER, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 63-45 Saunders Street, #6J, Rego Park, NY, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of JEROME BERGER aka JERRY BERGER, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 27th day of October, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$18,858.80 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount

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equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$36,263.26 should not be paid; and why the claim of Saunders Street Associates LLC in the amount of \$9,730.73 should not be rejected; and why the claim of Time Warner Cable in the amount of \$207.67 should not be rejected; and why the claim of Bank of America in the amount of \$2,054.13 should not be rejected; and why the claim of Verizon in the amount of \$404.44 should not be rejected; and why the claim of North Shore LIJ in the amount of \$1,352.00 should not be rejected; and why the claim of NYC Fire Department EMS in the amount of \$725.60 should not be rejected; and why the claim of PharmScript in the amount of \$474.75 should not be rejected; and why the claim of National Grid in the amount of \$121.22 should not be rejected; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 29th day of August, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation
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Notice of Formation of WACKER FUTURES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/29/16. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o The Pohl Law Group LLC, 60 E. 42nd St., NY, NY 10165. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Ronald S. Pohl, Esq. at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
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File No.: 2015-1866/A, CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT TO: Richard Smith, Neil A. Smith, Curtis Smith, William Smith, Daniel Henry, Ardra (Henry) Hutchinson, Annie D. Alexander, Domenic Henry, La Tonya Henry, Yolanda Henry, Katrina Henry, Richard Alexander, Toni Kelly, NYC Human Resources Administration, Silvercrest Extended Care Facility. Steven Alexander, Jr., if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence

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Opinion.

Shame on the Anti-Defamation League



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Irrespective of one's personal opinion of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's videotaped remarks on Palestinian "ethnic cleansing" of Jews from any future Palestinian state, Anti-Defamation League (ADL) CEO Jonathan Greenblatt's scornful public condemnation is simply beyond the pale.

On numerous occasions over the past few months, I have expressed incredulity and anger at the statements of Greenblatt for determinedly tilting the ADL policy away from its primary mandate of combating

the growing tide of anti-Israelism and antisemitism that is sweeping the United States, especially on college campuses. Instead, in what is utterly unprecedented from a purportedly mainstream American Jewish organization, he has publicly excoriated the position adopted by the democratically elected head of the Israeli government. Netanyahu's video was, as expected, criticized within Israel by the traditional left wing, but endorsed by the vast majority of Israelis.

Netanyahu simply stated facts. The Palestinians have made it eminently clear again and again that a Palestinian state would be Judenrein. One only has to review the ethnic-cleansing policy adopted by the Jordanians in 1948 when Jews were expelled from east Jerusalem and the Etzion Bloc.

Despite the slick PR of Palestinian spokesmen denying that this is the case to

state should be Judenrein.

American Jews can agree or disagree with Netanyahu. But for the head of the ADL, a major Jewish organization, to condemn Netanyahu in the journal *Foreign Policy*, and accuse him of choosing "to raise an inappropriate straw man regarding Palestinian policy toward Israeli settlements" was unprecedented and totally unacceptable. He stated further that "like the term 'genocide,' the term 'ethnic cleansing' should be restricted to actually describing the atrocity it suggests — rather than distorted to suit political ends." Despite all the evidence to the contrary, he emphatically repudiated Netanyahu's charge that the Palestinians seek ethnic cleansing.

Under such circumstances, one would have expected that every major Jewish organization would dissociate itself from Greenblatt's statement, noting that it is not the role of an organization whose primary objective is combating antisemitism to engage in public condemnations of views expressed by the democratically elected leader of Israel. But aside from the Zionist Organization of America, a curtain of silence has again enveloped the major Jewish organizations.

It would seem that in the post Abe

Foxman era, the ADL board has knowingly empowered an individual whose outlook is not only liberal but effectively represents an echo chamber of left-wing Democratic politics. In fact, despite Greenblatt's protestations of love for Israel and reiteration that the US-Israel nexus is strong, especially after finalization of the defense agreement, the ADL's approach to Israel is similar to that of J Street, having no hesitation in telling Israelis that it knows better than they do what is good for them.

This is a worrisome situation. American Jews should inform the ADL board that by enabling their CEO to make such partisan statements, they are causing enormous harm to Israel during this critical period when retaining US public opinion is of crucial importance.

If the ADL fails to act, American Jews should question whether they should continue supporting what was until recently a venerable mainstream Jewish organization, which has now been hijacked by a CEO whose outlook has more in common with J Street and less with combating antisemitism and supporting the embattled Jewish state.

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ADL director Jonathan Greenblatt.
Photo: Facebook.

antisemitism and steering it toward partisan social action issues.

The latest example of this was his kumbaya remarks to a J Street audience when he effectively endorsed moral equivalence between Israelis and Palestinians, complained of our failure to recognize the legitimacy of the Palestinian narrative, questioned Israel's democratic structure, engaged in partisan electoral politics and condemned the Republican platform as "anti-Zionist" for omitting a two-state structure, and insisted that groups supporting the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement, which he admittedly condemns, are "animated by a desire for justice."

Greenblatt also continues to align the ADL with the Black Lives Matter movement, despite that the movement has accused Israel of ethnic cleansing and genocide and called on black institutions to support BDS. He refuses to disassociate from them and continues to promote Black Lives Matter in the ADL's educational and family discussion guides in schools and elsewhere. He considers that this organization, despite its antisemitism, is promoting "critical civil rights issues that merit attention" and that only "a small minority of the leaders" are responsible for the antisemitic campaigns.

Greenblatt, formerly employed in the Obama administration, does not seem to appreciate that his current organization — which has a charity budget in excess of \$50 million — has a primary role to resist

naïve Western audiences, there is no question in the mind of anyone who understands the situation that Jews would not be tolerated in any Palestinian hegemony — and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has publicly said it repeatedly.

The Palestinian Authority officially supports this approach and I can only express regret that, presumably out of sensitivities to liberal Americans who refuse to confront this reality, it took so long for Netanyahu to shine the spotlight on this despicable abomination. After all, this highlights the outrageous fact that the Palestinians seek to delegitimize a Jewish presence throughout the biblical homeland. Other than some Muslim countries, there is no place in the world today where Jews are prohibited from living.

Netanyahu is paving the way for Israel's response to a predictable United Nations assault on its policies later in the year. The reference to Israel's Arab citizens makes the valid point that, despite the inevitable upheavals during the 1948 war when the nascent Jewish state was invaded by the combined armies of multiple Arab states, at no stage has Israel engaged in systematic ethnic cleansing of its Arab inhabitants.

Not surprisingly, the State Department responded that "using this type of terminology is inappropriate and unhelpful" and reiterated that settlement construction was an obstacle to peace. In so doing, they failed to address the legitimate question raised by Netanyahu as to whether they accept that a Palestinian

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We Are What We Remember



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

One reason religion has survived in the modern world despite four centuries of secularisation is that it answers the three questions every reflective human being will ask at some time in his or her life: Who am I? Why am I here? How then shall I live?

These cannot be answered by the four great institutions of the modern West: science, technology, the market economy and the liberal democratic state. Science tells us how but not why. Technology gives us power but cannot tell us how to use that power. The market gives us choices but does not tell us which choices to make. The liberal democratic state as a matter of principle holds back from endorsing any particular way of life. The result is that contemporary culture sets before us an almost infinite range of possibilities, but does not tell us who we are, why we are here, and how we should live.

Yet these are fundamental questions. Moses' first question to God in their first encounter at the burning bush was "Who am I?" The plain sense of the verse is that it was a rhetorical question: Who am I to undertake the extraordinary task of leading an entire people to freedom? But beneath the plain sense was a genuine question of identity. Moses had been brought up by an Egyptian princess, the daughter of Pharaoh. When he rescued Jethro's daughters from the local Midianite shepherds, they went back and told their father, "An Egyptian man delivered us." Moses looked and spoke like an Egyptian.

He then married Zipporah, one of Jethro's daughters, and spent decades as a Midianite shepherd. The chronology is not entirely clear but since he was a relatively young man when he went to Midian and was eighty years old when he started leading the Israelites, he spent most of his adult life with his Midianite father-in-law, tending his sheep. So when he asked God, "Who am I?" beneath the surface there was a real question. Am I an Egyptian, a Midianite, or a Jew?

By upbringing he was an Egyptian, by experience he was a Midianite. Yet what proved decisive was his ancestry. He was a descendant of Abraham, the child of Amram and Yocheved. When he asked God his second question, "Who are you?" God first told him, "I will be what I will be." But then he gave him a second answer:

Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, the name you shall call Me from generation to generation.

Here too there is a double sense. On the surface God was telling Moses what to tell the Israelites when they asked, "Who sent you to us?" But at a deeper level the Torah is telling us about the nature of identity. The answer to the question, "Who am I?" is not simply a matter of where I was born, where I spent my childhood or my adult life or of which country I am a citizen. Nor is it answered in terms of what I do for a living, or what are my interests and passions. These things are about where I am and what I am but not *who* I am.

God's answer — I am the God of your fathers — suggests some fundamental propositions. First, identity runs through genealogy. It is a matter of who my parents were, who their parents were and so on. This is not always true. There are adopted children. There are children who make a conscious break from their parents. But for most of us, identity lies in uncovering the story of our ancestors, which, in the case of Jews, given the unparalleled dislocations of Jewish life, is almost always a tale of journeys, courage, suffering or escapes from suffering, and sheer endurance.

Second, the genealogy itself tells a story. Immediately after telling Moses to tell the people he had been sent by the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, God continued:

Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites,

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Metal fish hooks, dozens of lead weights and a large bronze bell were among the finds.
Photo: Clara Amit/Israel Antiquities Authority.

Fisherman's House From Ottoman Period Discovered on Ashkelon Beach

BY JNS.ORG

A fisherman's house from the Ottoman period was uncovered in an archeological excavation on the beach in Ashkelon, the Israel Antiquities Authority revealed Tuesday.

Two of the buildings discovered were used as a fisherman's house and a watch tower on a hilltop overlooking the beach and Mediterranean Sea.

"This is the first time that a building was exposed in Ashkelon that we can attribute with certainty to the

fishery industry," excavation directors Federico Kobrin and Haim Mamliya said in a prepared statement.

The excavation was conducted by young residents of Ashkelon at the initiative of the Ashkelon Economic Company and led by the Israel Antiquities Authority as a way to educate local youth about their past history.

"The young people participated in uncovering part of their city's past; they labored diligently and conscientiously, showed their interest and curiosity regarding the finds, and it was a pleasure to work with them," Kobrin said.

Israel Seeking Chinese-Speaking Tour Guides

BY JNS.ORG

With Chinese tourism to Israel increasing, the Jewish state's Ministry of Tourism is looking to university students to fill its lack of Chinese-speaking tour guides.

The ministry is offering a nearly \$4,000 grant to each undergraduate or graduate student of East Asia Studies who undergoes the rigorous tour-guide course and becomes licensed to lead Chinese groups.



China and Israel flags.
Photo: Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Israel has made significant investments to encourage the rising trend of incoming Chinese tourism, such as approving numerous entry visas and cancelling group visa fees.

Israel's Tourism Ministry reports that tourism from China grew 43 percent from 2014 to 2015. It estimates that 100,000 residents of China will visit Israel by 2018.

American Associates of Israel's Ben-Gurion University Elects New Leader

BY JNS.ORG

A new president has been elected to lead the American Associates, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (AABGU), an initiative based in New York City supporting the university and southern Israel community.

The freshly elected Toni Young, an author, replaces New York real estate mogul Lloyd Goldman, who served as AABGU president for four years.

In a statement, Young said, "I'm excited about this new challenge and look forward to building upon and expanding the initiatives that Lloyd Goldman and other former AABGU presidents and board members have developed so successfully."

"I'm particularly thrilled to serve during the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev 2020 Vision 50th Anniversary Campaign," Young added. "I plan to increase connections between the American community and BGU, and bring in new friends and supporters who understand the miracle we are creating in the Negev desert and how important BGU is to the success of Israel."

Young previously served as first vice president on the AABGU's board, and was formerly the first female president of the Jewish Federation of Delaware. She has also been on the national boards of the Jewish Federations of North America, the Jewish Agency for Israel and the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.



Toni Young, the new president of the American Associates of Ben-Gurion University. Photo: Courtesy.

Tradition.

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Remember

Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.’ (Ex. 3:16-17)

It was not simply that God was the God of their ancestors. He was also the God who made certain promises: that He would bring them from slavery to freedom, from exile to the Promised Land. The Israelites were part of a narrative extended over time. They were part of an unfinished story, and God was about to write the next chapter.

What is more, when God told Moses that He was the God of the Israelites’ ancestors, he added, “This is My eternal name, this is how I am to be recalled [*zikhri*] from



generation to generation.” God was here saying that He is *beyond* time – “This is my eternal name” – but when it comes to human understanding, He lives *within* time, “from generation to generation.” The way He does this is through the handing on of memory: “This is how I am to be recalled.” Identity is not just a matter of who my parents were. It is also a matter of what *they remembered and handed on to me*. Personal identity is shaped by individual memory. Group identity is formed by collective memory.

All of this is by way of prelude to a remarkable law in today’s parsha. It tells us that first-fruits were to be taken to “the place God chooses,” i.e. Jerusalem. They were to be handed to the priest, and each was to make the following declaration:

“My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great, powerful and populous nation. The Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the Lord, the God of our ancestors, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our suffering, our harsh labour and our distress. The Lord then brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with great fearsomeness and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. I am now bringing the first-fruits of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” (Deut. 26:5-10)

We know this passage because, at least since Second Temple times it has been a central part of the Haggadah, the story we tell at the Seder table. But note that it was

originally to be said on bringing first-fruits, which was not on Pesach. Usually it was done on Shavuot.

What makes this law remarkable is this: We would expect, when celebrating the soil and its produce, to speak of the God of nature. *But this text is not about nature*. It is about history. It is about a distant ancestor, a “wandering Aramean,” It is the story of our ancestors. It is a narrative explaining why I am here, and why the people to whom I belong is what it is and where it is. There was nothing remotely like this in the ancient world, and there is nothing quite like it today. As Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi said in his classic book *Zakhor, Jews were the first people to see God in history, the*

first to see an overarching meaning in history, and the first to make memory a religious duty.

That is why Jewish identity has proven to be the most tenacious the world has ever known: the only identity ever sustained by a minority dispersed throughout the world for two thousand years, one that eventually led Jews back to the land and state of Israel, turning Hebrew, the language of the Bible, into a living speech again after a lapse of many centuries in which it was used only for poetry and prayer. We are what we remember, and the first-fruits declaration was a way of ensuring that Jews would never forget.

In the past few years, a spate of books has appeared in the United States asking whether the American story is still being told, still being taught to children, still framing a story that speaks to all its citizens, reminding successive generations of the battles that had to be fought for there to be a “new birth of freedom,” and the virtues needed for liberty to be sustained. The sense of crisis in each of these works is palpable, and though the authors come from very different positions in the political spectrum, their thesis is roughly the same: If you forget the story, you will lose your identity. There is such a thing as a national equivalent of Alzheimer’s. Who we are depends on what we remember, and in the case of the contemporary West, a failure of collective memory poses a real and present danger to the future of liberty.

Jews have told the story of who we are for longer and more devotedly than any other people on the face of the earth. That is what makes Jewish identity so

rich and resonant. In an age in which computer and smartphone memories have grown so fast, from kilobytes to megabytes to gigabytes, while human memories have become so foreshortened, there is an important Jewish message to humanity as a whole. You can’t delegate memory to machines. You have to renew it regularly and teach it to the next generation. Winston Churchill said: “The longer you can look back, the further you can see forward.” Or to put it slightly differently: Those who tell the story of their past have already begun to build their children’s future.

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are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of MAHLIA ROBINSON aka MAHALIA ROBINSON, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 144-45 87th Avenue, Jamaica, NY, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of MAHLIA ROBINSON aka MAHALIA ROBINSON, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate’s Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 3rd day of November, 2016 at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$23,217.00 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim of Silvercrest Extended Care Facility in the amount of \$178,107.98 should not be rejected; and why the claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$467,474.68 should not be partially paid to the extent of the net distributable estate, Dated, Attested and Sealed 30th day of August, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon

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File No.: 2015-2313 CITATION SURROGATE’S COURT, New York COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Stephen Rabinowitz, Andra Rabinowitz Davis, Judy Rabinowitz Bartman, Barbara Goldblatt, David Goldblatt, Dan Goldblatt, Jeffrey Rabinowitz, (Public Administrator of the County of New York), To the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of the County of New York), To the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Robert Siegelman who is/are domiciled at 7870 Veronawalk Boulevard, Naples, Florida 34114 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate’s Court, New York County at 31 Chambers Street, New York, Room 503, New York on October 28th, 2016, at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Shirley Siegelman lately domiciled at 162 West 54th Street, Apartment 5-C, New York, New York 10019, United States admitting to probate a Will dated May 9, 2012 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Shirley Siegelman deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Robert Siegelman Dated, Attested and Sealed September 9th, 2016 Hon. Nora S Anderson Surrogate. Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Daisy Echevarria, Esq. Matthew J. Nolfo & Associates 275 Madison Avenue, Suite 1714, New York, New York 10016 (212) 286-9499 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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Notice of qualification of GENUINE FOOD LAB LLC Appl. for Auth. Filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08 26 2016 Office location kings county LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on June 4 2013 Office of LLC the company corporation 2711 Centerville Rd. ste 400 Wilmington DE 19809. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to The LLC 1369 New York Ave. NE. Washington, DC 20002 purpose any lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Leah Bullard; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 27, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as

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2402 Snyder Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5110 Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$307,402.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502137/2014. Leo Salzman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 29, 2016
AJ 9/23/30; 10/7/14

Notice of Formation of Aventure Global Planning Staffing Translating LLC. Arts. Of Org filed with Secy. Of St. of NY (SSNY) on 9/9/16. Office location: Richmond County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The LLC, Attn: Anthony Vento, 603 Naughton Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: meeting planning and any lawful activity.
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Notice of formation of limited liability company LLC name East Meets West New York LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06 28th 2016 Office location Richmond County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC c/o Moshe Levi 20 Lambert Johnson Dr., Ocean, NJ 07712 purpose any lawful activity
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. DANIELLE KRAMER; MICHAEL A. MASTROGIOVANNI; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about July 22, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York. On October 27, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1844 EAST 37TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234 Block: 8480 Lot: 68 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,270.08 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 502755/2014 Leo Salzman, Esq.; REFEREE
AJ 9/23/30; 10/7/14

Notice of Formation of limited liability company LLC name Bay Parkway Building Management LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 07 11 2016 Office location Kings County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail copy of process to the LLC c/o Bentley Shang Zhao 4918 3rd Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity
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