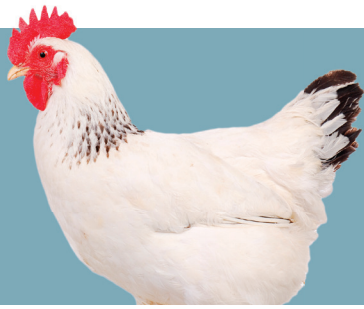


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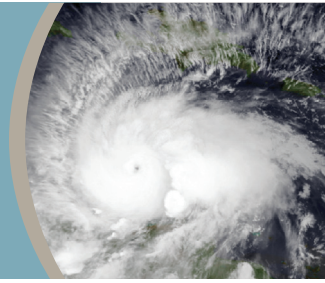
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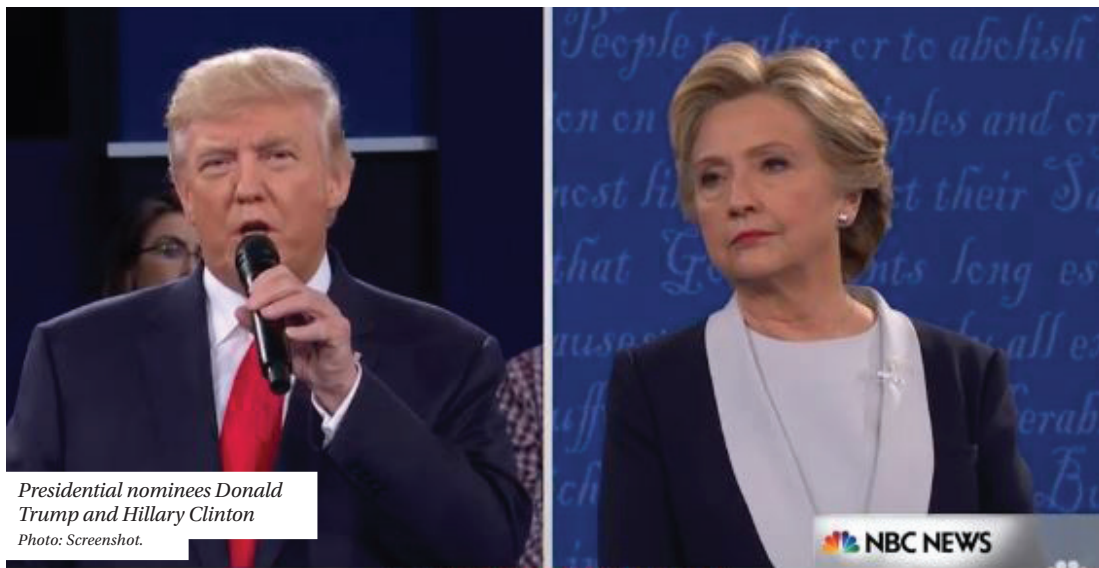
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## Second Presidential Debate Highlights Candidates' Opposing Views on Mideast



Presidential nominees Donald  
Trump and Hillary Clinton  
Photo: Screenshot.

BY JNS.ORG

In the second US presidential debate Sunday evening, both Republican nominee Donald Trump and Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton continued to disagree on handling the situation in the Middle East.

While the highly anticipated debate was mostly focused on how the candidates would respond to

Trump's controversial comments on women, when it came to foreign policy, both Trump and Clinton specifically discussed the Syrian Civil War, the Islamic State (ISIS) and Russian involvement.

On Syria and Iraq, Trump argued the U.S. should focus on targeting the Islamic State and not going after Syrian President Bashar al-Assad or his Russian backers, who have been accused of war crimes in their siege of rebel forces

in the Syrian city of Aleppo.

"We have to worry about ISIS before we can get too much more involved," Trump said. "I don't like Assad at all. But Assad is killing ISIS. Russia is killing ISIS."

Notably, Trump also disagreed with his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, who has said that Russian actions in Syria should be met with "American strength," and the US should be

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## Report: Obama Administration 'Manufacturing Crisis' With Israel to Apply Pressure on Jewish State

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

With its eyes on the potential launch of an Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative after next month's presidential election, the Obama administration is "manufacturing a crisis" over settlement construction, to exert diplomatic pressure on the Jewish state, The Weekly Standard reported



Secretary of State John Kerry with President Barack Obama.  
Photo: White House.

on Sunday, citing sources in Congress and the American Jewish community.

Last week, the administration raised many eyebrows with its unusually strident criticism of Israel's settlement policies following the approval of dozens of new homes in the West Bank. One congressional source told The Weekly Standard that the administration had been "waiting for an opening" to hit hard against Israel, and an official with an American-Jewish organization was quoted as saying the administration "wants to be

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## Opinion.

## When the New York Times Is for the Birds

IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

One of the best (or worst, depending on how you think about it) ways to see the *New York Times'* egregious bias against Jews is to look for double standards.

An excellent (or horrible) recent example of this was an editorial condemning the New York City Parks department for offering women-only bathing hours at a Brooklyn swimming pool frequented by Orthodox Jews. A previous *Times* article had praised a Toronto pool that offered women-only hours geared to Muslims as "a model of inclusion." The double standard was clear; the *Times* approved of women-only pool hours to accommodate religious Muslims, while opposing women-only pool hours to accommodate religious Jews.

Recent issues of the *New York Times* offered two more clear examples of anti-Jewish double standards in the newspaper's coverage. A column from Brooklyn described "the practice, called kaporos or kapparot, ... meant to transfer a person's sins to the chicken." It ran under the headline, "A Raw Deal for Chickens, as Jews Atone for Sins," and focused on the practice being not good for chickens. Contrast it to another column

that also ran this week in the *New York Times*, headlined, "In Senegal, Absolution Comes With a Wing and a Prayer." It reports on how in the African nation of Senegal, caged birds are kept and sold. "The idea is to whisper prayers to the bird and then let it fly away, taking your problems with it," the *Times* reported. Yet that *Times* column doesn't mention anything about how unfortunate it is for the birds in the cages, let alone dwell on it. Likewise, this week's *New York Times* food section featured a (non-kosher) recipe for "chicken potpie for the modern cook" and a review of a (also not kosher) fried chicken restaurant, without expressing even a scintilla of anxiety on behalf of the chickens involved.

Got that? When it's Brooklyn yuppies eating fried chicken, or "modern" *Times* readers baking them into pot pies, or even Senegalese capturing and caging birds for use in rituals, the *Times* doesn't give a flying feather about the welfare of the animals. Yet when Orthodox Jews get involved, all of a sudden the newspaper starts looking at life from the perspective of the chickens. It's ridiculous.

A similar double standard is on display in a scathing *Times* editorial about Israel, headlined, "At the Boiling Point With Israel."

The editorial is deeply problematic for many reasons. It calls an Israeli decision to move some Israeli settlers from one settlement to another "especially insulting." What was really insulting was the White House issuing a corrected press release deleting the word "Israel" from its description of the Mount Herzl

cemetery in western Jerusalem where President Obama attended the funeral of Shimon Peres, as if Israel's former president was somehow buried in some other country. Yet there was no *Times* editorial about that insult.

The *Times* also repeats a State Department complaint that the settlers are being moved to a place "far closer to Jordan than Israel." But Israel has a legitimate concern about Jordan's vulnerability to Islamist extremism, the instability brought by the influx of Syrian refugees there, and the fact that on the other side of Jordan are Syria and Iraq, two countries with significant territory controlled by ISIS. As Dan Diker has pointed out, when Yitzhak Rabin spoke to the Knesset in 1995, he said, "The security border for defending the State of Israel will be in the Jordan Valley, in the widest sense of that concept." Dore Gold has written about it quoting Yigal Allon. A former head of the IDF's central command, Uzi Dayan, wrote in 2014:

*Only Israel's presence on the outer eastern border of the West Bank (the Jordan River and Valley) will enable genuine demilitarization of the Palestinian Authority, which is a condition for any stable arrangement and one of Israel's fundamental conditions for agreeing to a two state solution.*

Thus Israel's only possible defensible border is in the Jordan Valley.

In addition to all these other problems with the editorial, the telltale double standard is also on display. It comes when the *Times* editorial recommends "to have the United Nations



Chickens for kapparot. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Security Council, in an official resolution, lay down guidelines for a peace agreement covering such issues as Israel's security, the future of Jerusalem, the fate of Palestinian refugees and borders for both states." Hmm. The UN Security Council — that includes, as a permanent, veto-wielding member, Russia.

The *Times* recently devoted an entire paragraph of an editorial denouncing Donald Trump to deploring the Republican presidential candidate's naivete about Russia:

*In expressing admiration for the Russian president, Vladimir Putin, Mr. Trump implies acceptance of Mr. Putin's dictatorial abuse of critics and dissenters, some of whom have turned up murdered, and Mr. Putin's vicious crackdown on the press. Even worse was Mr. Trump's urging Russia to meddle in the presidential campaign by hacking the email of former Secretary of State Clinton. Voters should consider what*

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## Securing a Future for Religious Minorities in the Middle East

BEN COHEN  
NEW YORK

You have to wonder if the barbarians fighting under the flag of the Islamic State still believe that 72 virgins will be waiting for them in paradise once they become "martyrs."

I say this not because the leaders and foot soldiers of ISIS have suddenly woken up to the possibility that this belief is based, according to several scholars, on a mistranslation of the relevant verse of the Quran; that would be expecting too much of them. I say this because they have already had a taste of that paradise here on earth, as a result of their campaign of genocide against the Yazidi religious minority in Iraq and Syria. One aspect of this horrific slaughter has been the kidnapping of thousands of Yazidi women and girls to serve as sexual slaves to these savages.

A recent report from the UN Human Rights Council — a body that spends most of its time condemning Israel for alleged human rights violations — sheds some light on both the scale and the nature of the genocide, which was ignored by the international community for far too long. The campaign against the Yazidis was launched by ISIS over two years ago, in August 2014, when its forces began an assault upon the Yazidi villages in Sinjar, a district in the northern Iraqi province of Nineveh. At least 5,000 Yazidis have been

killed during the genocide, while 3,200 women and children remain in ISIS captivity. Approximately 70,000 people, estimated to make up 15 percent of the overall Yazidi population, are reported to have fled Iraq.

The stories related by the UN report will be depressingly familiar to anyone who has studied genocide over the last century. Men and boys are either executed or forcibly converted, while women and girls exist solely for the use and pleasure of ISIS terrorists. The manner of the persecution is gruesome. "After we were captured, ISIS forced us to watch them beheading some of our Yazidi men," said one 16-year-old girl. "They made the men kneel in a line in the street, with their hands tied behind their backs. The ISIS fighters took knives and cut their throats."

Despite this reign of terror, the Yazidis have not been destroyed as a distinctive group. Before the ISIS attacks began, around 700,000 Yazidis are said to have lived in Iraq, the largest single concentration of the religion's followers. Kurdish in terms of its ethnicity, the Yazidi faith is described by scholars as



Yazidi refugees in Iraq. Photo: Wiki Commons.

syncretic, which means it combines elements of other religions, including Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity and Islam. Based on that, it's worth noting that ISIS isn't the only Islamist group that regards the Yazidis as infidels. The theology of more mainstream Islamist groups like the Muslim Brotherhood also assigns them a similar status.

Presently, the main focus for the Yazidis is the rescue of their women and girls from the clutches of ISIS. Often this is done through ransom payments, involving middlemen who collect huge sums from their families — one recently reunited family paid a total of \$34,000 for their two daughters; these ransoms are then paid to ISIS. After their release, both girls said they didn't expect that they would see each other again, describing their captors as "dirty and abusive" men, who subjected them to regular beatings.

What this illustrates is the need for greater physical security for the Yazidis, as well as for other religious minorities in the region, if and when ISIS is defeated. Without that concrete measure, continued religious and ethnic conflict in the Middle East will target vulnerable minorities first and foremost.

For that reason, the decision of the Iraqi parliament on October 4 to reject Yazidi and Assyrian Christian appeals for separate provinces should spark concern. "The Iraqi people reject any decision that partitions the Nineveh province. The people of the city determine the destiny of their city in the post-Islamic State (IS) stage," said Ahmed al-Jabra,

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## World News.

# High Anxiety Among Jerusalemites in Wake of Deadly Palestinian Shooting Rampage

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Anxiety is palpable in Jerusalem in the wake of Sunday morning's deadly Palestinian terrorist attack, which left two Israelis dead and six others wounded, Israel's *Channel 2* reported on Monday.

According to the report, the tension in the air is compounded by the heavy presence of security forces in certain parts of the city, particularly in the areas where the Sunday's shooting spree took place. Furthermore, as residents attempted to return to a semblance of routine a day before the eve of Yom Kippur — the Jewish Day of Atonement — many said that the murderous attack had shaken any sense of security they may have felt beforehand.

According to *Channel 2*, hardly a vestige of Sunday's terror attack was still visible at the scene of the three-pronged, drive-by slaying rampage, committed by a 40-year-old resident of east Jerusalem's Silwan neighborhood who was about to start serving a jail sentence for assaulting an Israeli police officer.

"People who don't pass by here on a daily basis wouldn't notice the difference," said one Jerusalemite, referring to the bolstered police activity and vigilance in examining the IDs of the city's Arab residents. "Usually, there are more people walking around and standing at bus stops. Today, there is a drastic reduction in the number of citizens out and about. On the one hand, the presence of police provides a feeling of greater safety; on the other, it serves as a reminder of why many are opting to stay at home."

Another Jerusalem denizen, however, said she was unfazed. "We are used to this situation," she shrugged. "Haven't we seen terrorist attacks before? There isn't a person in Jerusalem who hasn't been in — or knows someone who hasn't been in or witnessed — an attack. Nothing has changed in our lives since yesterday."

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prepared to launch airstrikes against the Assad government.

Over the last few months, Clinton has criticized Trump for potentially having business ties with Russia and for his praise for Russian President Vladimir Putin. Additionally, many Western governments, including the US, have slammed Russia for supporting Assad, conducting air strikes against Syria rebels and for not doing enough to target the Islamic State.

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able to say the Israelis forced them to act."

The vociferous anti-settlement rhetoric used by White House and State Department spokespersons was shortly followed by the publication of a *New York Times* editorial board op-ed calling on the administration to back a UN Security Council resolution that would outline the parameters of a two-state solution.

In response to that op-ed, Mark Dubowitz — executive director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) think tank — tweeted on Friday, "Obama is laying the



Jerusalemites at a bus stop in the area of Sunday's shooting spree. Photo: Israel's Channel 2.

An Arab passerby told *Channel 2* that police were taking advantage of the terrorist attack to make life difficult for fellow members of his community. "Because of one terrorist, we all have to suffer? People [Arabs] are afraid to move, so as not to be shot," he said.

Meanwhile, according to the Hebrew news site nrg, Palestinian news outlets were reporting about a wave of arrests being carried out in east Jerusalem. Among the detainees, the reports said, was the 16-year-old daughter of the terrorist — who was shot dead by Israeli security forces after he managed to murder 29-year-old police officer Yosef Kirma and 60-year-old Lavana Malihi. (The terrorist's father was detained and released after being interrogated in the immediate aftermath of the attack.)

Palestinian media also reported that clashes erupted between Israeli security forces and masked Palestinians during the arrest operations.

Nrg said that after the attack, celebrations were held near the home of the terrorist, lauding his slaughter of Israelis. As *The Algemeiner* reported on Sunday, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah faction glorified the terrorist, calling him a "martyr" for Allah. In two separate postings on its official Facebook page, Fatah not only praised the killer, but declared a day of mourning and general strike in his honor.

For her part, Clinton said she "would not use American ground forces in Syria" and that it would be a "serious mistake" for troops to attempt to hold territory there. However, she believes the US should create a no-fly zone in Syria and that she would prioritize targeting Islamic State leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

"I hope that by the time I am president, we will have pushed ISIS out of Iraq," she said. "I do think that there is a good chance that we can take Mosul."

groundwork for UN & EU sanctions on Israel. I've seen this playbook before."

Later the same day, Dubowitz took aim at the administration again, tweeting, "Unlike with Iran, all options are on Obama's table to pound Israel."

As reported by *The Algemeiner* extensively, many observers are expecting a US-led peace drive during the lame-duck period between the presidential election on Nov. 8 and the inauguration of Obama's successor on Jan. 20.

Last week, Malcolm Hoenlein — executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organi-

# Hamas Official: We Must Further Enhance Ties With Iran; Palestinian 'Resistance' Ready to Enter Real Battle With Israel



Top Hamas official Mahmoud al-Zahar. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A top Hamas official called for the bolstering of his group's ties with Iran and issued a threat to Israel, in an interview with the Islamic Republic's semi-official state news agency Fars on Monday.

Mahmoud al-Zahar — a co-founder of the Islamic fundamentalist terrorist organization that rules the Gaza Strip — said, "Relations with Iran are acceptable but they should further enhance and develop [and]...if the regime (Israel) is after a new war against the region, (it should know that) the Palestinian resistance, more than what they imagine, is ready to enter a real battle."

Last month, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, Mohammad Majedi — a high-ranking Iranian diplomatic official stationed in Beirut — told Hamas' envoy to Lebanon Ali Baraka that Tehran would continue to support "the Palestinian nation, the resistance groups and Palestine's Intifada against Israel's occupation." And Baraka, for his part, declared that Hamas was determined to maintain good ties with Iran.

zations — told *The Algemeiner* he had "some concerns about what Obama and others may do" regarding the Israeli-Palestinian peace process during the remainder of the president's time in the White House.

"This is based on things I heard from him a year ago about his priorities and the understandable importance of his legacy to him," Hoenlein said. "And I listen to his speeches and I have seen some of the harsh statements that are being issued, even this week, about Israeli settlement policies. The language being used is much stronger than we've seen in the past and I'm afraid that this could be indicative of what a forthcoming UN Security Council resolution against settlements, or something that goes even further, might look like."

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* last month, FDD President Clifford D. May said there was significant bipartisan concern in Washington that Obama "won't have Israel's

As reported in *The Algemeiner* earlier this year, Iran has been making serious attempts to restore its relationship with Hamas. Shiite Iran was once a main backer — both financially and militarily — of Sunni Hamas, but ties soured following the outbreak of the Syrian civil war in 2011, when they found themselves on opposite sides of the conflict and Hamas was forced to abandon its Damascus command post.

Qasem Soleimani, the commander of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps' Quds force, was quoted as saying in March, "The world has changed since the Arab Spring. Neither Iran nor Hamas is as it was before. But Hamas and Iran have the desire for a strong uprising in Palestine and confrontation against Israeli aggression. It is imperative to create a new basis for our relations."

Soleimani continued: "Over the past few years, many mistakes were made, some on the part of Hamas and some on Iran's part. Nevertheless, we both know that the resistance is in danger, and we know that the only country that can support Palestinian resistance is Iran."

back" at the UN after the November election.

May spoke with *The Algemeiner* a day after 88 US senators sent a letter to Obama urging him to veto any one-sided UN resolutions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which, he warned, "would be damaging not just to Israel, but to any possibility of peace in the near future."

Former State Department Middle East negotiator Aaron David Miller predicted for *The Algemeiner* last month that Obama "will likely do something" in the Israeli-Palestinian realm before his term in office is complete.

"I can't imagine that the president, let alone [Secretary of State] John Kerry, will be able to leave this one alone," Miller said.

In August, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed concerns to a visiting bipartisan delegation of US foreign policy experts about a potential Obama peace initiative.

## World News.



A UK man has been arrested for allegedly threatening a group of Jews while wielding an ax on Rosh Hashanah. Photo: Tony Webster / Wikimedia Commons.

## Briton Arrested Near Manchester for Allegedly Threatening Group of Jews With Ax on Rosh Hashanah

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A British man was arrested last week for allegedly threatening a group of Jews while wielding an ax on Rosh Hashanah, the Manchester Evening News reported.

According to the report, the incident took place on the early afternoon of Oct. 3 near a synagogue in an Orthodox area in the town of Prestwich, just north of Manchester.

Police who arrived at the scene after the man left were given his license plate number and he was tracked down and arrested later the same day on suspicion of committing a racially aggravated public-order offense and possessing an offensive weapon.

A local police officer was quoted by the Manchester Evening News as saying, "We take all reports of hate crime extremely seriously."

A spokesperson for Community Security

Trust (CST), a British charity that monitors antisemitism, said, "This was unfortunately a very ugly incident and we are glad that the police response has been so speedy and correct."

The suspect, 45, was released on bail until Oct. 31.

Last month, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, a Jewish child walking home from school in London was forced to remove his kippah by a gang of bullies.

As reported by *The Algemeiner*, antisemitic hate incidents in the UK jumped in the first half of 2016, with the Jewish community being targeted on an average of three times per day.

In August, the head of the CST told *The Algemeiner* that British Jews were "being denied justice" by their country's main criminal prosecution agency, as it failed to crack down on antisemitic hate crimes.

Putin, the *Times* finds it unacceptable. But when President Obama and the *Times* editorial writers want to use Putin to do a UN end-run around letting Israel's elected government make its own security decisions, that's a whole different story; that's Russian meddling the *Times* endorses rather than condemns.

Which brings us back, in conclusion, to the topic of chickens and birds. And to one thing that the *New York Times* might be good for: lining the bottom of birdcages.

Happy New Year.

national Criminal Court." And there are signs that process is in motion, with both the US and British governments formally acknowledging that the Yazidis have experienced a genocide in the legal sense of the term.

What is worrying is that measures to protect the Yazidis from future brutalities have been set back by the Iraqi parliament's decision. As Jews from Middle Eastern countries know only too well, being a minority in the midst of profound instability in Arab and Muslim societies is not a fate anyone would want. The only way to protect yourself is by exercising some significant degree of self-determination, including the right of self-defense, secured by international guarantee. After all, we Jews were only able to say "Never again" once we secured the means to prevent further persecution, in the form of the state of Israel. The other religious minorities of the Middle East deserve no less.

Ben Cohen, senior editor of *The Tower*.

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sort of deals Mr. Putin might obtain if Mr. Trump, his admirer, wins the White House.

So there's the double standard for you: The *Times* editorialists shudder at the thought of Russia meddling in the American presidential campaign. Yet these same editorial writers are eager to turn the future of Jerusalem and Israel's border security over to a UN Security Council that includes a veto-wielding ambassador of Vladimir Putin. When Donald Trump says anything the vaguest way positive about

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a Sunni member of parliament, justifying the vote. Conveniently, for the Sunni Arab population, the vote also means that Yazidis and other minorities, who have been dispossessed from the region, will be reluctant to come back. Viyan Dakhil, a Yazidi member of the Iraqi parliament, has already said that Yazidis will be wary of returning to the Nineveh province without significant changes in its administration.

It was Dakhil who first alerted the world to the slaughter of the Yazidis in 2014, when her emotional plea to the world to save her people went viral on the Internet. In a speech earlier this year at the UN in Geneva, arranged by the dedicated staff of UN Watch — a nongovernmental organization, Dakhil declared, "The international community has to support us, to call upon the U.N. Security Council to recognize what is happening to us as genocide, and to refer our case to the Inter-

## 'My Heart Is Crumbling Into Little Pieces,' Says Young Widow at Funeral of 'Hero' Police Officer Slain by Palestinian Terrorist on Shooting Rampage

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The wife of the police officer murdered on Sunday by the Palestinian terrorist he was trying to neutralize said her "heart is crumbling into little pieces," the Hebrew news site nrg reported from Yosef Kirma's funeral at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem a few hours after the mass shooting attack.

In her eulogy, Noy Kirma, whose husband had been awarded a medal of honor last December for thwarting a Palestinian stabbing attack on kindergarten kids, continued: "How many plans we had — for a home and children. You loved me more than I love myself."

"You were my shoulder to lean on..." said the young widow, who had been married to the Israeli hero for only six months before his life was cut short. "You were loved by all. You were number one in their eyes. Number one in my eyes. I don't know how the world will turn without you...You will be in my heart until the day I die."

Kirma's father, Uzi, vowed to his dead son that he would protect and support his daughter-in-law, whom he said he considers a child of his own. "Yossi, I love you. People here know what a good soul you were...Rest in peace. It's impossible to go on without you."

As was reported in *The Algemeiner*, Kirma, 29, was one of two Israelis slain by the 40-year-old terrorist from the Silwan neighborhood of Jerusalem. The other was 60-year-old Lavana Malihi, who — like Kirma — died of the gunshot wounds she sustained in the attack after she was evacuated to the

Hadassah Medical Center, with the other victims of the shooting spree near police headquarters in northern Jerusalem.

Malihi was a pensioner who had worked for more than 30 years in the Knesset, first in its cafeteria and then in housekeeping. According to nrg, she was remembered fondly by all as a devoted and caring person and employee. Even after retiring in 2010, the report said, she remained in touch with coworkers and participated in various Knesset events. She is survived by a husband, three daughters and six grandchildren.

Her funeral, which was held on Sunday evening, was not open to the press at the request of the family.

"We are mourning and in pain," Malihi's nephew said. "We are trying to absorb this bitter news. We send condolences to the family of the other person murdered and wish a speedy recovery to the wounded."

Kirma's funeral was attended by members of the top police brass and politicians, including Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat and Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan.

This was the latest attack in the ongoing "lone-wolf" intifada against Israelis that began a year ago in September. Erdan, who also serves as Minister of Strategic Affairs and Information, has been on a campaign against Palestinian incitement on social media.

As *The Algemeiner* reported, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah faction took to Facebook in the aftermath of Sunday's bloody drive-by shooting spree and lauded its perpetrator, calling him a "martyr" for Allah.

## Rabbi Severely Beaten in Ukraine, Airlifted to Israel in Serious Condition

BY JNS.ORG

A rabbi who was severely beaten at a Ukrainian train station has been airlifted to Israel where he remains in serious but stable condition.

Rabbi Mendel Deitsch, a longtime Chabad-Lubavitch emissary in France and more recently Israel, was attacked at the central train station in the Ukrainian city of Zhitomir early Friday morning.

According to Chabad, the attack was apparently carried out by a "group of drunks" was motivated by theft and not anti-Semitism.

"It should be noted that this is an unusual case that does not in any way reflect on the community in Ukraine," said Rabbi Shlomo Wilhelm, director of Chabad-Lubavitch of Zhitomir. "Apparently, this is not a case of anti-

Semitism. Rabbi Deitsch was attacked and beaten while being robbed."

Following the attack, Deitsch underwent emergency surgery in Zhitomir then was



Rabbi Mendel Deitsch. Photo: Chabad.org

airlifted to Israel by medical transport and now remains in serious but stable condition in Tel Hashomer Hospital in Ramat Gan.

org & *The Tower Magazine*, writes a weekly column for *JNS.org* on Jewish affairs and Middle Eastern politics. His writings have been published in *Commentary*, the *New York Post*, *Haaretz*, *The Wall Street*

*Journal*, and many other publications. He is the author of "Some of My Best Friends: A Journey Through Twenty-First Century Antisemitism" (Edition Critic, 2014).

## U.S. News.

## Columbia Student Launches One-Man Counter-Demonstration Against 'Jew-Hater, Hitler-Lover' at Campus Entrance

BY LEA SPEYER

A Columbia University student told *The Algemeiner* on Friday that he launched a one-man demonstration against a "Jew-hater and Hitler-lover" parading around the campus gates on Thursday, "to show we will not stand silently for antisemitism."

Rudy Rochman, a pro-Israel activist, said that he decided to take matters into his own hands when he saw the outsider holding up a poster that said: "Google it!!! Jews financed black slavery." He said quickly drew up his own banner — reading: "This is what antisemitism looks like" — and held it up alongside the Jew-hating protester until the other person left the premises.

Rochman told *The Algemeiner* the individual has appeared at Columbia numerous times in the past with antisemitic signs, but that, to his knowledge, this is the first time anyone has counter-protested.



Columbia student Rudy Rochman (right), counter-demonstrating against an antisemitic activist on campus. Photo: Courtesy.

According to the blog *IsraeliCool*, two New York Police Department officers showed up about an hour after Rochman, but did not take any action. Some time later, more policemen arrived and told the man to leave. After initially refusing, he eventually complied.

This is but one of many incidents of this nature at the

university, located in upper Manhattan. According to a campus watchdog report, Columbia ranked first as the school with the largest increase in antisemitic activity between 2015 and 2016.

## Rabbinic Official: 'Disgraceful' That Jewish Group Would Exploit High Holiday Liturgy to Spread Antisemitism

BY LEA SPEYER

It is disgraceful that any group, especially a Jewish one, would use the liturgy of the high holy days for anti-Israel and antisemitic purposes, a leading official from a New York rabbinical organization told *The Algemeiner* on Friday.

"We use this time to strengthen relationships with one another, not denigrate and sully the name of Jews," said Rabbi Joseph Potasnik, executive vice president of the New York Board of Rabbis, referring to a new Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) guide, called "Rosh Hashana 5777 Table Blessing Ritual."

The guide's section for the traditional blessing over wine recited on Rosh Hashanah, for example, claims that the Israeli "military occupation" is responsible for repressing the Palestinian people by stealing their farmland.

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In a "special reading" before the recitation of the Shehecheyanu blessing — which is traditionally recited for new and special occasions — the guide equates the historical

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antisemitic persecution of Jews with "the military occupation of Palestine by Israel, done in the name of all Jews."

The guide also endorses the Black Lives Matter movement, whose platform, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, declares Israel an "apartheid state" that "practices systemic discrimination" and "genocide" against Palestinians. In addition, it "celebrates victories" against Israel by listing "bodies of faith, institutions and corporations choosing to divest from the Occupation in 5776 [the previous Jewish year]."

JVP, Potasnik said, is entirely and solely focused on attacking Israel. "There is no discussion about what is being done to Israel, like the Jews coming under attack by Palestinian terrorists. They are using a microscope to examine Israel's behavior and what the country does wrong. JVP has one standard for Israel and another for everyone else," he told

*The Algemeiner.*

The name of the group, Potasnik said, is not reflective of its mission. "They call themselves a 'voice of peace,' but they are anything but peaceful," he told *The Algemeiner*. Judaism, he said, is "universalistic and particularistic at once, so Jews are always praying for the entire world, but JVP does not ask for peace for everyone."

JVP is a vocal proponent of the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement. According to a recent campus watchdog study, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, it has "expanded its presence on American campuses...helping [anti-Israel organizations] legitimize anti-Zionist rhetoric and effectively defend against accusations of antisemitism."

JVP did not respond to *The Algemeiner's* request for comment.

*Rachel Frommer contributed to this report.*

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## Opinion.

# Debating 98 New Homes: The US-Israel Settlement Tensions

ALEX TRAIMAN  
/JNS>ORG

Israel's newly approved plan to build 98 homes in the Shiloh Valley, in northern Samaria, has renewed longstanding tensions between President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the issue of West Bank settlement construction.

Both the US State Department and the White House have issued statements censuring the plan, continuing the pattern in which condemnation emerges whenever Israel announces plans to build in territories captured from Jordan during the 1967 Six-Day War. These territories lie at the center of a 50-year land dispute between Israelis and Palestinians.

The Israeli government intends to construct these new West Bank homes to replace some 40 residences standing on the nearby hilltop of Amona, a few miles south of the Shiloh valley, that, as ordered by Israel's Supreme Court, must be demolished before the year's end.

"From Israel's perspective, the Netanyahu government is trying to resolve a problem of being under pressure to dismantle what, according to Israeli law, is an illegal settlement, and it is trying to find a solution for those people in another settlement," said Professor Jonathan Rynhold, a senior lecturer at Israel's Bar-Ilan University and senior

research associate at the Begin-Sadat Center for Strategic Studies.

Many within Israel's government coalition are against the demolition in Amona, where, in 2006, protesters violently clashed with police during the demolition of nine homes.

"The Netanyahu government is stuck between the White House and his right-wing coalition partners," Rynhold told JNS.org.

## US and Israeli officials fire barbs

State Department spokesman Mark Toner was the first to condemn Israel's plans, saying last Wednesday that it, "contradicts previous public statements by the government of Israel that it had no intention of creating new settlements. And this settlement's location deep in the West Bank, far closer to Jordan than Israel, would link a string of outposts that effectively divide the West Bank and make the possibility of a viable Palestinian state more remote."

Soon after, White House Spokesman Josh Earnest called into question the health of the friendship between the two strategic allies. "We had public assurances from the Israeli government that contradict this new announcement — so when you talk about how friends treat each other, this is also a source of concern," Earnest said.

Israel's Foreign Ministry shot back with a statement claiming, "The 98 housing units approved in Shiloh do not constitute a 'new settlement.' This housing will be built on state land in the existing settlement of Shiloh and will not change its municipal boundary or geographic footprint."

The statement continued, "The real obstacle to peace is not the settlements — a final status issue that can and must be resolved in negotiations between the parties — but the persistent Palestinian rejection of a Jewish state in any boundaries."

The spat between Israel and the US on settlements, according to Rynhold, "reflects the longstanding disagreement between the Israeli right and the United States all the way back to 1967."

On Thursday, Israel's Deputy Defense Minister Eli Ben-Dahan confirmed on Israel's Kol Chai radio that Netanyahu told Obama that no new settlements would be established throughout the duration of a newly-signed \$38 billion military aid package to Israel, but claimed that the buildings would not constitute a new settlement.

In a strongly worded rebuttal to the White House and the State Department, Ben-Dahan said, the pledge "does not make Israel a hostage of the United States."

## Who has legal and moral claims to the West Bank?

According to Oded Revivi, chief foreign envoy of the Council of Judea and Samaria (YESHA), "there should be no contention about building within the municipal boundaries of the existing community of Shiloh. The Jewish connection to ancient Shiloh goes back thousands of years. It was the first capital of the ancient Jewish Kingdom of Israel and site of the Holy Tabernacle for 369 years."

"No other nation has more of a legal, biblical or historical right to Shiloh," Revivi



View of an outpost situated near the Israeli settlement of Shiloh, outside of Jerusalem.  
Photo: Mendy Hechtman/FLASH90.

told JNS.org.

Yet the White House and members of Israel's opposition disagree. In previous negotiation attempts, Left-wing Israeli governments have offered the land to the Palestinians.

Gilad Grossman, a spokesman for the nongovernmental organization Yesh Din, which filed the legal claim in Israel's Supreme Court against the houses in Amona, insisted that the planned homes constitute a new settlement.

"Our position is that all settlements and outposts are illegal," Grossman told JNS.org. "Building new ones is against international law." Yet, Grossman noted, the plans need to go through additional approvals before being built.

"There are many steps that the plan needs to go through before it is fully approved," he explained. "We have to see now if the new plans abide by existing Israeli laws."

Meanwhile, the debate on the legitimacy of settlements rages on both within Israel, as well as between Israel and the US. Tensions between the strategic allies are likely to continue through the remaining months of the Obama presidency.

According to Revivi, the longtime mayor of Efrat, one of Israel's largest settlements, "Our communities were built on strong moral and legal ground, and the law isn't as simple as suggested by the State Department."

# Our Moral Bankruptcy on Syria Betrays Every American Value



ALON BEN MEIR  
NEW YORK

Much has been written about the unfolding tragedy in Syria, but how many of these unimaginable atrocities have truly reached the consciousness of the American public? President Obama still refuses to stop the slaughter, which means that thousands more innocent men, women and children are butchered each week, with no end in sight.

I urge every reader of this column to spare a moment and imagine the plight of the Syrian people, especially the children. This is what you will see: more than 50,000 children under the age of 15 have been killed — if they stood shoulder to shoulder, they would form a line 80 miles long. Two and a half million children are languishing in refugee camps, including 306,000 that have been born since the civil war began in 2011. Eight million children inside and outside of the country are in desperate need of food and medical care. More than 15,000 children have crossed

Syria's borders by themselves; many were left to die, not ever knowing what happened to them and why. One in three children have endured horrific violence against them and their families, and more than 2.5 million children have no access to basic education.

Take another moment and imagine children being pulled from the rubble — the dead, the severely wounded, the unconscious, and the ones who are still awake but do not know what happened to them and why.

The death toll of children and adults alike has been reduced to mere numbers — "worthless" statistics — that no longer resonate, because we have become comfortably numb to them. As you keep imagining, you will see countless children waiting like sacrificial lambs to be slaughtered on the altar of the international community's complete and utter moral bankruptcy.

What happened to our moral responsibility? How can we watch Aleppo's systematic destruction and allow the daily massacre of hundreds of innocent women and children? I shed tears for every child. I weep for every little lifeless body who never knew what was happening around them, or why they were ever born.

No words can describe the atrocities and savagery raging in Syria, and yet they are met

with indifference and ineptitude by the international community and America. If we do not rise to stop this madness, who will?

How many more times should we attempt to establish a ceasefire with Russia only for it to be violated again and again? Putin is a ruthless and deceitful dictator with no conscience or human decency. His ambition in the Middle East trumps the lives of every Syrian citizen; he is morally corrupt at his core.

We should have long since known that no ceasefire agreement with Russia will hold as long as Putin believes that time is on his side, and that he can further consolidate his gains because of our unwillingness to put an end to the slaughter with the use of force.

Only recently, John Kerry expressed deep frustration about the Obama Administration's approach to resolving the conflict, and he correctly pointed out that if diplomacy is not backed by the credible threat of force, it is doomed to fail.

This is precisely why Putin and Assad felt they could violate the second ceasefire with impunity. Indeed, the failure to punish Assad when he crossed Obama's red line and used chemical weapons in 2013 left him and Putin undeterred to indiscriminately kill and maim, leaving nothing but the shadows of hell lurking behind.

The question for the US is how much longer we can afford to watch from the sidelines and allow the unforgivable slaughter of innocent men, women, and children to continue unabated? Whether or not we aim to establish another ceasefire, we must first send a clear and unambiguous message to Putin and Assad.

Obama must immediately establish a no-fly zone with the full cooperation of

Turkey, which is eager to do so; authorize the bombing of Assad's runways and air force hangers to destroy much of his military planes; and provide moderate rebels such as the Free Syrian Army, which the US has been supporting from day one, with shoulder-fired rockets to down low-flying drones and helicopters to end the dropping of barrel bombs that kill indiscriminately and lay complete neighborhoods in ruin. These military measures will inhibit the Russians from attacking areas held by the rebels, as Putin would certainly not want to escalate tensions with the US.

This may seem as if we are waging a proxy war against Russia. Yes we are; we have been waging a proxy war against Russia for five years. We have been supporting the rebels against Assad while Russia has been aiding Assad's militarily; what's worse, more than a year ago it openly joined the military campaign.

While the battle against ISIS is necessary, it should not have been done at the expense of leaving Putin and Assad to hammer the rebels freely, and in the process kill an untold number of innocent civilians.

To be sure, Obama's unwillingness to take forceful actions in Syria in the past five years led to the disintegration of the country, which is a continuation of Bush's disastrous Iraq war, only in another form.

Taking such decisive military measures is still in line with President Obama's unwillingness to introduce ground troops in yet another regional conflict because a) it does not risk the lives of many of our soldiers, and b) it will not cause considerable collateral damage. We cannot remain idle because the alternative is simply unthinkable.

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Putin would have a completely free hand to do what he wishes in Syria, and be able expand his outreach to other countries in the region, substantially enhance his credibility as an unwavering supporter of his allies, and dangerously infringe on America's sphere of geostrategic influence with impunity.

Iran will not hesitate to further increase its military and material support of Assad, consolidate its presence in Syria, and kill as many rebels "in the name of Allah." It will be further emboldened to intimidate the Gulf States and intensify its military campaign in Yemen in its pursuit of regional hegemony.

Assad, who has been gaining both in territory and prestige in recent months as a result of Putin's unmitigated support, will have no reason to compromise and will continue to fight to the last rebel to ensure that he will be a significant part of any future solution to the conflict.

Though Russia, Iran and Assad are guilty of war crimes, they sadly still have a role to play in shaping Syria's future. However, no negotiation with Putin should ever take place before we undertake such a military campaign, and any future negotiations must also be conditional upon the cessation of all hostilities by Putin and Assad first.

Abandoning Syria to the whims of Putin and Assad and allowing the merciless butchering of its people is a betrayal of our most cherished moral values. We must rise to stop the evil perpetuated by Putin, Assad and Khamenei, or forfeit our moral responsibility and our credibility with our friends



A snapshot of the devastation in Aleppo, Syria.  
Photo: Wiki Commons.

and allies.

President Obama's legacy is on the line. He must either rise to meet the challenge by taking courageous and decisive military measures, saving the lives of countless Syrians and paving the way for his successor to pursue a new strategy to end the civil war through strength — or continue his futile diplomacy, watch the systematic disintegration of a whole country and the slaughter of its people with apathy and indifference, leave a tarnished legacy that will haunt him for the rest of his life and beyond, severely damage America's international standing, and undermine its critical global role in the pursuit of peace and stability.

I want to believe that Obama will not allow America to descend this low, where the Trumps of our time can rise.

# Alan Gross: I'm Grateful for 'Kehila Insurance'

BY ALAN GROSS/JNS.org

Now that I've had some time to reflect on my years of captivity in Cuba, I'm starting to feel settled into my new life in freedom and much more interested in the coming five years than in the five years that I lost.

In the 21 months since my release, I've realized that I probably would not be living in Washington, DC today were it not for the extraordinary efforts of tenacious members of Congress and their staffs; forward thinkers at the justice and state departments; folks at the National Security Council, who pushed and shepherded and pushed some more; interventions from Pope Francis; calls to the White House by labor leaders like James P. Hoffa (the son of Jimmy Hoffa); and the final decision to bring me home ultimately

made in the only office that could make such a decision, the Oval Office.

But that decision was five years in the making. What ultimately tipped the scales in the right direction, enabling President Barack Obama to make such a historic decision? The answer I found was everyone, regardless of the activity or level of interaction.

In particular, it was the leadership and participation by members of my own Jewish community that helped to bring me home; I hope that my gratitude is being appropriately and unambiguously expressed.

When I finally did return home, I did not understand the incredible response from so many people, who came up to me to welcome me, wish me well, tell me how much they appreciated my service, and to let me know how hard they worked to bring me home and how hard they prayed for me.

This incredible reaction to my freedom and redemption, especially from the Jewish community, has since led to a few epiphanies.

Epiphany one: People responding to me, especially those in our Jewish community, were invested in me in some way, if not through their advocacy activities, then at least emotionally and through their prayers. And my arrival at Andrews Air Force Base on December 17, 2014 — my return to freedom — was their return on that investment. It has taken me some time to come to that realization. So when people ask if they could take a selfie with me, I readily agreed even though I did not yet know what a selfie was.

Tens of thousands of people in our commu-

nity and around the nation prayed for me, spoke up for me, stood up for me, took action on my behalf and (epiphany two) demonstrably showed me that there is at least a little bit of Moses the leader in all of us.

I can praise and thank my wife, Judy, and my lawyer, Scott Gilbert, and our core redemption



Alan Gross and his wife Judy at a press conference on the day of his release, December 17, 2014 in Washington, DC. Photo: Win McNamee/Getty Images.

team in Washington from now until the end of time. I can thank all of the interfaith and political organizations for everything they have done to help redeem me.

But it was my *kehila* (Hebrew for "congregation"), my community, our community, that led a grass roots effort that tipped the scales in my favor. And no one — no one — can convince me that it was not this grass roots-to-the top effort that tipped the scales in the Oval Office enabling the president to make the historic decision to bring me home.

That Jewish grass roots effort was funded and coordinated by Washington's Jewish Community Relations Council, the Jewish Federations of North America and federation partners nationwide, most likely including your community. It is incredible how these Jewish community organizations touch our lives here, in Israel and around the world, and even in Cuba.

As for epiphany three, who knew that making an annual financial and activity commitment to the federation and its partner agencies was akin to paying a premium on an insurance policy? Certainly, I had no idea. But wow, am I grateful that I had that kind of coverage when I needed it.

So to each of you in this community, in our greater community, *todah rabah* (thank you very much) for helping to restore my freedom. Thank you for bringing me home. Thank you for helping to underwrite that special insurance policy that redeemed me.

Freedom is bliss!

Alan Gross was a US government contractor, who spent five years in a Cuban prison.

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# The Spirituality of Song



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

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ACCOUNTING PROCEEDING FILE NO. 2014-2459/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO: Unknown Distributees, Attorney General of the State of New York, Gladys Gruenwald, Abraham Gruenwald. And to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees, of Israel Speisman, a/k/a Israel Szpajzman, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot, after diligent inquiry, be ascertained by the petitioner herein; being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, devisees, beneficiaries, distributees, or otherwise in the estate of Israel Speisman, a/k/a Israel Szpajzman, deceased, who at the time of his death was a resident of 383 Grand Street, New York, New York 10002, New York, New York. A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of the County of New York, who maintains an office at 31 Chambers Street, Room 311, New York, New York 10007. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the New York County Surrogate's Court at 31 Chambers Street, New York, New York, on November 15, 2016 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 509, why the following relief stated in the account of proceedings, a copy of the summary statement thereof being attached hereto, of the Public Administrator of the County of New York as administrator of the goods, chattels and credits of said deceased, should not be granted (i) that her account

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Jamal Williams, Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Jermaine Williams a/k/a Jermaine M. Williams a/k/a Jermaine Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Williams; Marcel Florestal, Esq., as Guardian of Jahmeek Michael Williams and Jermere Michael Bush-Williams; Sandy Martinez, as Co-Administratrix and Guardian of Justin Michael Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 17, 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 November 17, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 647 East 103rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8172 Lot: 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,031.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 21373/2012. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: September 26, 2016 AJ 10/14/21/28;11/4/

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## Opinion.

# A Yom Kippur Guide for the Perplexed, 2016



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1. Yom Kippur is a day of hope and optimism, in addition to a solemn day of soul-searching. The Day of Atonement provides a unique awareness of one's own character and track record, as well as the opportunity to upgrade relationships with relatives, friends, associates and the community at-large.

2. Yom Kippur's focus on forgiveness highlights humility, fallibility, soul-searching faith, compassion, thoughtfulness, being



Yom Kippur painting circa 1900 by Isidor Kaufmann. Photo: Wikipedia.

considerate, accepting responsibility and magnanimity.

3. The first human being, Adam, was created on the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei. Human-beings are accorded an opportunity to recreate themselves spiritually, each year, on Yom Kippur — the 10th day of Tishrei, which is an Acadian word for forgiveness and Genesis.

Yom Kippur culminates 10 days of genuine, heart-driven atonement and repentance, which begin on Rosh Hashanah. Ten has special significance in Judaism: God's abbreviation is the 10th Hebrew letter (Yod - י); there are 10 attributes of God — Divine perfection — that were highlighted during the Creation; the Ten Commandments; the Ten Plagues; there are 10 reasons for blowing the Shofar; individuals are commanded to extend a 10 percent gift to God (tithe); Ten Martyrs (Jewish leaders) were tortured/murdered by the Roman Empire; there were 10 generations between Adam and Noah and between Noah and Abraham; a 10-person-quorum (minyan in Hebrew) is required for a collective Jewish prayer; etc.

4. Yom Kippur is observed on the 10th day of the Jewish month of Tishrei, whose astrological sign is Libra. Libra symbolizes

key themes of Yom Kippur: scales, justice, balance, truth, symmetry, sensitivity and optimism. Libra is ruled by the planet Venus (Noga, נגה, in Hebrew), which reflects divine light and love of other people.

5. Yom Kippur is a day of forgiveness for sins committed against God. It is customary to dedicate the eve of Yom Kippur to apologies for sins committed against fellow human-beings. However, apology and/or compensation are not sufficient if they do not elicit expressed forgiveness by the injured person.

6. Yom Kippur commemorates God's covenant with the Jewish people, and God's forgiveness for the sin of the Golden Calf.

7. Yom Kippur and the Jubilee both highlight liberty and subordination to God. The Jubilee — sanctifying each 50th year

by proclaiming liberty, as inscribed on the Liberty Bell — is announced by blowing the shofar (a ritual ram's horn) on Yom Kippur. The Jubilee liberates people physically and spiritually. The word "jubilee" (יובל) is a Hebrew synonym for shofar.

8. The Hebrew word Kippur, כיפור (atonement/repentance), is a derivative of the Biblical word Kaporet כפורת (the cover of the Holy Ark in the Sanctuary), and Kopher, כופר (the cover of Noah's Ark and the Holy Altar in the Temple). Yom Kippur resembles a spiritual cover (dome), which separates the holy and the mundane, and spiritualism and materialism. The Kippah, כיפה (skullcap), which covers one's head during prayers, reflects a spiritual dome.

9. Yom Kippur calls for repentance — Teshuvah (תשובה in Hebrew). The root of Teshuvah is similar to the root of the Hebrew word for return, שובה, and שביתה, the cessation of mundane thoughts, actions and eating. It is also similar to the root of Shabbat, שבת. Yom Kippur is also called Shabbat Shabbaton — the supreme Sabbath.

10. The Hebrew spelling of "fast" (צום/צום) reflects the substance of Yom Kippur. It is also the root of the Hebrew word for "reduction" and "shrinking" (צמצום) of one's wrong-doing, and the root of the Hebrew words for "slave"

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Song

giving the people his deathbed blessing was to teach them a song.

There is something profoundly spiritual about music. When language aspires to the transcendent, and the soul longs to break free of the gravitational pull of the earth, it modulates into song. Jewish history is not so much read as sung. The rabbis enumerated ten songs at key moments in the life of the nation. There was the song of the Israelites in Egypt (see Is. 30:29), the song at the Red Sea (Ex. 15), the song at the well (Num. 21), and *Ha'azinu*, Moses' song at the end of his life. Joshua sang a song (Josh. 10:12-13). So did Deborah (Jud. 5), Hannah (1 Sam. 2) and David (2 Sam. 22). There was the Song of Solomon, *Shir ha-Shirim*, about which Rabbi Akiva said, "All songs are holy but the Song of Songs is the holy of holies." The tenth song has not yet been sung. It is the song of the Messiah.

Many biblical texts speak of the power of music to restore the soul. When Saul was depressed, David would play for him and his spirit would be restored (1 Sam. 16). David himself was known as the "sweet singer of Israel" (2 Sam. 23:1). Elisha called for a harpist to play so that the prophetic spirit could rest upon him (2 Kings 3:15). The Levites sang in the Temple. Every day, in Judaism, we preface our morning prayers with *Pesukei de-Zimra*, the 'Verses of Song' with their magnificent crescendo, Psalm 150, in which instruments and the human voice combine to sing God's praises.

Mystics go further and speak of the song of the universe, what Pythagoras called "the music of the spheres." This is what Psalm 19 means when it says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands . . . There is no speech, there are no words, where their voice is not heard. Their music carries throughout the earth, their words to the end of the world." Beneath the silence, audible only to the inner ear, creation sings to its Creator.

So, when we pray, we do not read: we sing. When we engage with sacred texts, we do not recite: we chant. Every text and every time has, in Judaism, its own specific melody. There are different tunes for *shacharit*, *mincha* and *maariv*, the morning, afternoon and evening prayers. There are different melodies and moods for the prayers for a weekday, Shabbat, the three pilgrimage festivals, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot (which have much musically in common but also tunes distinctive to each), and for the *Yamim Noraim*, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

There are different tunes for different texts. There is one kind of cantillation for Torah, another for the *haftorah* from the prophetic books, and yet another for *Ketuvim*, the Writings, especially the five Megillot. There is a particular chant for studying the texts of the written Torah: Mishnah and Gemarah. So by music alone we can tell what kind of day it is and what kind of text is being used. Jewish texts and times are not colour-coded but music-coded. The map of holy words is written in melodies and songs.

Music has extraordinary power to evoke emotion. The Kol Nidrei prayer with which Yom Kippur begins is not really a prayer at all. It is a dry legal formula for the annulment of vows. There can be little doubt that it is its ancient, haunting melody that has given it its hold over the Jewish imagination. It is hard to hear those notes and not feel that you are in the presence of God on the Day of Judgment, standing in the company of Jews of all places and times as they plead with heaven for forgiveness. It is the holy of holies of the Jewish soul.

Nor can you sit on Tisha B'Av reading *Eichah*, the book of Lamentations, with its own unique cantillation, and not feel the tears of Jews through the ages as they suffered for

their faith and wept as they remembered what they had lost, the pain as fresh as it was the day the Temple was destroyed. Words without music are like a body without a soul.

Beethoven wrote over the manuscript of the third movement of his A Minor Quartet the words *Neue Kraft fühlend*, "Feeling new strength." That is what music expresses and evokes. It is the language of emotion unshackled by the pale cast of thought. That is what King David meant when he sang to God the words: "You turned my grief into dance; You removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to You and not be silent." You feel the strength of the human spirit no terror can destroy.

In his book, *Musicophilia*, the late Oliver Sacks (no relative, alas) told the poignant story of Clive Wearing, an eminent musicologist who was struck by a devastating brain infection. The result was acute amnesia. He was unable to remember anything for more than a few seconds. As his wife Deborah put it, "It was as if every waking moment was the first waking moment."

Unable to thread experiences together, he was caught in an endless present that had no connection with anything that had gone before. One day his wife found him holding a chocolate in one hand and repeatedly covering and uncovering it with the other hand, saying each time, "Look, it's new." "It's the same chocolate," she said. "No," he replied, "Look. It's changed." He had no past at all.

Two things broke through his isolation. One was his love for his wife. The other was music. He could still sing, play the organ and conduct a choir with all his old skill and verve. What was it about music, Sacks asked, that enabled him, while playing or conducting, to overcome his amnesia? He suggests that when we "remember" a melody, we recall one note at a time, yet each note relates to the whole. He quotes the philosopher of music, Victor Zuckerkandl, who wrote, "Hearing a melody is hearing, having heard, and being about to hear, all at once. Every melody declares to us that the past can be there without being remembered, the future without being foreknown." Music is a form of sensed continuity that can sometimes break through the most overpowering disconnections in our experience of time.

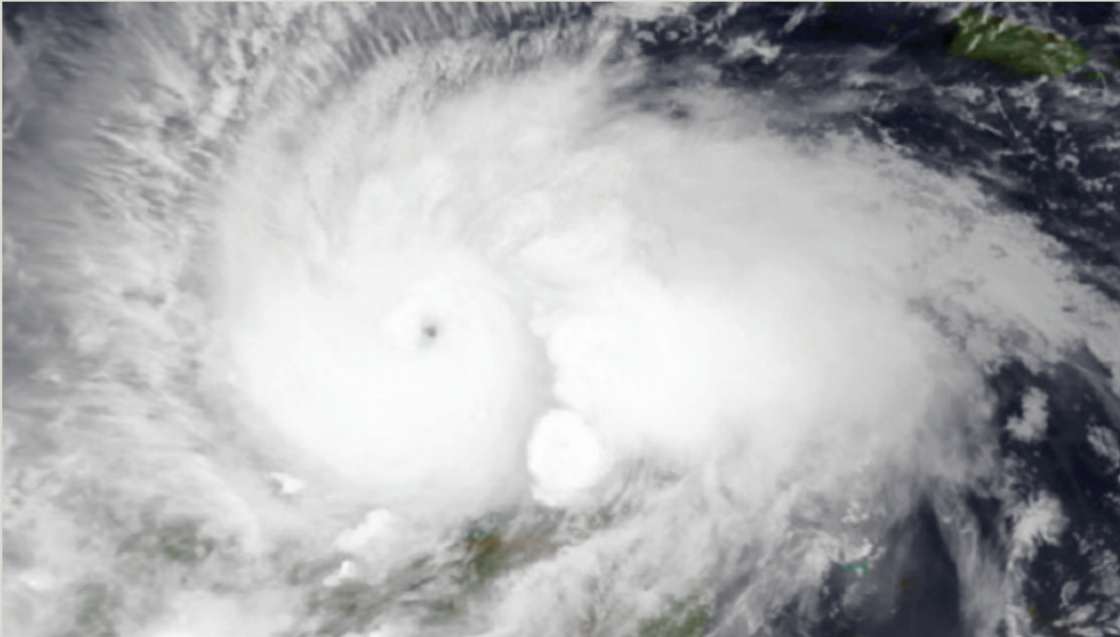
Faith is more like music than science. Science analyses, music integrates. And as music connects note to note, so faith connects episode to episode, life to life, age to age in a timeless melody that breaks into time. God is the composer and librettist. We are each called on to be voices in the choir, singers of God's song. *Faith is the ability to hear the music beneath the noise.*

So music is a signal of transcendence. The philosopher and musician Roger Scruton writes that it is "an encounter with the pure subject, released from the world of objects, and moving in obedience to the laws of freedom alone." He quotes Rilke: "Words still go softly out towards the unsayable / And music, always new, from palpitating stones / builds in useless space its godly home." The history of the Jewish spirit is written in its songs.

I once watched a teacher explaining to young children the difference between a physical possession and a spiritual one. He had them build a paper model of Jerusalem. Then (this was in the days of tape-recorders) he put on a tape with a song about Jerusalem that he taught to the class. At the end of the session he did something very dramatic. He tore up the model and shredded the tape. He asked the children, "Do we still have the model?" They replied, No. "Do we still have the song?" They replied, Yes.

We lose physical possessions, but not spiritual ones. We lost the physical Moses. But we still have the song.

## Social.



Hurricane Matthew as seen in a satellite image on Oct. 1. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Jewish Groups Mobilize to Help Victims of Hurricane Matthew

BY JNS.ORG

Jewish organizations across the United States have been working over the weekend to dispatch relief aid to victims of Hurricane Matthew, which has left at least 17 people dead in the southeastern US, and killed hundreds in the Caribbean.

The Jewish Federations of North America started a nationwide emergency relief campaign to support thousands left homeless.

Chabad-Lubavitch emissaries in communities in North Carolina and Florida prepared disaster plans as soon as evacuations were ordered on Thursday and Friday ahead of the storm.

Over the weekend, Chabad volunteers provided Shabbat meals to local residents and makeshift shelters for students, and offered use of a Chabad House generator for those who needed power for medical equipment.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) is helping hundreds of hurricane victims in Haiti by providing hygiene kits, water purification tablets and dispatched its veteran disaster relief experts and emergency field medics to help with emergency care.

"As the death toll in Haiti continues to rise, our efforts to aid the hardest-hit communities are vital as needs like shelter, food, water, medicine and medical services have dramatically increased," said Mandie Winston, director of JDC's International Development Program "Our response is especially crucial as concerns about the public health situation and fear of diseases like cholera continue to further underline the need for rapid care of the most vulnerable victims."

JDC has partnered with Heart to Heart International and UNICEF to ensure hygiene and water relief to the most impacted areas in the south of Haiti, now under threat of a cholera outbreak due to widespread flooding.

## Bipartisan bill Seeks to Bolster US Cooperation with Europe on Anti-Semitism

BY JNS.ORG

A bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced legislation last week that seeks to bolster the U.S. government's monitoring on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe and how European governments are combating the issue.

Reps. Nita Lowey (D-NY), Eliot Engel (D-NY), Steve Israel (D-NY), Ted Deutch (D-FL) joined by Republicans Chris Smith (R-NJ), Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), Kay Granger (R-Texas) and Peter Roskam (R-IL), the co-chairs of the U.S. House of Representatives bipartisan Taskforce for Combating Anti-Semitism, introduced the Combating European Anti-Semitism Act of 2016 to

tackle the rising tide of anti-Semitism in Europe.

The bill, which builds on previous legislation passed in 2015 calling on greater U.S. cooperation with Europe on anti-Semitism, asks for the "continued and enhanced reporting on anti-Semitic incidents in Europe, safety and security of European Jewish Communities, and the efforts of the United States to partner with European entities to combat anti-Semitism."

"It's shocking that in the 21st century, anti-Semitism is gaining strength across Europe," the taskforce co-chairs said in a statement. "From taunts and threats on the street, to violent attacks in schools and synagogues, to governments amplifying anti-

## Israeli Teens Mobilize to Help Holocaust Survivor Whose Home Was Ransacked by Burglars

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A group of young Israelis in the northern city of Acre rallied to the aid of a 92-year-old Holocaust survivor whose home was recently burgled while he was on vacation, the Hebrew news site nrg reported on Monday.

The clean-up in process. Photo: Facebook.

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Late last week, Limor Ozen — the head of a community center in Acre — received a phone call from Michael, who had just returned from a Rosh Hashanah trip to France and found his apartment ransacked.

The robbers had removed all the food from Michael's refrigerator and freezer and the rotting remnants had attracted worms and produced a "terrible odor," Limor said.



The ransacked Acre apartment of 92-year-old Holocaust survivor Michael. Photo: Facebook.

In a Facebook post, Limor wrote that she and her husband "could never have imagined that scum could carry out such cruel destruction."

Limor told nrg that the scale of the damage to the apartment prompted her to decide to help out immediately. Via Whatsapp, she was able to get 17 teens from the city to come and assist Michael clean up his home.

"They scrubbed and organized the apartment, while Michael entertained them with history lessons," Limor wrote on Facebook. "They didn't want to leave."

Michael told nrg that the response of the teens to his situation caused him to shed tears of joy. "Our youth are wonderful and terrific," he said.

Semitic voices and messages, such as leaders in Hungary giving a prestigious state award to anti-Semitic writer Zsolt Bayer, many European Jews are being forced to reconsider whether there is still a future for them in their countries.

"This is unacceptable, and we will continue to call on leaders across Europe to speak out against this growing problem, strengthen partnerships with Jewish communities to help them develop safety standards, and foster cultures that respect diversity and inclusion of all minority groups, including Jews."

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