

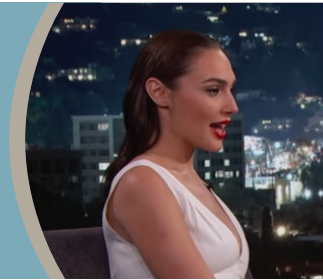
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UNESCO Adopts Second Resolution Denying Jewish Ties to Jerusalem



The Western Wall in Jerusalem.
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BY JNS.ORG

The United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization's (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee adopted a controversial resolution Wednesday that ignores Jewish and Christian ties to the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Meeting in Paris, the resolution titled "Old City of Jerusalem

and its Walls" passed with 10 countries voting in favor, two opposing and eight abstaining. Only eight votes were needed to pass the resolution.

The resolution criticizes Israel's actions around the Temple Mount, which it refers to solely by its Muslim names "Al-Aqsa Mosque/Al-Haram Al-Sharif," and defines it only as "a Muslim holy site of worship." The Temple Mount is the holiest site in Judaism

as the place of the First and Second Jewish Temples. The Second Temple also plays a significant role in Christianity and is mentioned in the New Testament.

The World Heritage Committee's decision comes less than two weeks after the body's 56-member Executive Committee passed a similar resolution also ignoring Jewish and Christian ties to the Temple Mount. That measure

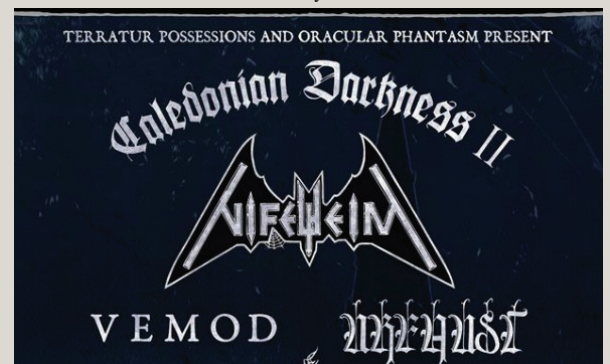
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Swastika Scrawled in Pig's Blood by Angry Performers at Scotland Music Festival

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

"Third Reich imagery" — including a swastika — was scrawled in pig's blood on the walls of the dressing room of a Scottish event venue last weekend, STV News reported.

According to the report, it is believed the act of vandalism was committed by musicians who had been



Part of an ad for the Caledonian Darkness festival.
Photo: Facebook.

informed they would not receive payment for taking part in the Caledonian Darkness festival.

The pig's blood was on site as a prop to be used in shows put on by the Pseudogod, Sortilegia and Ifrinn bands, the report said.

Oracular Phantasm — the group that promoted the festival — said in a statement: "Freedom of speech or whatever here is irrelevant. This act was extremely disrespectful to the venue who worked tirelessly with us to ensure a favourable outcome in the end and in the event of not

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Opinion.

The New York Times Magazine Unleashes a Bitter Attack on Israel's Culture Minister



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

What happens to a *New York Times* journalist who gets caught blatantly violating the newspaper's policies restricting the use of anonymous sources?

If the journalist happens to be New York-based writer Ruth Margalit, she gets rewarded with a plum assignment for the *Times* magazine.

The *Times* has a lavishly staffed Jerusalem bureau, led by Peter Baker and including regular *Times* contributors such as Isabel Kershner and Diaa Hadid. But when it came time for the Sunday *Times* magazine to profile Israel's minister of culture and sports, Miri Regev, the *Times*, for some mysterious reason, chose to give the assignment to a reporter not on its regular payroll.

The nearly 6,000-word piece that resulted is, to put it kindly, an embarrassment, an error-filled, tendentious, anti-Zionist screed.

Let's take it from the top, if you have the stomach for it. The *Times* reports that "Regev has become known for her provocations no less than for her nationalist fervor," listing as examples: "She sometimes unfurls an Israeli flag during speeches... In 2013, she intro-

duced a bill to annex the Jordan Valley, a move that would all but foreclose the prospect of a two-state solution."

What's provocative about displaying an Israeli flag? The *Times* doesn't explain why it considers this mundane, mildly patriotic act to amount to a "provocation." As for Israeli control of the Jordan Valley, this is hardly provocative; it's been a consensus Israeli position dating back as far as the Allon Plan of 1967 put forth by Labor Party minister Yigal Allon. Nor does it "foreclose the prospect of a two-state solution"; no less a proponent of that solution than Yitzhak Rabin said, in a speech to the Knesset in 1995, "The security border for defending the State of Israel will be in the Jordan Valley, in the widest sense of that concept."

The *Times* article proceeds to rewrite Israeli history. It says:

That other culture is Mizrahi, or "Eastern." It's a catchall term that includes Jewish communities from Muslim countries in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as the Sephardic Jews, whose origins can be traced to Spain and Portugal, who settled there. These communities immigrated to Israel in mass waves after its founding in 1948 and into the early 1950s, upending its demographic makeup: The Jewish population, almost exclusively Ashkenazi, became more than 40 percent Mizrahi. But it wasn't just the country's ethnic composition that changed. The Jewish population that predated the founding of the state was

primarily young, secular and idealistic; it was also heavily male. By contrast, the new Mizrahi arrivals tended to be large families from traditional societies. In their ethnic garb, often with no knowledge of Hebrew, they struck the native-born Israeli sabras and the European Ashkenazim as provincial and uneducated.

The weasel words "almost" and "primarily" do an awful lot of work in that paragraph. The supposedly "secular" population of pre-1948 Israel included plenty of rabbis — Shmuel Salant, Yehoshua and Yitzhak Diskin, Yosef Chaim Sonnenfeld, Abraham Isaac Kook. Likewise, Sephardic Jews came to Israel long before 1948, from Nahmanides, or the Ramban, who was born in Spain but moved to Jerusalem in 1267, to Joseph Caro, who was expelled from Spain in 1492 and arrived in Safed in about 1535. These aren't just trivial details; they undercut the whole narrative the *Times* account is trying to construct, which is that Israel was built by secular "European" immigrants — effectively, colonizers — rather than by native Jews who have a deep religious connection to the land that goes back many centuries.

Then there's this: "It is a testament to the hopelessness of peace efforts today that the most-talked-about politician in Israel is its culture minister." How the *Times* measures who is "the most-talked-about politician in Israel" is left totally opaque; but, however one measures it, the culture minister almost certainly ranks behind Benjamin Netanyahu,



Israeli Culture Minister Miri Regev. Photo: Facebook.

and probably, during the period around Shimon Peres's funeral, also behind Peres.

And then the *Times* article says this:

Netanyahu has tried to distance himself from many of the more flagrant displays of such McCarthyism. And yet similar measures are routinely promulgated on the Knesset floor. One recent bill calls for enshrining Israel's legal status as "the national home of the Jewish people." A newly passed law requires nongovernmental organizations that receive more than half their funding from foreign governments to disclose this in all their official communications; an earlier version went so far as to demand that representatives of these organizations wear a special badge while in the Knesset.

How does it constitute "flagrant McCarthyism" to declare that Israel is the national home of the Jewish people? It's a statement of the obvious. The idea is included in Israel's declaration of independence, which speaks

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Aleppo Brings Hezbollah Back Into Focus



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After months of dithering, the Obama administration has finally taken some action against the Lebanese Islamist terror organization Hezbollah.

The US Treasury Department has applied sanctions on four Hezbollah operatives reportedly planning terror attacks, as well as a company, Al-Inmaa Engineering and Contracting LLC, which is controlled by a senior Hezbollah financier. Meanwhile, the State Department has sanctioned Hezbollah commander Haytham 'Ali Tabataba'i, also known as Abu 'Ali Al-Tabataba'i, under US counterterrorism laws. He has led Hezbollah special forces in Syria and reportedly with Shiia rebels in Yemen, according to the State Department.

These measures are small, but they are, at least, a reminder of destructive forces in the Middle East beyond ISIS. Hezbollah, created by the Iranians as a proxy force to wage war on Israel, is now an integral element of the Russian-Iranian-Syrian axis that has successfully exploited the emergence of ISIS to establish itself as the current, dominant power bloc in the Middle East.

As the price of his flimsy deal with Iran over its nuclear ambitions, President Barack Obama has allowed this bloc to rise unchallenged, and even downplayed the threat it represents. As Secretary of State John Kerry put it at the end of September when speaking to a group of Syrians, the US isn't going to take the fight to Hezbollah, because "Hezbollah is

not plotting against us."

Given that Hezbollah has remained faithful to the same Islamist ideology since its founding, and carried out shocking acts of global terror, like the 1983 bombing of Marines in Beirut and the Buenos Aires bombing of the AMIA Jewish Center in 1994, one wonders what "not plotting against us" means exactly.

Hezbollah, after all, only exists to plot against "us:" Israel, the United States, the Sunni Arab countries, Europe, indeed, anyone who stands against the terror organization. Perhaps it's Kerry's way of saying, "Hezbollah isn't a priority in the way that ISIS is" — leaving us in the grotesque position of enabling one lot of Islamist barbarians from the Shiia side, as we confront another lot of Islamist barbarians from the Sunni side.

Make no mistake. Hezbollah is barbaric, and its current alignment with Vladimir Putin's dictatorship in Russia doesn't make it acceptable. Israelis have had decades of experience with its goose-stepping fighters, most recently during the 2006 war in Lebanon, when Hezbollah rained down hundreds of missiles upon Haifa and other northern cities. This year, the beleaguered people of Aleppo have been getting their own taste of the same.



Aleppo, Syria. Photo: Wikipedia.

Since at least February, Hezbollah has played a critical role on the ground in northern Syria, fighting on behalf of the tyrant President Bashar al Assad. As the Wall Street Journal reported at the time, "Hezbollah, along with members of Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard unit, and thousands of Iran-funded and trained Shiite fighters from Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and elsewhere, are leading the current ground assault in...Aleppo."

The significance of holding Aleppo was underlined in a bloodcurdling speech back in June by Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hasan Nasrallah, which was broadcast live on the terror group's Al Manar television station. "We are facing a new wave...of projects of war against Syria, which are being waged in northern Syria, particularly in the Aleppo region," Nasrallah asserted. "The defense of Aleppo is the defense of the rest of Syria, it is the defense of Damascus; it is also the defense of Lebanon, and of Iraq. We will increase our presence in Aleppo. Retreat is not permissible."

Nasrallah has made good on that pledge. In August, Hezbollah deployed its elite Radwan Forces, a special operations unit, to the Hamdaniyeh quarter of Aleppo. As Russian and Syrian jets have pummeled Aleppo from the air, killing thousands of civilians, Hezbollah has engaged in combat on the ground, taking its own casualties in the process, including most recently, one of its top commanders, Hatem Hamadeh.

Hezbollah fighters provide ground-level intelligence to aid the Russian and Syrian blitz on Aleppo, so the killing of operatives like Hamadeh is essential to pushing back on Assad's gains. Yet a sobering fact remains. Assad and his allies are calling the shots.

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IDF Soldier Wounded in Drive-By Shooting From Across Lebanese Border

BY JNS.ORG

An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded from gunfire that appeared to have originated from Lebanon, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said.

According to the IDF, a passing vehicle on the Lebanese side of the border open fired on Israel soldiers on patrol near the Reches Ramim area along the border fence. The Israeli soldiers returned fire hitting the vehicle.

The Lebanese army denied that the shooting took place, telling Lebanon official National News Agency "that there is no truth to the claims by some media reports from the Zionist enemy."

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNFIL) said it was investigating the shooting. A spokesperson said it appears the



Israeli soldiers. Photo: IDF

gunfire originated from Kafr Kila, across the border in Lebanon.

The wounded Israeli soldier was taken to a hospital for further treatment, and local farmers were told to evacuate areas near the border fence.

Report: Netanyahu to Visit Azerbaijan in December

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will visit Azerbaijan in December, a local news site reported last week, citing an anonymous Israeli diplomatic source.

The Azeri Trend report said that Netanyahu will meet with leaders of the Muslim-majority country during his trip.

This echoes a Times of Israel report in July that Netanyahu was considering such a trip to both Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan.

Israel has developed close ties with Azerbaijan during the two and a half decades since it gained its independence when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

In August 1997, Netanyahu — who was serving his first term as prime minister — visited the Azerbaijani capital of Baku and met with then-President Heydar Aliyev, who died in 2003. Aliyev's son, Ilham, is the current president of Azerbaijan.

Earlier this month, Pope Francis visited Azerbaijan and met with the head of the country's Jewish community, which is said to number around 15,000.

Azerbaijan — which borders Iran — is situated next to the Caspian Sea in the Transcaucasia region, the meeting point of southwestern Asia and southeastern Europe.

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UNESCO was only adopted by a plurality (24 votes) and not a majority, as the largest number of countries (26) abstained from the vote after intense lobbying by Israel. Later, Brazil and Mexico voiced regret over their "yes" vote and Italy, which abstained, also said it should have voted "no."

Israel's Ambassador to UNESCO Carmel Shama-Hacohen called the resolution "absurd."

"This is yet another absurd resolution against the state of Israel, the Jewish people and historical truth," he said.

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Festival selling enough tickets to cover hire, were extremely accommodating. With the cost of things like flights absolutely through the roof due to factors such as the value of the pound fluctuating as a result of the so-called 'Brexit' referendum, the festival really struggled to stay on budget. This was made harder with lack of sales."

In a show of defiance, Shama-Hacohen threw a copy of the resolution in the trash.

"UNESCO's vote on Jerusalem is a piece of rubbish, rightly dumped in the garbage can by our Ambassador!! Long live Jewish Jerusalem!!!" Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanuel Nahshon wrote on Twitter.

Despite defeat, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office noted again that "fewer nations were in favor of the resolution this year. More nations moved this year from support to abstentions," the statement said, pointing to the success to "intense efforts by the prime minister and the Foreign Ministry."

The Classic Grand said in a statement: "When certain acts discovered they were not going to be paid by the promoter, some took it upon themselves to challenge them/refuse to play etc. Several, unnamed, bands then decided to cause severe damage to the venue. Which has resulted in a four-figure repair bill. To ensure everyone's safety, the promoter decided to cut short the event, a decision which The Classic Grand agreed with."

Hillary Clinton Tops Think Tank's 'Islamist Money in Politics' List



Hillary Clinton. Photo: Campaign Facebook page.

BY JNS.ORG

Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton has received more campaign contributions than any other US politician from "individuals who subscribe to the same Islamic supremacism as Khomeini, Bin Laden and ISIS," according to a list compiled by a Philadelphia-based think tank.

Clinton ranked first on the Middle East Forum's 2015-2016 "Islamist Money in Politics" list of politicians who have taken money from prominent Islamists with ties to terrorism.

According to MEF, Clinton took \$41,165 from donors associated with terrorist organizations, including \$19,249 from senior leaders of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), deemed a terrorist organization by the United Arab Emirates in 2014. In 2007, CAIR was named an unindicted co-conspirator in the FBI's case against the Hamas-linked Holy Land Foundation, which was eventually found guilty of aiding Hamas.

In one instance, MEF said, Clinton accepted \$3,000 from former CAIR vice

chairman Ahmad Al-Akhras, who has defended numerous Islamists indicted and later convicted of terrorism.

While Green Party candidate Jill Stein has accepted \$250, Republican nominee Donald Trump and Libertarian candidate Gary Johnson have not received any, MEF reported.

Others on the list include Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.), who received \$17,370, and Rep. Andre Carson (D-Ind.), who received \$13,225. Ellison and Carson are the first and second Muslims to be elected to the US Congress.

The Middle East Forum's top-10 list includes nine democrats, one independent — Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders who accepted \$9,285 — and no Republicans.

The self-described aim of the MEF's Islamist Money in Politics project, launched in 2014, is to raise awareness of Islamist influence on US politics, by making public the campaign contributions made by 1,356 figures in America's leading Islamist group. To date, the project has documented 2,974 such contributions, totalling \$1.43 million.

80 Special-Needs Volunteers Graduate IDF Basic Training

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A whopping 80 special-needs volunteers just completed IDF basic training, and their graduation into the ranks of the Israeli army included a moving ceremony in which the new soldiers performed Hatikvah, the national anthem, in sign language.

According to a video of the occasion, posted on the IDF's Facebook page, the volunteers — the biggest batch of special-needs draftees to date — "have a wide range of physical and mental disabilities," and will be serving in various branches of the Israeli military.

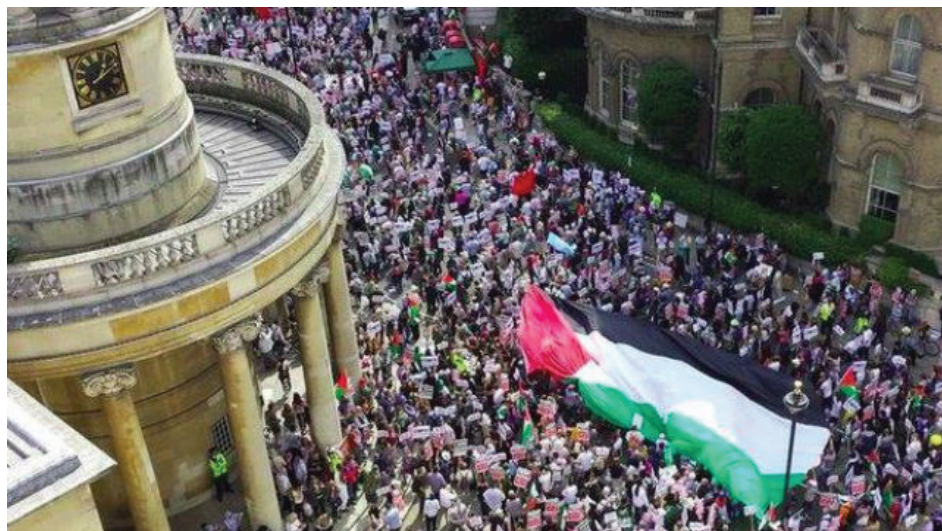
As *The Algemeiner* reported last month, there are currently 256 young people with

special needs serving at 15 army bases around Israel — with the latest recruitment bringing that number to well over 300 — in the framework of a program called Gedolim Bemadim ("Special in Uniform"), run by the organization Yad LaYeled HaMeyuchad ("Lend a Hand to a Special Child").

"The idea is that this is mutually beneficial to the IDF and the special-needs volunteers, who will gain satisfaction and develop long-term life skills that will help them integrate into society as a whole and in the labor force," said Ariel Almog, the head of the program.

Gedolim Bamadim was established in 2005.

World News.



An SJP protest. Photo: Students for Justice in Palestine/Facebook.

In Response to Brandeis Report on Campus Antisemitism, Major Groups Say Students More Willing, Prepared Than Ever to Fight Back

BY LEA SPEYER

Jewish and pro-Israel students are more willing and better organized than ever to fight back against antisemitism on US campuses, the heads of major campus watchdog organizations told *The Algemeiner* this week, in response to a newly released Brandeis University-sponsored report on the growing phenomenon and its link to the anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement.

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, head of the AMCHA Initiative, said the report's findings are in line with research conducted by her own organization. She was referring in particular to a key finding of the study that "one of the strongest predictors of perceiving a hostile climate towards Israel and Jews is the presence of an active Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) group on campus," and that "discomfort talking about Israel" is "closely related to the presence of an SJP... suggesting that the rhetoric deployed by such groups often causes students to withdraw from discussions."

"The BDS movement [of which SJP is a member] calls on its adherents to engage in 'anti-normalization' behaviors to aggressively stifle all pro-Israel expression, which frequently results in incidents involving anti-Jewish assault, harassment, destruction of property, discrimination and suppression of speech," she said.

David Brog, executive director of the Maccabee Task Force, said, "The good news is that the gains made by the BDS movement are far from permanent. As the study showed, there are still pro-Israel students on campus who want to make the case for Israel, to share the truth — their truth — about Israel. When we empower these students, we can begin to take back the territory SJP and others have invested so many years in winning."

Jessica Marzucco, director of Christians United for Israel (CUFI) on Campus, told *The Algemeiner* that it is not rare for her organization to receive first-hand accounts of pro-Israel student activists being "both physically and verbally attacked, including being spat upon, having rocks thrown at them and being aggressively cornered and screamed at."

However, she said, pro-Israel students are beginning "push back against dishonorable anti-Israel groups like SJP, and will not be

intimidated" by this "unacceptable behavior" or by the inaction of campus administrators.

According to Max Samarov, director of research and campus strategy at the Israel-advocacy organization StandWithUs, the University of California Regents' Principles Against Intolerance, adopted in March 2016, can serve as a roadmap for university officials across the US on how to combat campus antisemitism and antisemitic forms of anti-Zionism.

"The regents call for protecting free speech and academic freedom, while vigorously condemning and educating the university community about hate speech targeting Jews and other groups," he said, adding that though it is "still too early to tell exactly what this year has in store," Israel advocates are working to "empower students across the country to counter anti-Israel extremism and tell Israel's story effectively on campus."

Gilad Skolnick, the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America's director of campus programming, said that though he believes "more shocking news will emerge about antisemitic and anti-Zionist activity" at universities, "Jews have survived thousands of years, and we'll survive this, too."

As reported by *The Algemeiner*, among the findings of the Brandeis study, titled "Hotspots of Antisemitism and Anti-Israel Sentiment on US Campuses," was the revelation that Brooklyn College, Northwestern University and many schools in the UC system are cradles of both antisemitism and anti-Zionism. According to the study, a majority of Jewish students at these institutions "perceive a hostile environment towards Israel, and over one quarter perceive a general environment of hostility towards Jews on their campus."

Over 20 percent of students surveyed at the schools in question said they were "blamed for Israel's actions because they are Jewish," while approximately one-third reported witnessing antisemitic harassment, often related to Israel. Three out of four students claimed to have heard hostile rhetoric used in relation to the Jewish state.

The study, conducted by the Steinhart Social Research Institute at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies, reflects the on-campus experiences of some 150,000 American Jewish undergrads.

That's why Russia has been able to introduce a draft resolution on Aleppo to the UN Security

Pope Francis Says G-d Promised the Holy Land to Jews

BY JNS.ORG

Pope Francis declared that God promised the Holy Land to the people of Israel in a speech at the Vatican in Rome Wednesday.

"The people of Israel, who from Egypt, where they were enslaved, walked through the desert for 40 years until they reached the land promised by God," Pope Francis said, the Jerusalem Post reported.

Francis made the statement shortly before meeting with Israeli Deputy Minister for Regional Cooperation Ayoub Kara, where he thanked him for his work on behalf of Christians in Israel.

The statement by the pontiff came just hours

after UNESCO's World Heritage Committee passed a resolution ignoring Jewish and Christian ties to the Temple Mount in Jerusalem's Old City. The resolution, which was similar to a previous resolution passed Oct. 13 by the body's Executive Committee, exclusively referred to the Temple Mount by its Muslim names.

While the Vatican has yet to make a formal statement on the UNESCO Jerusalem resolutions, Knesset speaker Yuli Edelstein wrote a letter to Cardinal Parolin saying the resolutions are "an assault on history and is deeply offensive to both Christianity and Judaism" urging the Vatican to "use its best offices to prevent the recurrence of developments of this sort."

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of "the right of the Jewish people to national rebirth in its own country." It's included in the Bible; if the *New York Times* magazine and Ruth Margalit were around for the revelation, they'd doubtless be breathlessly denouncing much of Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Ezekiel as "flagrant McCarthyism." As for the business about disclosing foreign funding, it might be useful context if the *Times* pointed out that America has a similar law, the Foreign Agents Registration Act, and that registered lobbyists in the US Capitol wear special identifying badges, too.

It's a classic *Times* double standard. When Russia supposedly meddles in American presidential politics, the *Times* goes into full outrage mode, calling Russia's alleged behavior "unconscionable" and a "threat." Yet when European governments — including some with large and restive Muslim populations, and some that less than a century ago participated in murdering millions of Jews — try to meddle in Israeli politics, the *Times* vehemently objects, not to the foreign interference itself, but to the mere requirement that the funding be made transparent.

Then there is this from the *Times*:

Arab Israelis want to "raise their children in peace," she says, while members of the Palestinian leadership "sanctify death." (Arab municipalities are used to such double speak from government ministers but often decide to swallow the insult in order to maintain working relations.)

Double speak is a phrase George Orwell coined for lies. If anything is double speak here, it isn't Ms. Regev's words, but the *Times*' own

casual dismissal of them as lies — without the context that Palestinian leaders indeed do praise and honor suicidal terrorists as "martyrs."

As she did in her previous piece for the *Times*, Ms. Margalit violates the paper's anonymous source policy. She writes:

When I asked heads of cultural institutions what they made of this notion, they all noted that the funding in question isn't Regev's to distribute but comes from taxpayer money. "There's no such thing as 'freedom of funding,'" one added. "Citizens have freedoms; states have duties. In a fascist state, the state has freedoms and the citizens have duties. Without funding, cultural production can't take place."

Why allow some cultural leader to denounce Ms. Regev as a "fascist" from behind a veil of *Times*-proffered anonymity? The comment doesn't add anything beyond what's in on-the-record quotes from a theater executive a few paragraphs later in the story. There's no reason to have included the slur without a name attached.

The article concludes with an Israeli-Arab politician asking, "Who is this higher being who demands loyalty from us?" Ms. Margalit writes, "Regev's answer to that question would most likely be: the new right, the military, the ruling majority."

In a piece this long, where the *Times* reporter obviously had firsthand interview access to Ms. Regev, why does the reporter need to resort to speculating about what the answer "would most likely be"? Why not just ask her the question directly and let her answer it?

Ms. Margalit's answer to that question would most likely be: she wasn't really so interested in finding out the truth.

Council. With all the focus on ISIS, there is nary a mention of the war criminals that the Moscow regime is supporting.

Samantha Power, US Ambassador to the UN, countered the Russian draft by pointing out that if we don't explicitly name Russia as the main party behind "the unspeakable horrors we are witnessing" we thereby "obscure responsibility." But that assessment is shared half-heartedly, at best, by the administration she serves. If there's a new approach to Islamist designs on the Middle East, it will be left to the next president.

Donald Trump, certainly, is not up to that particular job. (That moment during the third presidential debate when he grunted, with the faux empathy of a reality TV show host, "Aleppooo...soooo saaad," was one of the most skin-crawling of the current cycle.) There is reason to have a scintilla more faith in Hillary Clinton, who unlike her opponent, hasn't tried to obscure Russia's role in backing some of our worst enemies in the region. Ironically, the latest dump of WikiLeaks email revelations on this score actually does Clinton some favors, revealing

that she has a much more cynical view of Iranian strategy than does Obama. That cynicism extends to Russia and Hezbollah as well.

If Hezbollah comes out of the Syrian war with its prestige strengthened and its threat level boosted, there's every reason to fear the next target will be Israel. A renewed war on this front will be far more costly and destructive than in 2006. That's why we should prepare ourselves for a visceral propaganda assault on Israel, if it does end up doing what should have been done long ago — cutting Hezbollah to size, and with it, its Russian, Iranian and Syrian allies.

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U.S. News.

Jewish U of Virginia Students 'Horrified' By Nazi-Style Graffiti Sprayed on Wall of Popular Housing Complex

BY LEA SPEYER

Jewish students at the University of Virginia (UVA) expressed shock over the appearance of Nazi-style graffiti on the wall of a popular apartment complex over the weekend, the college newspaper the Cavalier Daily reported.

According to the report, among the Holocaust imagery spray-painted on the wall was a Star of David over the word "Juden," German for "Jews," and a pentagram with the word "Satan" scrawled next to it.

Jordan Fingerhut, a UVA junior, told the newspaper she was "horrified" by the defacement, which has since been cleaned up.



Antisemitic graffiti found at a popular apartment complex inhabited by UVA students. Photo: UVA.

"I'm a Jewish student here...and I can't believe that members of our community or members of the area would vandalize and write something so hurtful and so antisemitic," she said.

In a joint statement, UVA's Jewish Leadership Council and Student Council condemned the graffiti, which they labeled a form of hate speech, calling the incident part of a "disturbing pattern of prejudice that affects Jewish members of our community."

The statement read, in part:

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Jerusalem's Mount of Olives Makes Bloomberg List of World's Most Beautiful Cemeteries

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The famed Mount of Olives cemetery in Jerusalem was ranked 8th out of 12 on a *Bloomberg* list published Friday of the most beautiful burial sites in the world.

Bloomberg noted that the ancient burial ground, which overlooks Jerusalem to the west, has been in use for more than 3,000 years and more recently has been running out of space. The cemetery is the resting place of a number of renowned rabbis, Christian prophets and also former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The news agency called the cemetery "the holiest of Jewish burial sites."

In the Biblical verse Zechariah 14:4, it says that when the Messiah comes, the resurrection of the dead will begin on the Mount of Olives, making it a highly desirable burial spot for many religious Jews.



The Mount of Olives. Photo: Wilson44691/Wikimedia Commons.

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This symbol is reminiscent of the mark placed on stores owned by members of Germany's Jewish community during the time of the Third Reich. It was meant to single out these shops and ostracize members of the Jewish faith. The continued use of this symbol draws on memories of Nazi Germany to incite fear. Even while significant progress has been made in the United States to promote tolerance, antisemitism persists.

UVA Hillel said in a statement that it is "grateful and heartened" by the response from the school and the wider campus community to the graffiti.

"While we are deeply saddened and concerned by this antisemitic act, the University of Virginia has a strong and vibrant Jewish community... Today, UVA is a welcoming and safe community for Jewish students, which makes this act all the more jarring. This type of hate has no place at our University," the statement read.

Dean of Students Allen Groves notified the UVA student body of the graffiti in an email, which was obtained by *The Algemeiner*, on Sunday. Groves wrote that the vandalism "is designed to target and intimidate individuals of the Jewish faith. Although the GrandMarc [apartment complex] is private property, it also represents the home of a great many students. As a community, we categorically reject this type of hateful message, which is anathema to our shared values of inclusiveness and trust," he stated.

The UVA incident is part of a trend plaguing college campuses. During the Jewish High Holidays, three swastikas were found painted on white boards outside student dorm rooms at Seattle University. Earlier this month, as *The Algemeiner* reported, leaked security footage from Santa Clara University showed two students defacing a dorm elevator with a swastika scrawled in blood.

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Opinion.

Facing Unprecedented Challenges, Israel Must Rally Behind Netanyahu



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The abysmal failure of most governments to display even a pretense of morality when formulating resolutions relating to international affairs was again highlighted by the latest outrageous resolution relating to Jerusalem endorsed by UNESCO.

The promotion of this travesty by the Arab states merely highlights their manifestly false narrative denying Jewish continuity with Jerusalem. But it was the purportedly civilized countries, including the majority of European countries, many of whom claim to be friends of Israel, whose abstentions provided an aura of legitimacy to this obscene resolution. Such shameful behavior only serves to re-emphasize that these countries are solely motivated by short-term realpolitik, which induces their groveling to the Muslims even if this requires forfeiting morality and blatantly endorsing historical lies. Every European country should have opposed this deplorable resolution.

The UNESCO abomination should be viewed as a component of the concerted global effort designed to exploit Israel's "intransigency" in order to impose indefensible borders, a demand to which no Israeli government could accede.

More significantly, despite the recent consummation of the multibillion-dollar defense agreement, the Obama administration uses any pretext to condemn Israel, employing unprecedentedly harsh language, which starkly contrasts with the deference it conveys to the Iranian terrorist state. It has protested far more vigorously against Israeli home construction in the "settlements" (including entirely Jewish neighborhoods of east Jerusalem) than the butchering of thousands in the regional civil conflicts.

Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton explicitly promised Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu that she would maintain the US veto and resolutely oppose any efforts by the United Nations to impose a solution, agreeing that negotiations could only be implemented directly between Israelis and Palestinians. But there is genuine concern that, despite her electoral promises, after the elections, President Barack Obama in his remaining two months in office may seek to impose a settlement on Israel which he has always sought. He could do this through support of a "binding" UN Security Council resolution or merely not employ a US veto against such a resolution.

Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion, expressed his contempt for the UN using the dismissive nonsense phrase "Um, shmum" (perhaps best translated "UN, shmu-N."). Netanyahu also noted that "the UN, begun as a moral force, has become a moral farce."

Nevertheless, we need to gird ourselves over the next few months for an intense hostile diplomatic campaign, including efforts to impose sanctions on us.

In these circumstances, we should have confidence in our strength. As Ben-Gurion stated: "Our future does not depend on what the goyim say, but rather on what the Jews will do." Israel has never been in as strong a position as it is today and even many of the countries that castigate us have developed important covert economic and defense relationships with us. In addition, despite the Obama antagonism and an emerging hostile Democratic sector, public opinion in the US remains extremely positive toward Israel.

But displaying our strength can only be effective if we demonstrate a united front on these issues. This is a time for our political representatives to recognize that we face a concerted global effort to undermine us and they must suspend the personal and parochial backbiting that typifies our dysfunctional political system.

But that requires facing difficult and unpalatable truths.

Netanyahu is far from perfect and many Israelis harbor a strong animus toward him and point out that he is even unpopular in

his own party. There are those who snidely remark that his closest supporters resemble moths attracted to a flame and subsequently burn out or are unceremoniously dismissed. There is a strong feeling that after such a long term in office, it is time for a change. And apart from *Israel Hayom*, the Israeli media has consistently vilified him more fiercely than any previous leader.

However, the reality is that currently there is no suitable political leader remotely capable of replacing him in his crucial diplomatic activity.

Indeed, despite his faults, history will record Netanyahu as being an outstanding diplomat who has successfully walked a tightrope with a hostile American administration — refusing to concede on critical security issues but retaining sufficient flexibility to avoid a total rift. He has covertly achieved an unprecedented level of cooperation with the moderate Sunni states, especially Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states. He has quietly developed relations with a swathe of countries such as China, India and African and Latin American countries. He has created a unique and delicate relationship with Russia's President Vladimir Putin, an unprecedented state of affairs of which nobody could have anticipated. He is blessed with a golden tongue and has the gift of being able to articulate the case for Israel to the world that no other leader could match.

Whatever his political status may be a year hence, by any objective criteria, Netanyahu is the leader Israel needs during the coming months. And if our politicians have any semblance of commitment to the national interest, they should support his foreign policy, which the vast majority of Israelis would endorse.

That includes denying further unilateral territorial concessions, which would undermine our security, and no annexation of territories, which would oblige us to incorporate another 3 million or so Arabs, transforming us into another Lebanon. Despite the despicable behavior of Abbas and Fatah, we should support Netanyahu's offer to negotiate without preconditions. But endorsing a Palestinian state under the current conditions would be suicidal.

The mainstream opposition groups in office have a national obligation to publicly support such a policy.

In this environment, holding Netanyahu



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaking at the UN General Assembly. Photo: Twitter.

responsible for the failure to progress the peace process with the duplicitous Abbas, or blaming him for the disastrous relationship with Obama, provides ammunition for our enemies and confuses and destabilizes our friends and allies.

Netanyahu is aware of the importance of unity under these current circumstances and has sought to widen his narrow coalition. But regrettably, most of Israel's politicians ignore the national interest, minimize the crisis we face and continue indulging in their petty political intrigues.

The Labor party is in shambles, with party leader Isaac Herzog unable to control the substantial number of delusional leftist MKs who have betrayed the tradition of Labor Zionism and adopted a post-Zionist approach — which would have horrified the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid has emerged in recent months as the most impressive opposition leader. He has moved to the center and, aside from routine personal attacks on the prime minister, espouses policies that are basically indistinguishable from those of the government. He has aspirations to assume leadership of the nation and has gained considerable support from the electorate. But impressive interviews and speeches are a far cry from the heavy burden of decision-making and leadership.

If Lapid can rise above the political morass and emerge as the first opposition leader to support Netanyahu's efforts, he would convey the message to the world that Israel is united in its determination to resist all efforts to undermine its security. This could have a major impact on the incoming US president and may revert the diplomatic tide flowing against Israel. Should Lapid act as a statesman and promote the national interest, he would display qualities that would appeal to most Israelis who are nauseated by the shenanigans of their elected representatives and, in so doing, would also advance his own objective of becoming a future prime minister.

Today Israel is stronger than ever and if we display unity, we can and will overcome all the challenges we face.

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No Sense Denying the Jewish Connection to Jerusalem



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Archaeologists have uncovered even more evidence of the ancient Jewish connection to Jerusalem — this right after UNESCO and the Palestinian Authority (PA) declared that Jews have no ties to the holy city. Talk about irony.

The latest discovery is a site where the Roman army assaulted Jewish forces

guarding the outer walls of Jerusalem, during the Second Temple period. The find further discredits the lies of the UN and the PA.

The Romans were attacking Jewish forces; no evidence was found of any Palestinian forces in the area. The assault took place during the Second Temple period — the temple that the PA says never existed.

Every time archaeologists dig in Israel, another piece of the Palestinian propaganda line crumbles. Earlier this year, scientists unearthed two ancient document seals in Jerusalem, dating to the late eighth century or early seventh century BCE. The script on the seals is in Hebrew, not Arabic or any other language connected to Arabs or Muslims.

One of the seals bears the name of a man, "Saadyahu ben Shebnayahu." The other is the name of a woman, "Elihanah bat Goel" (or Gael). Jewish names. Not Arab or Muslim or Palestinian. The archaeologists note that the names were "in typical Judean fashion for this time period."

Another important archaeological discovery earlier this year was the discovery of the world's oldest glass kilns, alongside a railroad track at the foot of Mount Carmel, near Haifa. Professor Ian Freestone of London's University College, a specialist in the identification of the chemical composition of glass, noted that the kilns prove that "Israel constituted a production center on an international scale — hence its glassware was widely distributed throughout the Mediterranean and Europe."

The kilns date from around the year 400 C.E., some 300 hundred years after the Romans destroyed the Second Temple, killed

an estimated 600,000 Jews, and destroyed more than 1,000 Jewish cities and towns.

Despite that devastation, the Jews were so attached to the Land of Israel that they rebuilt their society, to the point of serving as a glass-production center that exported its wares throughout the Roman Empire. One of the most famous discoveries in this field is an edict by the Roman emperor Diocletian, in which he set the prices for what he called "Judean glass."

Not "Palestinian glass," but "Judean glass." Because everyone knew that Judea was the name of the region. That's what the Bible called it. That's what historians have called it for more than 2,000 years.

That is, until UNESCO and the Palestinian Arab propaganda machine came along.

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Opinion.

Europe's Terror Challenges: The Returnee Threat



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Another week has brought another barrage of headlines illustrating the depth of Europe's terror threat. The following examples came during a 24-hour window earlier this month: "Schiphol Airport Was Possibly a Target of Terror Cell That Attacked Paris;" "Police in Brussels Stabbed in Possible Terror Attack;" and "MI5 Missed Chance to Foil Paris and Brussels Attacks."

It is news to no one that Islamic terrorism is everywhere, principally in Northern and Central Europe. But these three news stories, and the Schiphol and MI5 revelations in particular, demonstrate the enormity of the challenges now facing European counterterrorism officials.

Intelligence and law enforcement agencies continue to fumble in handling the threat, often through no real fault of their own. The perpetrators are slippery and elusive. Sometimes they travel under false names. Some slip in as refugees, using false passports and false histories. Others are returnees from Syria whose activities and encrypted communications slide beneath the radar, even as they are being watched. And overtaxed law enforcement agencies have made any number of mistakes, overlooking suspicious behavior or releasing suspects without adequate investigation — in part a consequence of political pressures and the fear of being accused of "Islamophobia" by politicians and the press.

As it turned out, the suspect in the Brussels knife attack was a former Belgian military officer already known to the police for his connections to fighters in Syria. To date, officials have not determined whether he has been to Syria or ISIS territory in Iraq.

But the contact with ISIS and other terror groups in the self-declared caliphate is a common link, not only among the known perpetrators of last November's Paris attacks and the March attacks in Brussels, but among their alleged colleagues planning to attack Schiphol airport. Those two men, identified as Tunisia's Sofien Ayari and the Syrian-Swedish Ossama Krayem, traveled by bus from Brussels to Amsterdam on November 13, 2015, the day of the Paris massacre. Both used false IDs. They returned, still undetected, the following day.

Four months later, police raided a safe house used by the terror cell in Schaarbeek, a Brussels neighborhood, and retrieved a laptop computer containing files labeled "13 November." Included in those files were documents referring not only to "Stade de France" and "Bataclan" — both targets in the Paris killings — but also to a "Schiphol group."

It is not clear why Ayari and Krayem returned to Brussels without executing an attack on the Dutch airport, and the Dutch National Coordinator for Counterterrorism and Security (NCTV) office will not comment on the case, leaving information sketchy.

But there may be clues: Ossama Krayem was also spotted on CCTV at the Brussels Metro station that was bombed on March 22; his lawyers maintain that he decided against detonating his backpack. Did he panic and back out of the Schiphol attack, as well?

Following a worldwide manhunt, Belgian police arrested Salah Abdeslam, one of the few surviving organizers of the Paris attacks, on March 18 in the Brussels district of Molenbeek. Little notice was given at the time to the other man arrested with him: Sofien Ayari. Three weeks later, after the March 22 attack on Zaventem airport and Brussels' Maalbeek metro station, police also captured Mohamed Abrini, frequently referred to as "the man in the hat," and a key player in the Zaventem bombing. Also arrested, though also little noted at the time, was Ossama Krayem. All four remain in detention.

While it has been known for some time by French prosecutors, the group's connection to the Schiphol airport plot was only released publicly earlier this month.

Indeed, the latest disclosures show that the Paris-Brussels cell reached as far as Amsterdam and the UK, as members traveled back and forth among all four countries. No one even noticed. Worse, UK officials put a stop to an undercover investigation of a British group with connections to Abrini months before the attacks, citing insufficient evidence. Had that probe continued, it may have led them to Abrini — who experts believe frequently

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visited the British group under orders from Syria-based leaders.

Why would that have mattered? Because Abrini was allegedly receiving orders from Abdelhamid Abaaoud, the mastermind of the Paris attacks. Abaaoud, said to be one of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi's right-hand men, was regularly going back and forth between Syria and France. According to CNN, Abaaoud allegedly bragged in ISIS's online magazine, *Dabiq*, "I was able to leave and come to Sham (Syria) despite being chased after by so many intelligence agencies. My name and picture were all over the news yet I was able to stay in their homeland, plan operations against them, and leave safely when doing so became necessary."

Experts agree that returnees like Abaaoud form the greatest terror threat right now. It isn't

simply a matter of their ability to bring the lessons of the battlefield — bomb-building, sharp-shooting and an emotional resistance against killing — to Europe's villages and cities. It is their ability to recruit new "soldiers for ISIS," some of whom will follow the returnees back to Syria, and others who will be ordered to remain and carry out attacks at home. And while most European countries have severe penalties for those found guilty of aiding terrorist groups, many returnees, like Abaaoud, simply don't get caught.

Moreover, because there is rarely hard evidence available of violence or terrorist acts in Syria, convicting returning ISIS fighters for their actions there is more difficult than it might seem. Smart-phone data from some returnees, however, has occasionally offered up photographs, videos, and other material

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SAVING LIVES IN ISRAEL

Impressions.

Advocating Bias Under the Cover of Tolerance

BY ANDREW LAPPIN/ JNS.org

I generally enjoy the camaraderie and communal spirit of my Reform synagogue. The Kol Nidre (Yom Kippur's evening service) sermon, however, unexpectedly strayed into quasi-political territory. Exceedingly careful to avoid mentioning any candidate by name, the rabbi passionately implored 500 or so congregants to understand that "America is great not for what America does, but for what [and, presumably, whom] America tolerates."

I agree that tolerance is an important American value, but I wondered what kind of history book would rank tolerance above exceptionalism, property rights, unity and the First Amendment.

It may have been a heartfelt plea, but the sermon bore little relevance to the spirit of the day. Yom Kippur calls on Jews to approach one another in a conciliatory and humble spirit. Although the congregation is largely weighted



Hillary Clinton. Photo: Gage Skindore via Wikimedia Commons.

toward "one-percenters" and college-educated professionals who, according to polls, believe Donald Trump is a "bigoted miscreant," there are members of the congregation who hold a far more nuanced assessment of Hillary Clinton's demonstrated potential for serious damage. Sermons should not be designed to appease or placate.

But, if the majority of the congregation is already convinced that Clinton is the "morally superior choice," then what purpose was served by moralistically jackhammering those who, in good conscience, and without malice or prejudice, reject the "party line"?

Despite the grimace of family and friends, in good conscience and without malice or prejudice, I believe that Trump will do more to inspire our nation to return to our fundamental values. That would yield productivity and entrepreneurship, which would begin to address our economic stagnation. In contrast, Clinton is ready to define our future in terms of the status of illegal immigrants who commit criminal acts, or the fraudulently protected status of Islamic jihadists. Am I a bigot for believing that all sovereign nations require secure borders? Or that Sharia law's violent rejection of Western culture is anathema to the core values of our nation?

I am not a bigot. A bigot would not have invested a large proportion of his net worth in

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Post-UNESCO Resolution Blues

BY RON JONTOF-HUTTER

During the festival of Sukkot, UNESCO passed a resolution disconnecting Jews from their holiest site, the Temple Mount. Despite the resolution, some 70,000 Jews thronged to the Western Wall for the Priestly Blessing as they did 2,000 years ago.

Among the Jews of that time was Jesus, whose pilgrimage is recorded by John in the Christian Bible. Some scholars even contend that Jesus was born during the Sukkot festival.



The southern wall of the Temple Mount. Photo: Sarah Junik

The Temple, the hub of religious/national life was described in detail by Josephus, the historian of the time, in his book *The Jewish War*. Indeed, according to Christian tradition, Jesus debated the Pharisees at the Temple some 600 years before Islam.

Hardly a week goes by without some archaeological discovery being made in Jerusalem. Last week, archaeologists found the remains of the "Third Wall" recorded by Josephus, protecting Jerusalem that was breached by the invading Romans. Scores of catapult boulders lie scattered on the ground.

A few weeks ago, beautiful mosaic tiles with geometric designs were unearthed from the Herodian Temple. One can picture the crowds passing through these magnificent floors, never imagining that 2,000 years later, Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas would declare to an indifferent world that Jews "would not be allowed to defile the Temple Mount with their dirty feet."

The UNESCO resolution denying the Jewish connection to their most revered and holy place for 3,000 years is thus beyond bizarre.

Each country that voted for it or abstained, was in effect repudiating its own culture.

For starters, while the Quran never mentions Jerusalem even once, it does say in Ash-Shu'ara-59, Sura 26 that the children of Israel were the inheritors of their land (Israel). Strange therefore, but not surprising, that the Muslim countries that sponsored the resolution in effect trashed a section of their own holy book, which does not politically suit them. Never mind that in some countries a fatwa is issued against those who insult the prophet Mohammed.

What is more troubling, however, is that most Christian countries, including in Europe, abstained.

"Zion" and "Jerusalem" are mentioned about 157 and 660 times respectively in the Hebrew Bible. Additionally, the New Testament of the Christian Bible mentions Jerusalem another 146 times. Luke 9:51 records that "as the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem."

Despite the centrality of the Jewish Jesus in the Temple narrative, the Pope has been silent. Other major Christian organizations, such as the World Council of Churches, are more concerned with "Christ at the Wall" than with Christ's heritage.

This leads us to question whether decades of interfaith events were little more than klezmer and kosher supper occasions. And, what happened to *tikkun olam*, which was meant to be an interfaith watchword for a better world?

When push came to shove, the Pope and thousands of Christian clergy again forsook their "older brothers," as Pope John Paul called the Jews. They shamed themselves by refusing to confront what amounted to a challenge not only to their "older brothers," but to their very own heritage and identity. One would have thought that with the influx of uncontrolled Muslim migrants into Europe, they would have stood up to the "neighborhood bully," as Nobel Prize laureate Bob Dylan described in his song, and sought some balance and self-respect. Instead, they opted for cowardice and failure.

Ironically, and hypocritically, France on the one hand continually resists Turkey's attempts to join the EU because it does not share Europe's Christian foundation and culture. On the other hand, it denigrates its own Judeo-Christian heritage it purports to hold dear and defend.

It was not the first and will not be the last time that western democracies BDS themselves (for that is what it really amounts to), from their core identity. For example, the church in New Zealand excised the words "Zion" and "Israel" from their 1989 prayer book. Replacement theology has also attempted to change the historical record. Political correctness is now in vogue no matter how misguided it is.

Not too far from the Temple Mount are sites that form the basis of Christendom's birth and unfolding narrative 2,000 years ago. The Garden of Gethsemane is where Jesus was arrested and Golgotha, where Jesus, according to belief, was crucified – now the site of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Christianity's most sacred place.

In Luke 9:15, the association of the Jewish Jesus with Jerusalem is made very clear with the words, "As the time approached when he was to be taken to heaven, he set his face resolutely towards Jerusalem."

In July this year, Father Jacques Hamel was made to kneel in front of the altar in the parish of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray near Rouen and had his throat slit. The Pope called him a martyr.

Before he died, his last words were: "Stop! What are you doing?"

Father Hamel may well have directed these words to Europe and Christianity at large.

Are they listening?

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH CAMPISI, RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 17, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. 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 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. Edward Mark Rappaport Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

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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)

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File No. 2015 -731 / A PA. No. 143742 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Israel Weinraub, Daniel Melchet, Edna Zivan, Edward Laden, Richard Laden, Capitol Funeral Service of New York Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance New York City Human Resources Administration The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of RACHELA HAUSNER a/k/a RACHEL HAUSNER, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of RACHELA HAUSNER a/k/a RACHEL HAUSNER, the decedent herein, whose names and/or places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on November 15, 2016 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of RACHELA HAUSNER a/k/a RACHEL HAUSNER, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$15,553.28, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$3,851.10, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to Petitioner, in the amount of \$ 23,106.58 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$ 661.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, in the amount of \$108,115.41, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account, should not be allowed to the extent of the net estate after the payment of administration expenses and any

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creditor claims which have priority of payment; (g) The claims of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance and Capitol Funeral Service of New York, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (h) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (i) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, September 22, 2016 HON MARGERITA LOPEZ TORRES, Surrogate Doreen A Quinn Chief Clerk. Joseph J Borges, ESQ., Cullen and Dykman LLP 44 Wall Street. New York, NY 10005-2407 (212) 701-4175 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 that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. CESAR SARMIENTO; 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 August 29, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On December 1, 2016 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 139 DUMONT AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11212 Block: 3555 Lot: 55 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. 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 \$774,440.44 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 3196-14 Michael J. Mondschein, Esq., Referee

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF CWABS, INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-11, Plaintiff against PIERRE A. RAOUL; JUNIE RAOUL, et al Defendant(s).

Opinion.

Behind the Phenomenon of 'Trumping Clinton'



RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

A joke I heard when I was a teenager – growing up in a New York City neighborhood with a large population of Latino immigrants – serves as a good explanation for the (thus far) political success of Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump.

It goes something like this:

Two friends from the Dominican Republic run into each other on a Manhattan street and one begins to boast that he is bettering himself by attending night school.

The other shrugs, unimpressed. "I don't go to night school," he says. "But I know a lot."

"Oh, yeah?" the first one challenges. "Do you know who George Washington was?"

"Never heard of him," the second replies. "But I know many things."

"Really?" the first questions. "So who was Abraham Lincoln?"

"I don't know who Abraham Lincoln was," the second answers. "But I know plenty more than you do."

"Hmmm," the first says. "Like what?"

The second says, "I know who Juan Rodriguez is."

"Who's he?" the first one asks.

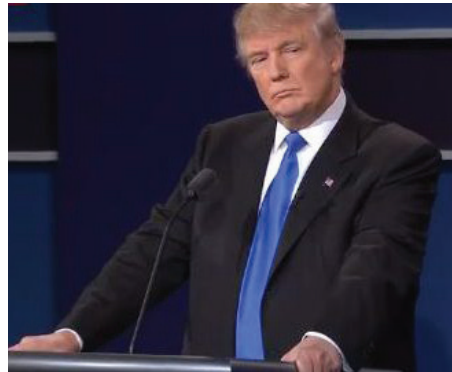
The second responds, "He's the guy who's sleeping with your wife while you're at night school."

The distinction between education and street smarts has always been a topic of humor. But the current election campaign has turned it into a very serious issue.

There is no question in anybody's mind that Hillary Clinton's long political history, spousal affiliation to the White House and experience in the State Department and Senate make her a more "educated" candidate. But huge swaths of America are fed up with the kind of "knowledge" Clinton possesses, which has brought the country to its knees.

Voters realize that she knows what she's talking about. Only those who agree with her ideology think this is a good thing. The rest of the electorate – left, right and center – consider her to be a dangerous option. Not only has her career been paved with personal and political corruption that is the stuff TV shows like "House of Cards" are made of; and not only have her dubious dealings wreaked havoc on US foreign policy; but her insatiable greed and astounding hypocrisy make her a frightening option.

Enter Trump – the most unlikely person



Donald Trump. Photo: Screenshot.

to beat 16 Republicans in the primary races. For one thing, he is a former Democrat. For another, he lacks finesse, gravitas and the ability to listen to advice from people more knowledgeable than he on a range of subjects. "I listen to myself," he once said.

Yet, no amount of ridicule and horror at what even many Trump supporters consider to be his "foot-in-mouth" disease was putting a dent in his numbers – at least, not until old allegations of ostensible sexual harassment surfaced.

That this, of all reasons, might be responsible for his electoral downfall is more shocking than any of his past behavior with women. After all, the Clintons have said and done far worse things to and about females. Nor are the polls necessarily correct.

Whatever the final outcome of this election, however, Trump's meteoric rise cannot be dismissed. Having trounced all the better educated Republican contenders in the primaries, and still constituting a threat to Clinton, he is worthy of genuine study – and even respect – as his voice clearly is expressing a strong, undeniable sentiment among the public.

Let's face it, more Americans than the *New York Times* cares to admit are sick to death of the way that healthy common sense and basic truths about human nature have been undermined by so-called "progressives."

Hillary Clinton may be aware of who George Washington was. She certainly has heard of Abraham Lincoln, whose portrayal in the Steven Spielberg movie she disgustingly invoked, during her second debate against Trump, to excuse her two-faced positions.

But Trump knows exactly who was sleeping with her husband – and the dictators in whose proverbial beds she has lain – while she was purposefully, in an "educated" way, making the United States a less affluent and more globally insecure player on the world stage.

Immigrant jokes aside, this is no laughing matter.

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At the same time, often "even those who did not fight continue to be involved in jihadist circles" when they come home, AIVD reports. Others, according to a separate report published by the NCTV, join criminal groups, possibly as a way to raise money to send back to Syria and Iraq. And while many appear to retreat, this does not mean that they have given up their jihadist visions. It is quite likely that they are encouraging others through social media, in mosques and in small groups. And so the cycle continues.

There is some good news. Through new initiatives, European intelligence bureaus are sharing more information, making it less

10 Things That Happen — Only in Israel

BY ELIANA RUDEE

1. Everyone wishes you a happy new year, easy fast and happy holiday — just as they do for Christmas in the United States

Seriously — everyone and everything. Bus billboards, bus drivers, Coke bottles, food packaging, restaurants, you name it. For once, you don't have to offer up an awkward half-smile or an explanation of "I'm Jewish."

2. Holiday hospitality

During Sukkot, my family stopped by a cheese store to buy some cheese boards made of olive wood. As my dad scrutinized each board, the shop owner offered us coffee. We gladly accepted, and to our amazement, he said, "I'll be back" and ran to get us coffee from across the street at a coffee shop. The extent to which people go out of their way to make others feel at home in Israel is nothing short of amazing. This is especially true during the holidays, when there is an unspoken policy of "no one is left behind."

3. Yom Kippur: no cars whatsoever — or flights

Yom Kippur is the only day of the year when everything in Israel stops. Religious Jews go to synagogue and fast, and non-religious Jews bike around the city, enjoying the carless roads. Even Ben-Gurion Airport closes, and airspace over Israel is completely clear of incoming and outgoing planes.

4. Extreme diversity and pluralism in level of observance

One of the greatest things about the holidays in Israel is that everyone has their own way of participating, no matter their nationality or level of religious observance. For Rosh Hashanah this year, I went from religious services at the Great Synagogue and Chabad, to having a friend drive me to a religiously observant meal, to enjoying the meal with seven people from five different continents. Two were not Jewish, two were secular, and three were religiously observant. If the Messiah indeed comes when Jews of all kinds come together, it will probably happen at a Rosh Hashanah meal.

5. Hotel experiences

In Israel, many hotels offer holiday packages for people who don't want to bother preparing meals and walking to synagogue. This year, my family went to the Orthodox Union's program at Jerusalem Garden and Spa Hotel. There, we had a pre-fast meal, Kol Nidre services, Yom Kippur services and lectures, and a break-the-fast meal. One of the best parts of Yom Kippur in Israel is at the end of the service when we say "next year in Jerusalem," we already are!

6. "After the holidays" is a reasonable excuse

likely that someone like Abaoud would be able to cross borders today undetected.

More important are de-radicalization programs, which aim to change either the behavior (known as "disengagement") or the mindsets of jihadists — essentially challenging and discrediting their radical Islamist ideas. How well these programs work is still uncertain, though experts increasingly agree that altering violent behavior alone is not enough.

Because jihadists work by spreading an ideology, it is that ideology that needs to be attacked. And because prisons are often precisely where radical Islamic ideologies are preached and spread, counterterrorist experts are starting to say that sending jihadists to prison is not sufficient.

"We've seen in many other countries

October is notoriously a low point for work and a high point for holidays in Israel. It seems that nearly every other day is a holiday. When it comes to work and social activities, the most commonly heard phrase is "after the holidays..." Because let's be honest: eating, praying and celebrating takes more than enough of our time already.

7. Trying to explain kaparot or Sukkot to visitors

If you've ever tried to explain holidays to non-Jews, you know the confusion that ensues. Explaining Sukkot is especially humorous. "We live in big tent-like structures, decorate it with branches and fruit, and then shake around four species of plants ... what's there not to understand?" Another weird one to explain is kaparot: a sacrificial chicken that is swung around, killed and then given to the poor.

8. Laughing at UNESCO

While the world gasped in anger at UNESCO's resolution that claimed no Jewish connection to Jerusalem and its holy sites, tens (maybe even hundreds) of thousands of Jews gathered at the Western Wall for selichot prayers, ahead of Yom Kippur. Needless to say, it is folly for anyone to deny the connection between Jews and their holy sites.

9. People use time off for good

During the weekdays of Sukkot, many are given time off of work, but Israelis use this time as "time on." They travel, spend time with their families, go on hikes, and even march for peace. Over Sukkot, a group of 6,000 Jewish and Arab women and male supporters marched around Jerusalem, holding signs calling for a peaceful resolution for all people living in Israel and the Palestinian Territories. The march, organized by "Women Wage Peace" ended in a massive rally at Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence. Also during Sukkot, puppet shows, entertainers and parades enlivened Jerusalem's city center.

10. Restaurants: Eating in the sukkah

Unlike in the US, sukkot line nearly every street — both in the middle of the city as well as residential areas. Almost every family has their own sukkah. Some take it very seriously, moving their couches, desks, bookshelves, dining room table, sleeping cots, and belongs inside. They truly live in the sukkah. Kosher restaurants also have their own sukkahs for visitors — a tradition that is probably unheard of anywhere else in the world.

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that when you arrest one, you create three other extremists," German deradicalization expert David Kohler told Frontline. "It helps to spread the idea, and proves to the movement that they are right, that they are under attack."

Granted, this is hardly a short-term strategy. But as the number of people returning from Syria to the West grows, and as their reach into the hearts and minds of Western Muslims deepens, it may be the one chance that we have to bring the cycle of Islamist terror to an end.

Abigail R. Esmann, the author, most recently, of Radical State: How Jihad Is Winning Over Democracy in the West (Praeger, 2010), is a freelance writer based in New York and the Netherlands.

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that can be used as evidence. Consequently, their sentences can be comparatively light, less than 10 years in Germany and the UK, and usually lower for those who cooperate with authorities.

Others may not face prison at all. A report by the Dutch intelligence service AIVD points out that many returnees come home disappointed by the realities they encountered. Those who were not seen as fit to fight were reduced to menial jobs like housekeeping, and cannot be said to have engaged in terrorist activity, and so, cannot be convicted.

Social.



An Israeli receiving a free tattoo as part of the Healing Ink Israel project. Photo: Courtesy.

Israel Advocate Wants to Change Views About Jewish State, One Tattoo at a Time

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

“Low-brow” art forms can be a powerful advocacy tool, the head of a pro-Israel artists group told The Algemeiner on Friday.

Craig Dershowitz — the executive director of Artists 4 Israel — was referring to his group’s Healing Ink Israel project, which is underway this week in cities across the Jewish state.

“We and Bishop Tattoo have brought a group of the world’s absolute best, most famous and most talented tattoo artists to the country and they’re giving free tattoos to Israelis who were either injured in combat or in terrorist attacks,” Dershowitz said. “The idea is, as much as possible, to tattoo over or near scars, to help these people reclaim their bodies and feel better about what they see when they look at themselves and give themselves a further sense of wholeness.”

Furthermore, Dershowitz said, the artists — including Luke Wessman, Joe Capobianco and Steve Soto, among others — are being “exposed to the truth about Israel.”

“These artists represent a true intersectionality of cultures,” Dershowitz said. “We have African-Ameri-

cans, first-generation Mexican-Americans and Italians — the height of the liberal, progressive art world. And this is a community where no one has really told them about Israel. Artists 4 Israel brought them here before the ignorant, anti-Israel forces could ply them with misinformation.”

“To counteract the BDS movement, we have to stay ahead of the game,” he continued. “And we’re working with the absolute top influencers in urban culture. Our artists with their over 5 million followers in social media are the ones that other brands look to for credibility. Tommy Hilfiger, Chevy, EA video games and other companies reach out to these artists to sell products — and Israel is the best product.”

According to Dershowitz, a new approach is needed to better Israel’s image around the world.

“Our advocacy community is focused on decision makers without understanding that decision makers are slaves to the opinions of you and I,” he said. “There is a reason that politicians consult opinion polls before taking positions. If you look at the most recent, powerful political movements — Bernie Sanders, Black Lives Matter and Marriage Equality — you can see that the change came from bottom up.”

Tiny Wooden Charm Found in Auschwitz Attic Likely a Symbol of Resistance Against Nazis

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A miniature charm belonging to an Auschwitz inmate was discovered this month in the attic of a concentration camp building, the UK’s Daily Mail

reported on Thursday.

According to the report, the tiny carved wooden clog hanging from a chain was found during maintenance work at the Budy-Bor sub-camp — part of the preservation of the historical sites of the Nazi death camps in occupied Poland during World War II. The size

‘Wonder Woman’ Gal Gadot Explains Israel’s Electoral System to Talk-Show Host Jimmy Kimmel

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Famed Israeli actress Gal Gadot contrasted the Israeli and American electoral systems during an interview on ABC’s “Jimmy Kimmel Live” on Thursday night, saying that the US process is “not at all” like that of her country.

The “Wonder Woman” star said she had watched the third and final US presidential debate between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, and explained how the Jewish state elects its leaders. (In Israel, for example, voters opt for a party among many, and the head of the party with the most votes



Gal Gadot with Jimmy Kimmel on ‘Jimmy Kimmel Live.’ Photo: Screenshot.

is called on to form the government — a coalition of parties.) In addition, she explained, though a US president is limited to two four-year terms, an Israeli prime minister has no such restriction.

Kimmel asked Gadot if she, as Wonder Woman, had considered a run for prime minister of Israel. Gadot replied, “Actually, no, I haven’t.”

“Wonder Woman” will premiere on June 2, 2017.

of the shoe, 0.28 inches, and the fact that it was found attached to a chain, indicate it was worn as jewelry by one of the women deported to the camp, said Agnieszka Molenda, chairman of the Foundation of Memory Sites Near Auschwitz-Birkenau (FPMP).

Because prisoners were prohibited from wearing or making jewelry, Molenda said the object could have been a small symbol of resistance. She called it a “real piece of art from Auschwitz,” and said the trinket was most likely hidden between bricks in the wall of the attic where it was uncovered, the site of the massacre of 90 French-Jewish women, bludgeoned to death by Nazi prison guards, on Oct. 5, 1942. ‘Wonder Woman’ Gal Gadot Explains Israel’s Electoral System to Talk-Show Host Jimmy Kimmel

Though the charm’s owner and origin are still unknown, Molenda suggested that it may have belonged to a victim of that massacre.

The FPMP, established in 2013 by private collectors, preserves artifacts from Auschwitz–Birkenau and its sub-camps. Together with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum, the FPMP has collected thousands of items kept in private homes since World War II.

Tradition.

The Faith of God



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

There is a deep question at the heart of Jewish faith, and it is very rarely asked. As the Torah opens we see God creating the universe day by day, bringing order out of chaos, life out of inanimate matter, flora and fauna in all their wondrous diversity. At each stage God sees what He has made and declares it good.

What then went wrong? How did evil enter the picture, setting in motion the drama of which the Torah – in a sense, the whole of history – is a record? The short answer is man, Homo sapiens, us. We, alone of the life forms thus far known to us, have freewill, choice and moral responsibility. Cats do not debate the ethics of killing mice. Vampire bats do not become vegetarians. Cows do not worry about global warming.

It is this complex capacity to speak, think and choose between alternative courses of action, that is at once our glory, our burden and our shame. When we do good we are little lower than the angels. When we do evil we fall lower than the beasts. Why then did God take the risk of creating the one form of life capable of destroying the very order He had made and declared good? Why did God create us?

That is the question posed by the Gemara in Sanhedrin:

When the Holy One, blessed be He, came to create man, He created a group of ministering angels and asked them, "Do you agree that we should make man in our image?"

They replied, "Sovereign of the Universe, what will be his deeds?"

God showed them the history of mankind.

The angels replied, "What is man that You are mindful of him?" [Let man not be created].

God destroyed the angels.

He created a second group, and asked them the same question, and they gave the same answer.

God destroyed them.

He created a third group of angels, and they replied, "Sovereign of the Universe, the first and second group of angels told You not to create man, and it did not avail them. You did not listen. What then can we say but this: The universe is Yours. Do with it as You wish."

And God created man.

But when it came to the generation of the Flood, and then to the generation of those who built the Tower of Babel, the angels said to God, "Were not the first angels right? See how great is the corruption of mankind."

And God replied (Isaiah 46:4), "Even to old age I will not change, and even to grey hair, I will still be patient." [Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 38b]

Technically the Gemara is addressing a stylistic challenge

in the text. For every other act of creation in Genesis 1, the Torah tells us, "God said, 'Let there be' ... And there was..." In the case of the creation of humankind alone, there is a preface, a prelude. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness ..." Who is the "us"? And why the preamble?

In their seemingly innocent and childlike – actually subtle and profound – way the sages answered both questions by saying that with (to quote Hamlet) an enterprise of this pith and moment, God



consulted with the angels. They were the "us".

But now the question becomes very deep indeed. For, in creating humans, God brought into existence the one life form with the sole exception of Himself, capable of freedom and choice. That is what the phrase means when it says, "Let us make mankind in our image after our likeness." For the salient fact is that God has no image. To make an image of God is the archetypal act of idolatry.

This means not just the obvious fact that God is invisible. He cannot be seen. He cannot be identified with anything in nature: not the sun, the moon, thunder, lightning, the ocean or any of the other objects or forces people worshipped in those days. In this superficial sense, God has no image. That, wrote Sigmund Freud in his last book, *Moses and Monotheism*, was Judaism's greatest contribution. By worshipping an invisible God, Jews tilted the balance of civilisation from the physical to the spiritual.

But the idea that God has no image goes far deeper than this. It means that we cannot conceptualise God, understand Him or predict Him. God is not an abstract essence; He is a living presence. That is the meaning of God's own self-definition to Moses at the Burning Bush: "I will be what I will be" – meaning, "I will be what I choose to be." I am the God of freedom, who endowed humankind with freedom, and I am about to lead the children of Israel from slavery to freedom.

When God made humanity in His image, it means that He gave humans the freedom to choose, so that you can never fully predict what they will do. They too – within the limits of our finitude and mortality – will be what they choose to be. Which means that when God gave humans the freedom to act well, he

gave them the freedom to act badly. There is no way of avoiding this dilemma even for God Himself. And so it was. Adam and Eve sinned. The first human child, Cain, murdered the second, Abel, and within a short space of time the world was filled with violence.

In one of the most searing passages in the whole of Tanakh, we read at the end of this week's parsha:

God saw that man's wickedness on earth was increasing. Every impulse of his innermost thought was only for evil, all day long. God regretted that He had made man on earth, and He was pained to His very core. (Gen. 6:5-6)

Hence the angels' question, the ultimate question at the heart

of faith. Why did God, knowing the risks and dangers, make a species that could and did rebel against Him, devastate the natural environment, hunt species to extinction, and oppress and kill his fellow man?

The Talmud, imagining a conversation between God and the angels, is suggesting a tension within the mind of God Himself. The answer God gives the angels is extraordinary: "Even to old age I will not change, and even to grey hair, I will still be patient." Meaning: I, God, am prepared to wait. If it takes ten generations for a Noah to emerge, and another ten for an Abraham, I will be patient. However many times humans disappoint Me, I will not change. However much evil they do in the world I will not despair. I despaired once, and brought a Flood. But after I saw that humans are merely human, I will never bring a Flood again.

God created humanity because God has faith in humanity. Far more than we have faith in God, God has faith in us. We may fail many times, but each time we fail, God says: "Even to old age I will not change, and even to grey hair, I will still be patient." I will never give up on humanity. I will never lose faith. I will wait for as long as it takes for humans to learn not to oppress, enslave or use violence against other humans. That, implies the Talmud, is the only conceivable explanation for why a good, wise, all-seeing and all-powerful God created such fallible, destructive creatures as us. God has patience. God has forgiveness. God has compassion. God has love.

For centuries, theologians and philosophers have been looking at religion upside down. The real phenomenon at its heart – the mystery and miracle – is not our faith in God. It is God's faith in us.

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a crime-infested, downtrodden part of Chicago starved for investment. My work has, over the years, become a model and an inspiration to members of the community. Yes, along with the community, I have benefited financially, which ought to be an incentive for others to follow.

The act of trying to squeeze consensus for the sake of "purity" is actually an act of intolerance. If synagogues are to now join college campuses in fostering the establishment of "safe spaces," then we are truly witnessing the implosion of what was once the bastion of inclusivity and tolerance. Perhaps even the late Nobel Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, highly venerated in Reform social-justice circles, might even have shuddered at this possibility.

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Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 20, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of December, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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 bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Foster Avenue with the westerly side of East 49th Street; Running thence westerly along the northerly side of Foster Avenue 20 feet; Thence northerly and parallel with East 49th Street 100 feet; Thence easterly and parallel with Foster Avenue 20 feet to the westerly side of East 49th Street; Thence southerly along the westerly side of East 49th Street 100 feet to the corner the point or place of beginning. Together with an easement of 4 feet over the most easterly part of the premises adjoining on the west and subject to a similar easement of 4 feet over the most westerly part of the above described premises which said 8 feet shall constitute an easement for light, air and access and for ingress and egress for pleasure automobiles only to an from the northerly side of Foster Avenue to the garage erected or intended to be erected in the rear of said premises in favor of the owner of the premises as 4823 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. Tax account number: 4779-40. Approximate amount of lien \$ 188,111.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505747-14. Dominic Famulari, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 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 December 1, 2016 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. 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, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: OCTOBER 28, 2016 AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18

Notice of Formation of LMEG ACQUISITION LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/16. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 303 Louisiana Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11207. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18/25/2

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, N.A., Plaintiff against LEON S. POWDAR, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 12, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 1st day of December, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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, and State of New York, being bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Milford Street, distant 90 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Milford Street with the northerly side of Sutter Avenue; RUNNING THENCE westerly parallel to the northerly side of Sutter Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel to the westerly side of Milford Street, 29 feet; THENCE easterly parallel to the northerly side of Sutter Avenue and part of the distance through a party wall, 100 feet, to the westerly side of Milford Street; THENCE southerly along the westerly side of Milford Street, 29 feet, to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 278 Milford Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11208. (Block: 4040, Lot: 33). Approximate amount of lien \$ 294,553.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500176-14. Judy S. Mock, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ 10/28;11/4/11/18