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Berlin Rabbi: City in 'Total Shock' After Truck-Ramming Attack



Emergency vehicles surround the truck that was driven into a crowd at an outdoor Christmas market in Berlin on Monday, killing 12. Photo: Andreas Trojak via Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY

The atmosphere in Berlin is one of "total shock," the rabbi of the German capital's Jewish community told The Algemeiner on Tuesday, less than 24 hours after 12 people were killed and dozens of others wounded — among them an Israeli — in a truck-ramming attack at a popular outdoor Christmas market.

"People are trying to come to terms with what happened, take the necessary security precautions and understand that there is a new reality," Chabad-Lubavitch movement Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal said. "The primary concern right now is to take care of those who were injured."

Several hours before speaking with The Algemeiner, Teichtal visited the Israeli man, reportedly in his 60s, who was gravely injured

in Monday's attack.

"His life is not in danger, but he did have serious wounds," Teichtal said. "He had a long operation and now the recovery process starts."

The wounded man's wife, however, is still missing.

"We are working very hard right now to see if we can find her at one of the many hospitals the wounded were taken to," Teichtal said. "We are in touch intensively

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Israeli Seriously Wounded in Berlin Terrorist Attack; Wife Declared Missing

BY JNS.ORG

An Israeli tourist was among those injured in Monday's terror attack on a crowded Christmas market in central Berlin, in which 12 people were killed and 50 others were injured when a tractor-trailer plowed into the market.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry confirmed Tuesday that an Israeli tourist in his 60s was among those injured in the attack, while the whereabouts of his wife were still unknown.



The site of the Berlin truck ramming attack. Photo: Twitter.

An official from the ministry said the man had undergone surgery and was in stable condition.

"Israel condemns what appears to be a terror attack in Germany," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told reporters Tuesday. "We send our condolences to the families of the victims and of course to the German government and a speedy recovery to the injured, including an Israeli citizen."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Tuesday that "we must assume at the current time that it was a terrorist attack."

Authorities initially believed the attack was committed

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Opinion.

New York Times in Full-Fledged Frothing Freakout Frenzy Over Friedman Pick



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

How freaked out is the *New York Times* over Donald Trump's decision to nominate David Friedman as the American ambassador to Israel?

Extremely, to judge by the newspaper's completely over-the-top coverage of the nomination.

The *Times* first covered the news of the nomination with a hostile article in Friday's paper that the *Algemeiner* responded to that day.

Then the *New York Times* did something it reserves for the rarest of situations. It ran the same news again, this time on page one. Saturday's paper piled on with a front page story headlined: "David Friedman, Choice for Envoy To Israel, Is Hostile to Two State Efforts." That article was the product of a team of no less than eight — eight! — *Times* personnel, working from four different cities: "Isabel Kershner reported from Jerusalem, and Sheryl Gay Stolberg from Washington. Reporting was contributed by Russ Buettner and Maggie Haberman from New York, Sewell Chan from London, and Irit Pazner Garshowitz from Jerusalem. Jack Begg and Alain Delaquerière contributed research."

And as if that weren't enough, the paper piled on with a lead editorial in Saturday's paper — "A Dangerous Choice for Ambassador to Israel" — and an op-ed article by Daniel C. Kurtzer, "Donald Trump's Israel Ambassador Pick Is Hazardous to Peace." The paper also ran an interactive online feature with highlights of Friedman's past writing. (As is so often the case, the *Times* timed its worst anti-Jewish coverage for the Sabbath or Jewish holidays, making it harder for observant Jews to respond.)

There have been Supreme Court nominations — well, certainly cabinet secretary posts — that have attracted less extensive scrutiny from the *New York Times* than this mere ambassadorship to Israel.

So what is to account for all the *Times* frothing over Friedman?

The *Times* editorial complains that Friedman "has no diplomatic experience." But President Obama has packed American embassies with campaign fundraisers, donors and political allies who have no diplomatic experience. A television soap opera producer was named by Obama as the American ambassador to Hungary. Caroline Kennedy was named by Obama to be ambassador to Japan. Other news organizations did report on this topic during the Obama years. "When Big Money Leads To Diplomatic Posts" was the headline of a *National Public Radio* piece. "US diplomats cry foul as Obama donors take over top embassy jobs," was the headline of a

Guardian article reporting that Obama had named a campaign fundraiser as ambassador to Great Britain. "Obama hands out plum ambassador posts to big campaign donors" was the headline of an article in *The Hill*.

If you can't quite remember the *New York Times* editorials denouncing those dozens of ambassadorial nominations by President Obama, that's because there were no such editorials, at least none that I could find in scouring the archives. It's only in Israel — not Japan, Hungary or Great Britain — that the *Times* insists on previous diplomatic experience as a requirement for national service. Only Israel, and only the Trump administration. It's almost enough to make one suspect that the newspaper's objection to Friedman isn't about his lack of prior diplomatic experience at all, but about something else.

Perhaps the newspaper is upset about Friedman's supposed suggestion that Israel's critics aren't actually Jewish. Yet the newspaper has yet to produce a transcript or a tape of Friedman making that claim. At the Washington Free Beacon, Noah Pollak aptly called the *Times* news article "a caricature of political frustration and resentment masquerading as news." On Twitter, the author of the day-one *Times* story, Matthew Rosenberg, eventually dialed back his claim, writing, "alright, to clarify: earlier tweet should have said that Friedman has said SOME Jews who support 2-state solution are not Jewish."



David Friedman. Photo: Kasowitz website.

Another person who grasps what the *Times* is up to is Elliott Abrams, a foreign policy hand with extensive experience at the National Security Council and the State Department. Abrams writes on his blog at the Council on Foreign Relations that the *Times* "poison-pen" editorial writers "would prefer a fellow at a white-shoe Wall Street firm whose father or grandfather had been a diplomat, who belonged to the right clubs." Precisely.

The *Times*, even with eight reporters devoted to the task, still can't manage to grasp basic facts about Judaism. It writes of Friedman, "He and his wife are renowned for gathering people for dinners in their sukkah, a hut observant Jews build on their balconies

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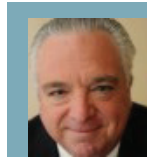
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Calling Out the Media for Biased Coverage of Palestinian Terror



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When is a Palestinian terrorist attack not worthy of serious attention in the eyes of America's major daily newspapers?

When there's no way to make the Palestinian attacker look sympathetic, of course.

In Jerusalem, on Dec. 14, a Palestinian terrorist named Khamad Khadr Ashikh stabbed two Israeli police officers and a 12-year-old Israeli boy in the head with a large screwdriver.

The *New York Times* has a bureau in Israel, with a staff of reporters. So does the *Washington Post*. Either of them could have sent a reporter to the hospital to interview the victims, to call the victims' families. He or she could have visited Khamad Khadr Ashikh's hometown, and asked his relatives and neighbors whether they consider the stabber to be a terrorist or a hero. The *Times* or the *Post* could have at least told its readers what the Palestinian Authority (PA) was saying about the attack on PA-controlled television and radio stations.

But that kind of reporting is fraught with risk, if you have a pro-Palestinian agenda. Hospitalized stabbing victims inevitably generate sympathy for Israel's side. Palestinian neighbors and relatives typically praise perpetrators of anti-Jewish violence, so that would make the Palestinian cause look bad. As for the

PA, its official print, TV and radio outlets always portray Palestinian terrorists as heroes — so acknowledging what the PA is saying would further discredit the Palestinian cause.

So, instead of doing their duty as journalists, the *Times* and the *Post* posted a very brief *Associated Press* (AP) article about the attack. That enables them to say they didn't ignore the story. But the AP's report really wasn't much better than ignoring the story altogether.

To begin with, the AP did not even mention the 12-year-old Israeli boy who was stabbed. Was it sloppy reporting, or a deliberate attempt to slant the story? Hard to say. But this much is undeniable: when Israeli children are stabbed, that generates sympathy for Israel; by contrast, police officers are armed, so attacks on them don't necessarily seem quite as outrageous. A journalist who champions the Palestinian cause will always prefer to make it appear as if Palestinians only attack armed security personnel, not defenseless civilians.



Israeli police and forensic experts at the scene of an Oct. 13 Palestinian car-ramming terror attack at the Aza'im checkpoint near Ma'ale Adumim, just east of Jerusalem. Photo: Flash90.

Next came the AP's turn to moral equivalency. In the past year, according to the AP, "Palestinian attackers have killed 36 Israelis" while "228 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire." The AP continued, "Israel says most of the Palestinians killed were attackers while the rest died in clashes with troops."

Notice the phrase "Israel says," as if it's just a claim that can't be verified. Are the AP reporters in Israel for some reason unable to review the circumstances of each incident to determine the simple truth? Are they afraid that Israel's "claim" would be proven true.

As for the AP's distinction between the deaths of "Palestinian attackers" and the deaths of Palestinians who "died in clashes with troops," that's just a fiction intended to make some of the Palestinian deaths seem unjustified. A "clash with troops" means Palestinians attack Israeli troops with deadly rocks and firebombs, and get shot by the Israelis in self-defense. Israeli troops do not randomly target innocent Palestinians, starting "clashes" with them in order to shoot them. The "clashers" are "attackers."

The AP concluded its report on the stabbing with a thinly veiled attempt to provide justification for the attack: "Israel says the violence is driven by a Palestinian campaign of incitement, while Palestinians say it's the result of nearly 50 years of Israeli occupation and dwindling hopes for an independent state."

So once again, the AP presents the "two sides" as if they are equally plausible interpre-

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World News.

Iranian Atomic Energy Official: Islamic Republic's Nuclear Program in Better Shape Since Forging of Deal With World Powers

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The second-in-command of Iran's atomic energy agency (AEOI) declared on Tuesday that the Islamic Republic's nuclear program was in better shape since the forging of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with world powers in July 2015, the regime-aligned *Mehr News Agency* reported.

According to the report, AEOI deputy chief Behrouz Kamalvandi gave a press conference in which he said, "We are now in possession of some new reactors that are much technically superior to their previous versions."

Kamalvandi also pointed to Tehran's joining of the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) megaproject, calling Iran's participation in it "highly significant," and saying it "will improve our position on the international scene tremendously." ITER, he said, "will allow the human race to reserve energy for millions of years."

He said that though the issue of sanctions — which has come to fore since the passage of a ten-year extension of the Iran Sanctions Act — was one for the Iranian Foreign Ministry to address, he was satisfied with those that have been lifted so far. These, claimed, have led to the reestablishment of the Islamic Republic's "connection with the world and the exchange of letters of credit have created a progressive atmosphere for our trade."

"If we manage our resources correctly," he said, "we can join the top ten economies in the world."

To illustrate the progress he was touting, Kamalvandi said, "Within the span of seven months, we sold 70 tons of heavy water; we are set to sell 20 tons annually, and we have a number of potential buyers."

According to Mehr, Kamalvandi made reference to many visits paid by Iranian officials to various countries, to discuss expanding nuclear cooperation. He said that these led to the signing of several Memorandums of Understanding — a positive outcome of the JCPOA that he called "undeniable."

As *The Algemeiner* reported on Monday, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani said he had fulfilled his pledge to replace the country's centrifuges with the most advanced and modern ones — and that the plan to make a nuclear propulsion system operative is underway. His statement came a day after a speech in which the commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force boasted about the enhanced quality and quantity of Iran's ballistic missile capabilities.

According to an analysis provided by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), reported on by *The Algemeiner*, the \$1.7 billion in cash transferred to Tehran by the Obama administration is either directly or indirectly responsible for the sharp increase in the budget allocated to Iran's military pursuits.

"Whatever the source of the defense budget increase," former senior MEMRI analyst Dr. Nimrod Raphaeli said, "the IRGC will have ample resources to expand its nefarious activities far beyond the borders of the Islamic Republic."

The Iranian regime continues to assert that the development of its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes alone — a claim rejected by the Obama administration, which insists the JCPOA is keeping Tehran's capabilities at bay. US President-elect Donald Trump, who will assume office next month, has threatened to cancel or renegotiate what he has called the "stupidest deal of all time."

Netanyahu Condemns Assassination of Russian Ambassador in Turkey

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has condemned Monday's assassination of Russian Ambassador to Turkey Andrei Karlov, which threatens to undermine relations between two major allies of Israel.

"The murder of a diplomat serves as a stark reminder of the need for the civilized world to come together in fighting the forces of terrorism," Netanyahu said in a statement issued by his office.

According to preliminary reports, while Karlov was speaking at the opening ceremony of a photo exhibit at an art gallery in Ankara, Turkey's capital, the gunman — 22-year-old Turkish police officer Mevlut Mert Altintas — shot him several times in the back.



Russian Ambassador Andrei Karlov moments before being fatally shot. Photo: Twitter.

A video of the assassination shows the gunman opening fire and shouting "Allahu akbar. Do not forget Aleppo! Do not forget Syria!"

Three others were injured in the attack. The gunman was reportedly shot following the attack, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Expert: Cash Transferred by Obama to Tehran Led to Expansion of Iranian Military Budget by 39 %



Iranian missile boats in the general area of Strait of Hormuz, Persian Gulf. Photo: Wikipedia.

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The controversial transfer of hundreds of millions of dollars in cash to Tehran by the Obama administration a few months ago is likely being used to expand Iran's defense budget, according to an analysis by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI).

According to former senior MEMRI analyst Dr. Nimrod Raphaeli, though "money is fungible," and it cannot be established that the \$1.7 billion (originally reported as \$400 million) delivered in two tranches to the Islamic Republic in exchange for the release of American hostages has gone directly to Iran's various military branches and operations,

"it, at a minimum, enabled the government to release an equal amount of money for defense purposes. It is noteworthy that the increase in the proposed defense budget for 2017 is approximately equal to the amount transferred by the US."

Raphaeli wrote that since mid-2013, when Hassan Rouhani succeeded Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as president, the regime's allocations to the military have continuously grown. But ahead of the next fiscal year (March 2017-March 2018), the government submitted a draft budget that sees a sharp increase of 39 percent — amounting to a total of \$10.3 billion — for defense, including a big increase in the budget of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC).

According to Raphaeli, foreign policy is closely coordinated by the government and the IRGC, "a potent military force accountable to the Supreme Leader, in regional politics, and particularly in Syria and Iraq [with] a branch, the Qods Force Brigade...responsible for spreading Iran's subversive and, often, terrorist activities across the Middle East and beyond."

In a recent interview with *The Algemeiner*, former director-general of Israel's Ministry of International Affairs and Strategy IDF Brig. Gen. (res.) Yosef Kuperwasser said that Iran is stepping up the speed at which it is arming its proxies in the region, due to its fear that after

Russian President Vladimir Putin called the murder a clear "provocation aimed at undermining the normalization of Russia-Turkish relations as well as at undermining the peace process in Syria promoted by Russia, Turkey, Iran."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who has been working to repair relations with

Donald Trump assumes the US presidency in January, its room to maneuver in Syria — where it has been helping bolster the regime of President Bashar Assad — will be greatly hampered.

In addition to its "dominant share in the national defense budget," wrote Raphaeli, "[T]he IRGC derives vast revenues from its control over energy, construction, banking, and marketing (as well as smuggling of contraband), [m]uch of [which] are carried out by a company known as Khatam Al-Anbiya ("Seal of the Prophet") established by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei in the late 1980s as the economic arm of the IRGC. Upon the withdrawal of the major oil companies such as Shell Oil (Anglo-Dutch) and Total (French) from Iran's oil sector following the international sanctions, ownership of the oil and gas fields vacated by these companies was transferred to Khatam Al-Anbiya."

"Whatever the source of the defense budget increase," Raphaeli concluded, "the IRGC will have ample resources to expand its nefarious activities far beyond the borders of the Islamic Republic."

As *The Algemeiner* reported late last month, in spite of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the nuclear deal signed between Tehran and world powers a year ago in July, dangerous confrontations between American and Iranian warships in the Persian Gulf have increased by more than 50 percent in 2016 as compared with the 2015.

This has been accompanied by months of belligerent statements emanating from Tehran, and actions in the form of ballistic-missile testing and boasts of military advancements — the most recent of which was the entry of two Islamic Republic naval warships into the Atlantic Ocean.

Meanwhile, Iranian officials continue to threaten the United States that it has concrete plans in place to respond to any possible breach of the nuclear deal, particularly following the recent unanimous US Senate vote to extend the Iran Sanctions Act for an additional 10 years.

Russia after a Turkish fighter jet shot down a Russian fighter jet near the Syria-Turkish border in Nov. 2015, echoed Putin's statement, also calling the assassination a "provocation on destroying the relationship between Turkey and Russia during this normalization process."

World News.



Israeli President Rivlin is presented the survey by IDI President Yohanan Plesner. Photo: Facebook.

Poll: Jews, Arabs Proud to Be Israeli, Suspicious of Human Rights Groups, Distrusting of Public Institutions

BY JNS.ORG

A newly released survey shows that a majority of Israel's citizens — 86 percent of Jews and 55% of Arabs — are proud to be Israeli.

The survey, commissioned by the think tank the Israel Democracy Institute (IDI) and submitted by its president, Yohanan Plesner, to Israeli President Reuven Rivlin on Monday, also shows an increasing sense among Israelis that human rights organizations, such as

the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and B'Tselem, cause damage to the state. Seventy-one percent of the Jewish public and 23 percent of the Arab public believe that to be true — an increase of 15% and 4% respectively from the previous study.

The report also finds a lack of trust in public institutions. The institution that garnered the most public trust was Israel's Supreme Court, yet it earned the confidence of only 56.5% of Jews and 52% of Arabs.

ADVERTORIAL

Rabbinical Alliance of America calls on Netanyahu administration To safeguard Amona and all of Judea, Samaria and Jerusalem

Wednesday, November 30th - by a vote of acclimation - and in the presence of the Rabbinical Alliance's Chief Rabbinical Court Justice Harav HaGaon Herschel Kurzrock, more than sixty prominent Rabbis from the NY metro area called for the government of Israel to safeguard Amona from pitiless destruction as directed by a series of specious, misguided and misinformed rulings by leftist Justices.

Rabbi Yehoshua S. Hecht, member of the RAA Presidium discussed the cruel decision to remove the residents of Amona from their homes and community, an act reminiscent to what was done to the thriving Jewish community of Gush Katif in the summer of 2005.

At present more than 30 percent of Gush Katif refugees have yet to find permanent homes and when taking into account how their lives and livelihood were disrupted — and their many youth who are dealing with the trauma with issues of drugs, depression and family dissolutions — all directly caused by the draconian acts of the Israeli government and the ill-conceived disengagement.

The Rabbinical Alliance reiterated the numerous laws of the Torah that prohibit such actions and noted that they have no legality within the corpus of Jewish law and fly in the face of common law and logic.

By what standard of law does the secular Court in Israel measure its rulings to destroy

Jewish homes and property to assuage the specious claims of the hostile Arab population?

If eminent domain is recognized in International law why is it rarely applied to entire Jewish communities built with the blessings of the Israeli government?

If all laws of rabbinic protection for Sabbath observance are suspended to allow



Rabbi Yaakov Pollack, Congregation Shomrei Emunah of Borough Park, Rabbi Herschel Kurzrock, Rabbinical Alliance's Chief Rabbinical Court Justice

for purchase of property in Israel from the hands of gentiles even on the holy Sabbath day, why is there no sensitivity shown by the Courts of Israel to the thousands of Jewish people whose lives are repeatedly being disrupted by the abhorrent claims of the PLO that home building in the Jewish state are obstacles to peace?

Palestinian Hunger-Strikers Sneaking Food, Says Hospital Official in Letter to Israeli Supreme Court

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The deputy director of Assaf HaRofeh Medical Center near Tel Aviv suspects that Palestinian prisoners on a hunger-strike under his watch are actually sneaking sustenance, the Hebrew news site *nrg* reported on Sunday.

According to the report, based on an item broadcast by Israel's *Channel 2*, the hospital official expressed his suspicions in a letter he sent to the Supreme Court, after 19-year-old Anas Shadid and 29-year-old Ahmed Mohammed Hussein Abu Fara — who have been on a hunger strike since September, when their petition for release was rejected by the court — announced this week that they would now stop drinking water, as well.

As left-wing NGOs continue to put pressure on the public to call for the two to be released on medical grounds, the Assaf HaRofeh hospital official wrote that he has evidence to suggest that they were secretly breaking their fast. "There I am scratching my head about how a 19-year-old boy, thin as a matchstick, is not yet dead...until I find a bag of sugar water on top of his cupboard."

Another "weird incident" the hospital official recounted in his letter involved a bag next to the bed of the other patient. "This morning, he was making sounds as though he was about to die," he wrote. "[So] I tried to move his bag out of the way, when suddenly, he sat up, grabbed the bag and hugged it tightly, asking that we not touch it."

The two hunger-strikers, from villages in the Hebron area, were arrested in August on suspicion of incitement and hostile activities against Israel. About a month later, they went on a hunger strike. As a result of their deteriorating health, they were transferred to Assaf HaRofeh, where they refused all medical treatment and physical examinations.

The Supreme Court rejected another

appeal for their release in November, determining that they could not even be transferred to a hospital in Ramallah, in the Palestinian Authority. The judges ruled that from the material obtained in their investigation, the two posed a threat and must remain in Israeli custody. The only condition under which they could be released, the judges said, would be if their health were to deteriorate to the point at which they no longer constituted a danger.

Since the beginning of their hunger strike in September, they have been visited by members of the NGO Physicians for Human Rights, who have decried their physical deterioration and tried to enlist public opinion to pressure the authorities for their release.

The Hebrew news site *Walla* reported last week that the two were visited by Physicians for Human Rights member Dr. Rafik Masalha, a neurologist from Beersheba, who announced that Abu-Fara had lost 22 kilos (more than 48 pounds). "He looks very skinny, lying on his back, barely moving his limbs; he looks exhausted and has difficulty performing simple tasks." He added that the young man's comprehension is slow, his vision impaired and muscles atrophying. Such a dramatic weight loss, the doctor said, "is considered life-threatening."

The condition of the second young man is even worse, Dr. Masalha said.

The Assaf HaRofeh deputy director, however, painted a different picture. A spokesman from the medical center said that doctor-patient privilege prevents it from releasing information to the public on the condition of the two young men.

As *nrg* reported, there have been three Palestinian hunger-strikers freed during the last few years, as a result of their life-threatening conditions and in response to public pressure. They were Muhammad al-Kik, Muhammad Allan and Khadar Adnan, the last two of whom are operatives for the terrorist organization Islamic Jihad.

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Berlin

by a 23-year-old man from either Pakistan or Afghanistan, who came to Germany as a refugee and was apprehended near the scene of the attack. But police have yet to officially confirm

that the man was the tractor-trailer's driver.

"I know that it would be particularly difficult for all of us to bear if it is confirmed that this deed was carried out by a person who sought protection and asylum in Germany," said Merkel.

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Shock

with the police and are praying for the best. We hope we will find out she's alive and she's ok."

Teichtal — a self-described "proud New Yorker," who has lived in Berlin for more than two decades — said Monday's attack was an unprecedented event in the city.

"There has never been something this close," he said. "So it has really thrown people off balance."

"Of course, we hope this will never happen again," he continued. "But the situation in the world all over today, not just in Berlin, is

concerning. So there is a need for extra alertness."

Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday issued a condemnation of the Berlin attack.

"We send our condolences to the families of the people that were killed and, of course, to the government of Germany, and we wish a speedy recovery to the wounded, including an Israeli citizen," he said in a statement. "This attack joins [other] reprehensible attacks; terror is spreading everywhere and can be stopped only if we fight it, and we will defeat it, but we will defeat it much quicker if all free nations under attack unite."

The decision to protest the courts of Israel acting with impunity against its Jewish citizenry was issued with a great sense of gravitas and reservation.

By a vote of acclimation the distinguished Rabbis and Scholars — some serving in the active Rabbinate close to half a century, the decision was made to publicly announce

the Rabbinical Alliances support for the beleaguered community of Amona and other residents whose homes and communities are being threatened by an unjust and unfair rule of law that favors Israel's mortal enemies and serves to weaken — Heaven forefend — the security and safety of Israel's inhabitants.

U.S. News.

Anti-Israel University of Michigan Professor 'Puzzled' by 'Fizzling' BDS Activism on Campus

BY LEA SPEYER

Students at the University of Michigan, Dearborn (UMD) have lost interest in anti-Israel activism, a faculty member and long-time BDS activist told local independent newspaper *Arab American News* on Thursday.

David Skrbina, a professor of philosophy, said he is "puzzled" as to why Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement activity at the school has "fizzled" out, the newspaper reported.

"I would always expect [UMD's student body] to be a leading charge among the whole US on these kinds of issues," he said. "But no... [I]t's kind of a disappointment that we don't see more action from the students."

UMD's Arab Student Union and Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapter "seem to be shying away from divestment talks," possibly due to feeling intimidated or fearful of being surveilled for their efforts, Skrbina said. As a result, he lamented, he has been forced to "[fight] the battle on his own."

Since 2005, the UMD student government has passed six BDS resolutions, calling on the university to cut all ties with the Jewish state. These anti-Israel motions, when presented to the school's Board of Regents, have been dismissed, and the Faculty Senate recently voted down a similar initiative.

Skrbina said that despite the administration's repeated rejection of BDS, he tries to "stress to [students] that it's important to make the statement, even if it's a morale statement."

Dearborn, Michigan is home to one of the oldest and most visible Arab-American communities, and UMD boasts a large,

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tations of the events. What the *AP* neglected to mention is that the stabber, 21-year-old Khamad Khadr Ashikh, never lived under "Israeli occupation." He was born and raised in the village of Beit Surik, and the year he was born, 1995, was the year that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin withdrew Israel's troops from Beit Surik and the other cities where 98 percent of the Palestinians reside.

Ashikh lived his whole life under the rule of the PA. The *AP*'s suggestion that he stabbed Jews because of the "Israeli occupation" is a lie. And the fact that the *New York Times* and *Washington Post* reprinted the *AP*'s lie doesn't make it any less of a lie.

Stephen M. Flatow, a vice president of the Religious Zionists of America, is an attorney in New Jersey. He is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995.

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Frenzy

during a fall harvest festival." Yet a sukkah needn't be on a balcony; it can be on a patio, or a backyard, or a rooftop, or a deck. The *Times* definition is inaccurate.

The second-day *Times* news article includes this passage: Mr. Netanyahu did not respond to Mr. Friedman's selection, nor did Israel's Foreign Ministry.

But the deputy foreign minister, Tzipi Hotovely, who hails from the right flank of Mr. Netanyahu's Likud Party, rushed to praise it, saying, "His positions reflect the desire to strengthen the standing of Israel's capital Jerusalem at this time and to underscore that the settlements have never been the true problem in the area."

It's not accurate that Israel's Foreign Ministry didn't respond to Friedman's section. Israel's consul general in New York, Dani Dayan, tweeted, "I can assure Americans that any Ambassador you designate will be most welcome in Israel. Amb-des Friedman is no exception." Dayan also congratulated Friedman, saying, "I am sure he will be an exceptional envoy of his country to mine."

The *Times* is in a panic over Friedman's views of the Middle East. But for all the paper's fuss, ambassadors rarely if ever make policy. Friedman isn't being chosen for the job of secretary of state or national security adviser — or even special Middle East coordinator. His job as ambassador would be to represent and counsel the president and the secretary of state, not to set the policy.

Yet the *Times* doesn't seem willing to provide its readers with grounded, realistic perspective on this. It prefers, instead, to fuel the anti-Trump panic prevalent among its urban, liberal readers. That's not independent journalism. It's just a left-wing echo chamber.



University of Michigan, Dearborn campus. Photo: Dave Parker/Wikimedia Commons.

vibrant population of Arab and Muslim students. The campus has been the site of several anti-semitic and anti-Zionist events in recent years.


As *The Algemeiner* reported, UMD's SJP

came under fire in November after it hosted a "Zionism is scary" bake sale during Halloween. The event featured cookies and cakes with Palestinian flag icing and a board of quotes "from the Zionist mind." A representative of the group explained to *The Algemeiner* at the time that the event was justified "because Zionism constitutes antisemitism."

UMD is not the only Michigan-based university feeling the lack of enthusiasm for Israel boycotts. In November, a BDS resolution at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor was defeated by a landslide vote, the 10th anti-Israel resolution to be knocked down by the school's student government since 2002.

Support for such anti-Israel activity also appeared to be waning on some Canadian college campuses when, as *The Algemeiner* reported, a BDS motion at the University of Toronto was voted down in November.

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Opinion.

Netanyahu Eyes Model for Muslim-Jewish Ties in Visits to Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan

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In the hope of offering a blueprint for ramping up constructive Israeli and Jewish relations with the Islamic world, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last week made historic visits to Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, two Muslim-majority nations in Central Asia.

While delivering remarks at the Great Synagogue of Astana, Kazakhstan's capital, Netanyahu noted that he was speaking "in Central Asia, in an Islamic country that respects Israel, that honors coexistence and tolerance and constitutes a model of what needs to happen — and can happen — in our region, as well."

Similarly, in Azerbaijan, Netanyahu lauded Israeli-Azerbaijani ties as "something that we can show the world...[that] sees so much intolerance, so much darkness." He added, "Here is an example of what relations can be and should be between Muslims and Jews everywhere."

Azerbaijani Ambassador to the US Elin Suleymanov told *JNS.org* that Netanyahu's visit is not only a significant step in intergovernmental relations, but holds great meaning for Azerbaijan's vibrant and thriving Jewish community.

"This connection with the Jewish community is the backbone of our relations [with Israel]," Suleymanov said.

Both Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan are home to small, yet historically significant,

Jewish communities numbering in the thousands, populations that contracted following steep immigration to Israel after the fall of the Soviet Union. Azerbaijan's so-called "Mountain Jews" have a long history dating back to ancient Persia, while Kazakhstan's community is a mix of Ashkenazi-Russian Jews and Bukharian and Mountain Jews.

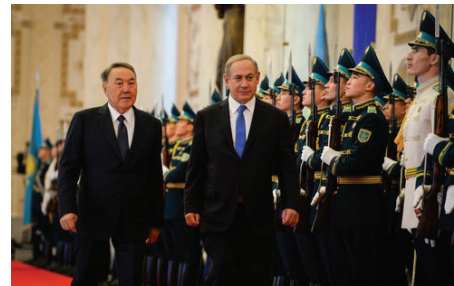
Professor Brenda Shaffer, a specialist on Central Asia and the Caucasus region who is currently a visiting professor at Georgetown University, told *JNS.org* that Azerbaijan has a "strong secular tradition" that she believes underlies its warm relations with Israel. Azerbaijan has long been "very cosmopolitan," and advanced in its ideas of equality, even enfranchising women before the US, Shaffer said.

"The Jews of Azerbaijan are very integrated into the society. They are not 'tolerated,' like they are in some other parts of the world. They are part of the society," Shaffer said, adding that the country's leaders — and their families — all speak very warmly about their personal relations with Jews, especially regarding their children's Jewish teachers in schools.

Dr. Avinoam Idan — a senior fellow with the Central Asia-Caucasus Institute & Silk Road Studies Program at Johns Hopkins University and a University of Haifa professor — told *JNS.org* that when he first visited Central Asia and the Caucasus region in the late 1980s, he was very impressed with the emphasis on separation of church and state.

"As someone coming from the Middle East, where religion and politics are mixed together, I was totally impressed when I came to these countries. Islam is entirely separated from politics and foreign policy," he said.

As Ambassador Suleymanov noted, the



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (center) and Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev (left) are welcomed at Kazakhstan's President's Palace Dec. 14, 2016. Photo: Haim Zach/GPO.

Muslim Azerbaijan maintains strong relationships with both the world's only Jewish state and Christian peoples, even hosting Pope Francis in October.

Idan explained that because the Soviet Union fell only in 1991, these Central Asian and Caucasus countries are new to the world stage and exist apart from the legacy of anti-Israel sentiment and intolerance that dominated the Islamic world during the 20th century.

"They were less exposed to the culture of the Middle Eastern [Muslim-majority] countries. They are young countries, and while they have their challenges, they don't spend their time on the conflicts of the Islamic world," he said.

Iran looms large

Israel's warm relationships with Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan stand in stark contrast to Iran, whose presence hovers over the Jewish state's ties in the region.

Azerbaijan has particularly complicated relations with Iran, who sits on Azerbaijan's southern border, as Tehran supported Armenia during the years-long Armenian-Azerbaijani conflict over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. Further, Iran is concerned that Azerbaijan serves as a base for Israel's intelligence gathering on Iranian activities.

Additionally, though Iran is home to a sizable Azerbaijani minority — different estimates place the number anywhere from 16 percent to a quarter of the total population, and Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is himself half-Azerbaijani — and despite the fact that Persians and Azerbaijan share the Shi'a Islam faith, Iran views a prosperous Azerbaijan as a threat.

"[The Iranians] don't really like to see Israel being a close partner with Azerbaijan. Iran follows the relations between Israel and Azerbaijan closely, and they are not happy about it," said Idan.

During Netanyahu's visit, Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev made his first public revelation on the extent of Israel's military ties with Azerbaijan. Aliyev said that, to date, his country has purchased close to \$5 billion in defense equipment from the Jewish state.

Iran also looms larger over Israel's relations with Kazakhstan, a nation with warmer ties to Tehran than Azerbaijan. When Netanyahu met with Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev, the Israeli leader asked Nazarbayev if he could deliver a message to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, who is embarking on a visit to Kazakhstan on Wednesday.

has made, and will make no attempt whatsoever to impose a regime on the Holy City against the will of its people.

...For the State of Israel there has always been and always will be one capital only — Jerusalem the eternal. So it was three thousand years ago — and so it will be, we believe, until the end of time.

Yet *Time* goes on:

But in 1967, during the Six-Day War, Israel captured the eastern section of Jerusalem, which Jordan presided over, and declared Israeli law, jurisdiction and admin-

"Ask him why Iran continues to threaten us with annihilation," Netanyahu reportedly told Nazarbayev. "Don't you understand? We're not a rabbit. We're a tiger...if Iran attacks Israel, it will put itself at risk."

Threat of radical Islam

While both Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan have long histories of religious tolerance, in recent years radical Islam has started to pose a threat in the region. This is especially true in Kazakhstan, which is facing an uptick in terror attacks over the past year — including its deadliest attack ever in June, in which Islamic terrorists killed 25 people in the city of Aktobe.

"Kazakhstan has had some serious Islamic terrorism incidents," Shaffer told *JNS.org*. "They are starting to build real borders with their neighbors. So things like border control and counterterrorism, as well as understanding how to deal with these Islamic terrorism threats are really important."

In Azerbaijan, she said, "There are also some who are trying to change" the culture and mounting extremist threats.

In his meeting with Netanyahu, Nazarbayev announced that he requested Israel's assistance in helping to train Kazakh special forces to fight terrorism.

A model for the Muslim world

Idan told *JNS.org* that Israel and Azerbaijan find many similarities in each other, elements that form the basis of their relations.

"Azerbaijan sees Israel as a model, a country that is located in a very tough neighborhood that is succeeding and keeping its sovereignty while also having this great prosperity in its economy, science and military," he said.

Israel, Idan said, "has great respect for Azerbaijan over its treatment of the Jews and feel they have a lot to contribute in high-tech, culture and health to help the country."

Shaffer believes that Israel needs these Central Asian countries not only on a pragmatic level, but also to show Israeli children that the Muslim world isn't entirely against Jews and that they should not grow up fearing Muslims.

"When they see the Israeli flag flying together with the Azerbaijani flag, which has the Muslim crescent on it, it does provide some encouragement to other Muslim countries who may not want to delegitimize Israel," she said.

Azerbaijan's Suleymanov, meanwhile, believes his country can serve as an honest broker in efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"Because Azerbaijan has such a good relationship with Israel and is also very supportive of the Palestinian people," he said, "that provides a certain opportunity to speak to both sides with equal authority."

Netanyahu's trips to the Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan are part of an ongoing push by the Jewish state to forge closer ties with many non-traditional allies in Africa, South America and Asia. The Israeli leader visited several countries in East Africa earlier this year, and has plans to return for visits to that continent's western nations.

istration would be applied to the whole city. Israel's occupation of East Jerusalem has been considered illegal under international law and was condemned by the U.N., as well as other states.

The link that *Time* gives to claim that Israel's rule over the part of Jerusalem that Jordan had annexed is illegal says no such thing. It is an article by legal scholar Eyal Benvenisti that argues that even if Israel annexed "east Jerusalem," it would still be considered an occupier (a controversial

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Time Magazine Lies About Jerusalem



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UN General Assembly Resolution 303(4) was passed on December 9, not December 13. It did not place Jerusalem under international control; General Assembly resolutions cannot do that. It merely expressed "its intention that Jerusalem should be placed under a permanent international regime."

Time is lying.

Crucially, the United States voted against this resolution.

Here is what happened on December 13: David Ben-Gurion said in unmistakable terms that Jerusalem is and always will be the capital of Israel:

As you know, the General Assembly of the United Nations has in the meantime, by a large majority, decided to place Jerusalem under an international regime as a separate entity. This decision is utterly incapable of implementation — if only for the determined unalterable opposition of the inhabitants of Jerusalem themselves. It is to be hoped that the General Assembly will in the course of time correct this mistake which its majority

Time magazine has an article that claims to discuss the legal status of Jerusalem — and it's totally inaccurate. Every single thing that it gets wrong has an anti-Israel bias. In fact, the whole article is a lesson in media bias. Take the passage below, for instance:

After the Second World War, the State of Israel was established and gradually recognized 'de jure' — or lawfully — by most of the world's countries. However, although the U.N. recognized the state of Israel in 1948, allowing it to become a member state, it placed the whole city of Jerusalem under international control (a 'corpus separatum') on Dec. 13 1949. Despite this, most governmental offices moved to the city.



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Impressions.

An Open Letter to Trump: Move the Embassy

BY ARIK ELMAN

Dear Mr. President-elect,

First, thank you for your appointment of David Friedman as your ambassador to Israel. He is a fine, and strong, choice for the position.

After accepting his nomination, Mr. Friedman expressed his hope that he will be able to discharge his duties from a US embassy in Jerusalem. Coming on the heels of a similar statement from your campaign manager that moving the embassy is a “very big priority” for you, I hope you are going to keep your word on the issue.

However, I can easily imagine that, after January 20th, you will hear persuasive arguments why you shouldn't keep this promise. Your advisers will tell you, truthfully, that moving the American embassy to Jerusalem will cause outrage — and also very real threats to American lives. They will probably ask you to consider what is more important — taking a symbolic step that will upset the entire Arab world, or rolling back the bad deal with Iran. They might even tell you to pick up the phone, call Prime Minister Netanyahu and ask him to make this choice for you.



The US Embassy in Tel Aviv. Photo: Wiki Commons.

But these are not reasons to equivocate.

Fear of violence cannot prevent us from doing what is right. And since most of the players in the region are afraid of Iran and totally beholden to the United States for their survival, they have a vested interest to mute their response.

However, the main reason you should keep your promise is a different one.

You have said that you would “love to be the one who made peace with Israel and the Palestinians.” Yet American policies over the last eight years have shown that peace cannot be achieved by blaming Israel while refusing to punish the Palestinians for their stubborn refusal to negotiate, to stop incitement, to abide by their treaty obligations and to desist from rewarding and glorifying murderers of Jews.

Yet how can you punish the Palestinians? As the Israeli government has acknowledged, denying Palestinian Authority financial aid can quickly backfire.

The only true stick you have is the credible threat of a gradual American recognition of the territorial gains made by the Jewish state since 1948. And there is no better place to start than Jerusalem.

When the Stars and Stripes rise in Jerusalem, it will come as a profound shock to Palestinian leadership — which believes that it can make Israel bleed at no cost to itself. The shock might just be great enough to force Palestinians to return to the negotiating table — especially if you indicate that, if they don't, your administration will be prepared to recognize Israeli sovereignty over “large settlement blocks” as well.

Life After Birkenau

BY JEREMY ROSEN

The Jewish community of Antwerp, Belgium is unique in that it is the most predominantly Orthodox, Hasidic and Yiddish-speaking community in Europe. It is also unique in that its Jewish life centers on the diamond industry.

Jewish life in Antwerp is very concentrated, intense and convenient — located in about one square kilometer stretching south from the diamond district. The main offices and exchanges of the diamond industry are located on a short, narrow and very busy street.

Twenty-five years ago, I was living in Antwerp and working out of an office on this street. I was fascinated by life in this heavily Jewish (and Indian) microcosm of competing interests, dynasties and allies in business. They seemed to be constantly scheming, often working against each other as much as together. You never knew which old family friend from “back home” would swindle or blackmail you, or who would kindly take in a new arrival and help set him up in the business.

One of the characters who frequented the Hoveniersstraat district almost every day was a beggar everyone knew as Hopla. He was a small, rotund elderly man dressed in a raincoat no matter what the season, with a small shabby hat on his head. He always carried a black bag and a walking stick, which he used liberally to prod or whack anyone that he felt slighted him, made fun of him, or did not give him a big enough donation. He often shouted at people and was particularly aggressive with kids. It seems he got his nickname because every time he succeeded in giving some kid who provoked him a whack with his stick, he would shout out, “Hopla!”

On my first day there, I ignored him as he shouted at me. The second day, he blocked my way, glared at me and waved his stick. I was repelled by his aggression and yet drawn to him. I asked around. I heard from someone that he had been a musician. I also heard someone say that he was really very rich, and that begging was only a way of life, not a necessity.

So the next day, as I took out some money to give him, I mischievously started humming the opening bars of Beethoven's 5th Symphony, which had been the signature tune of the BBC to occupied Europe during the war. His eyes lit up, and he smiled. He hummed the opening of the 6th. From that day on, we became sort of friends. I would hum a tune, and he would hum one back by whichever composer I chose. This became a daily routine. But he would never respond to any question I might ask about his life. A few years later, I left Antwerp and forgot about him. Until a friend from Antwerp sent me an obituary.

His name was Saul Milevsky. He was born in Lodz, Poland. Between the wars he had performed as a violinist in various orchestras. He had been forced into the ghetto by the Nazis and finally ended up in Birkenau, where his skill as a violinist had saved him. But his parents had been murdered there. After the war, he joined a Zionist youth organization and headed to Palestine in defiance of the British. He was caught by British Mandate patrols and interned in Cyprus. When he arrived in Palestine, he joined the Irgun and participated in military action against the occupying forces. After the War of Independence, he earned a living as a musician, playing in the Kol Israel Orchestra.

Some time in the 1950s, he made his way to

Brussels. He joined the Jewish community and was well known to the local rabbis. In Belgium, too, he played in several orchestras and was still playing in 1978. But an injury to his hand ended his career. He had a nervous breakdown and ended up on the streets begging. He found Antwerp much more lucrative than Brussels and traveled there every day of the week.

He had a regular beat, from the diamond area to the Jewish stores and places of worship. One of his stops was at the butcher shop and delicatessen run by Anshel Fruchter. There he picked up whatever food they spared him, put it into the black bag he carried around, and went on his way. If he saw someone who looked needy, he would offer them some food from his black bag. He would always go to Reb Itzikel's in Mercatorstraat for the afternoon prayers. It seems he was known to several prominent Hasidic rebbes. There are photos of him with some of them. Few in Antwerp had any idea about his musical expertise or intellectual past, or indeed of his heroic involvement in Israel's independence. All they saw was a sad, broken little man who had survived the Holocaust.

After he died, the local community circular asked readers to send in anything they knew or remembered about him. Some readers wrote in to say that he was not poor. He owned several properties in Brussels. Some said that his money went to distant relatives in Israel. Others say he had a son in Brussels, and he inherited his father's money. Some said the state confiscated it all because he paid no taxes.

One contributor said that if anyone ever



The main gate at the Nazis' former Auschwitz II (Birkenau) concentration and death camp. Photo: Wiki Commons.

challenged him about his bad temper or behavior, he would say, “I was in Auschwitz. You don't know what I suffered. You have no right to question me.” Another quoted him as saying of his life, “I may breathe, but I do not live.”

We who were so fortunate not to have to experienced what the survivors did, can have no idea what people like Hopla went through. We cannot judge the way people reacted to the horrors they experienced. Some just could not deal with it, and could not adjust to normal life. Some were mentally destroyed, if not physically. There were also survivors who became caring human beings, determined to repay evil with goodness. Others just pursued selfish pleasure as if to make up for what they had lost. Some even became crooks. We at least should keep the memory alive of what humans are capable of towards other humans for no other reason than the pathology of prejudice. Hopla survived. But he did not live.

I am often reminded of the story in which the camp prisoners put God on trial for allowing the atrocities to happen. After much debate, they find God guilty. Then one of those present gets up and says, “Gentlemen, it's time for the afternoon prayers.”

So you see, Mr. President-elect, you should keep your promise not just because it's a good thing to do

— but because it can help bring about peace. Move the embassy, Donald.

Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR9, Plaintiff -against- JOYCELIN DOVE, GLADSTONE DOVE, WARREN BLAKE, NATIONAL CITY BANK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on January 5, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 298 SCHENCK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3995 Lot: 23 Approximate amount of lien \$690,841.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 509904/2014 DORON LEIBY, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: November 23, 2016 FILE #: WELLS 64337
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, HIC ACQUISITIONS I, Inc., Plaintiff, vs. Nelson Rodriguez, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 22, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 05, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 42 Eldert Lane, Brooklyn, NY. 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, Block 4112 and Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment is \$691,093.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 876/14. Scott Harris Klein, Esq., Referee GreenspoonMarder, 100 W Cypress Creek Road, Trade Centre South, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 15705/2013 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, -against- THOMASENIA P. BUCHANAN-FOSTER, ANTHONY FOSTER, If they be living and if they be dead, the respective heirs-at-law, next-of-kin, distributes, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors and successors in interest and generally all persons having or claiming under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or inheritance, lien or otherwise any right, title or interest in or to the real property described in the complaint, CITIBANK N.A., CAPITAL ONE BANK, KENNETH BROWN, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, KINGS SUPREME COURT, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & FINANCE, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD AND NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants. To the above-named defendants: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the amended complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the amended complaint is not served with this supplemental summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the plaintiff's attorneys within 20 days after the service of this supplemental summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company

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will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing supplemental summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Honorable Leon Ruchelsman, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, KINGS County, dated the 29th day of January, 2016 and duly entered in the office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, State of New York. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT The object of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$172,550.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the City Register of Kings County on October 11, 2002 in Reel 5842, Page 357, which mortgage was assigned to CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment of mortgage dated September 9, 2002 which was recorded in the Office of the City Register of Kings County on October 11, 2002 in Reel 5842, Page 373, covering premises known as 822 EAST 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK (BLOCK 7927, LOT 79). The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants, THOMASENIA P. BUCHANAN-FOSTER, and ANTHONY FOSTER, for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises, unless discharged in bankruptcy. Premises situate lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn. BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 52nd Street, 80 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 52nd Street and the northerly side of Foster Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 20 feet by 100 feet by 20 feet. BLOCK 7927, LOT 79 Dated: Rego Park, New York September 16, 2016 DAVID A. GALLO & ASSOCIATES LLP. By: Rosemarie A. Klie, Esq. Plaintiff 95-25 Queens Boulevard, 11th Floor Rego Park, New York 11374 (718) 459-9000
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Notice of formation of limited liability company LLC Name: Dong Family 168.LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/18/2016 Office location kings county. SSNY Has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 528 55th St., Brooklyn, NY 11220 purpose:all lawful activity
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE MULTI-CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, CHASEFLEX TRUST SERIES 2007-3, V. BERYL ANDERSON, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated September 28, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein THE BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE MULTI-CLASS MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES,

LEGAL NOTICE

CHASEFLEX TRUST SERIES 2007-3 is the Plaintiff and BERYL ANDERSON, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on January 12, 2017 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 62 EAST 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203: Block 4662 Lot 25: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506724/2014. Gregory Thomas Cerchione, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 12/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. OSCAR CORDNER; ROSETTA CORDNER; 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 10, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On January 12, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 36 OAKLAND PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11226 Block: 5127 Lot: 61 All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$812,122.62 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20542/09 Sylvia E. DiPietro, Esq., REFEREE
AJ 12/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY Wells Fargo Bank N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. CHRISTOPHER PANLASIGUI; KAREN TANG; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about July 27, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On January 12, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 35 MCDONALD AVENUE, UNIT 1A, BROOKLYN, NY 11218-1082 Block: 00895 Lot: 1127 The Condominium Unit known and designated as Unit No. 1A (hereinafter called "the Unit") in the building known as the 35 McDonald Avenue Condominium, 25-47 McDonald Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York (the "Building") designated and described in the Declaration establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the land upon which the Building is situated (said Building and land referred to collectively herein as the "Property" or the "Condominium"), dated January 31, 2007, made by 25-47 McDonald Avenue LLC under the Condominium Act of the State

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of New York (Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York), recorded in the Office of the Register of the City of New York on the 27th day of April, 2007, in City Register File Number (CRFN) 2007000221142 (hereinafter called the "Declaration"). The Unit is also designated as Tax Lot No. 1127 in Block 895 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York and on the floor plans of the Building, certified by Douglas Pulaski, Registered Architect, on January 31, 2007, approved with the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York on January 31, 2007, as Condominium Plan No. 1794, and filed in the Register's Office on April 27, 2007, in CRFN 2007000221143. Together with an undivided 1.51 percent interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration) appurtenant to the unit. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$359,779.64 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 506194/2015 Steven D. Cohn, Esq.; REFEREE
AJ 12/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP, CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated AUGUST 16, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on January 12, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: DECEMBER 2, 2016 FILE #: WELLS 66757
AJ 12/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Leonora Francis a/k/a Lenora V. Francis a/k/a Leonora V. Francis; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 22, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme

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Tradition.

What Is the Theme of the Stories of Genesis?



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

One of the most fundamental questions about the Torah turns out to be one of the hardest to answer. What, from the call of God to Abraham in Genesis 12 to the death of Joseph in Genesis 50, is the basic religious principle being taught? What does the entire set of stories about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their wives, together with Jacob's sons and daughter, actually tell us? Abraham brought monotheism to a world that had forgotten it, but where do we see this in the actual text of the Torah itself?

Here is the problem. The first eleven chapters of Genesis teach us many fundamentals of faith: that God brought the universe into being and declared it good; that God made the human person in His image; that God gave us freedom and thus the ability to do not only good but also bad; that the good is rewarded, the bad punished and that we are morally responsible for our actions. Chapters 8 and 9 also tell us that God made a covenant with Noah and through him with all humanity.

It is equally easy to say what



the rest of the Torah, from Exodus to Deuteronomy, teach us: that God rescued the Israelites from slavery, setting them on the road to freedom and the Promised Land; that God made a covenant with the people as a whole on Mount Sinai, with its 613 commands and its purpose, to establish Israel as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. In short, Genesis 1-11 is about creation. Exodus to Deuteronomy is about revelation and redemption. But what are Genesis 12-50 about?

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all recognise God. But so do non-Jews like Malkizedek, Abraham's contemporary, described as "priest of God most high" (14:18). So even does the Pharaoh of Joseph's day, who says about him, "Can there be another person who has God's spirit in him as this man does?" (41:38). God speaks to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, but He does likewise to Avimelech king of Gerar (Gen. 20:3-7), and to Laban (31:24). So what is special about the patriarchs?

They seem to teach no new principle of faith. Other than child-birth and rescue from danger, God performs no world-transforming

miracles through them. They deliver no prophecies to the people of their generation. Other than an ambiguous hint when the Torah says that Abraham took with him on his journey "the souls they had gathered" (12:5), which may refer to converts they had made, but may equally merely refer to their servants, they attracted no disciples. There is nothing explicit in the text that says they sought to persuade people of the truth of monotheism or that they did battle against idolatry. At most there is a story about how Rachel stole her father's teraphim (31:19) which may or may not have been idols.

To be sure, a persistent theme of the patriarchal stories is the two promises God made to each of them, that they would have many descendants and they would inherit the land of Canaan. But God also makes promises to Ishmael and Esau, and the Torah seems to go out of its way to tell us that these promises were fulfilled for them before they were fulfilled for the children of the covenant (see Gen. 25:12-18 for the account of Ishmael's children, and Gen. 36 for those of Esau). About Esau's children, for example, it says, "These are the kings who ruled in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the Israelites" (36:31).

So the question is real and puzzling. What was different about the patriarchs? What new did they bring to the world? What difference did monotheism make in their day?

There is an answer but it is an unexpected one. One theme appears no less than six (possibly even seven) times. Whenever a member of the covenantal family leaves his or her own space and enters the wider world of their contemporaries, they encounter a world of sexual free-for-all.

Three times, Abraham (Gen. 12 and 20) and Isaac (Gen. 26) are forced to leave home because of famine. Twice they go to Gerar. Once Abraham goes to Egypt. On all three occasions the husband fears he will be killed so that the local ruler can take his wife into his harem. All three times they put forward the story that their wife is actually their sister. At worst this is a lie, at best a half-truth. In all three cases the local ruler (Pharaoh, Avimelech), protests at their behaviour when the truth becomes known. Clearly the fear of death was real or the patriarchs would not have been party to deception.

In the fourth case, Lot in Sodom (Gen. 19), the people cluster round Lot's house demanding that he bring out his two visitors so that they can be raped. Lot offers them his virgin daughters instead. Only swift action by the visitors – angels – who smite the people with blindness, saves Lot and his family from violence.

In the fifth case (Gen. 34), Shechem, a local prince, rapes and abducts Dina when she "went out to visit some of the local girls." He holds her hostage, causing Shimon and Levi to practise deception and bloodshed

in the course of rescuing her.

Then comes a marginal case (Gen. 38), the story of Judah and Tamar, more complex than the others and not part of the overall pattern. Finally there is the sixth episode, in this week's parsha, when Potiphar's wife attempts to seduce Joseph. Failing, she accuses him of rape and has him imprisoned.

In other words, there is a continuing theme in Genesis 12-50, a contrast between the people of the Abrahamic covenant and their neighbours, but it is not about idolatry, but rather about adultery, promiscuity, sexual license, seduction, rape and sexually motivated violence.

The patriarchal narrative is surprisingly close to the view of Freud, that eros is one of the two primal drives governing human behaviour (the other is thanatos, the death instinct), and the view of at least one evolutionary psychologist (David Buss, in his books *The Evolution of Desire* and *The Murderer Next Door*) that sex is the main cause of violence amongst humans.

This gives us an entirely new way of thinking about Abrahamic faith. Emunah, the Hebrew word normally translated as faith, does not mean what it is taken to mean in English: a body of dogma, a set of principles, or a cluster of beliefs often held on non-rational grounds. Emunah means faithfulness, loyalty, fidelity, honouring your commitments, doing what you said you would do and acting in such a way as to inspire trust. It has to do with relationships, first and foremost with marriage.

Sex belongs, for the Torah, within the context of marriage, and it is marriage that comes closest to the deep resonances of the biblical idea of covenant. A covenant is a mutual act of commitment in

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Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn NY 11201 on January 12, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 321 Milford Street a/k/a 321 Milford Street #4, Brooklyn, NY 11208. 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 4262 Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$539,476.94 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508656/2015. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 17, 2016 AJ 12/9/16/23/30;

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF COWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OA6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OA6, Plaintiff – against – NATALIYA DOBRER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 05, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public

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auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 19th Day of January, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 3541 Leif Ericson Drive #B2, Brooklyn, New York 11235. (Block: 8782, Lot: 1115) Approximate amount of lien \$602,587.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11418/2012. Cary Kaplan, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: November 15, 2016 AJ 12/16/23/30; 1/6

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File No.: 2015-1734/C CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: John Monaghan, Ellen Feudenberg, William Feudenberg, HRA-OLA-LRLU, Bank of America, (DCM) Comenity Bank, AAA Financial Services, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of JOAN HERMAN, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of JOAN HERMAN, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 85-31 124th Street, Kew Gardens, NY 11415, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of JOAN HERMAN, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 26th day of January, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$32,163.18 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable

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to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the claim from HRA-OLA-LRLU in the amount of \$142,242.03 should not be paid; and why the claim from Bank of America in the amount of \$2,536.11 should not be paid; and why the claim from Comenity Bank in the amount of \$493.75 should not be rejected; and why the claim from AAA Financial Services in the amount of \$2,460.66 should not be rejected; and why the Last Will & Testament dated August 12, 1991 should not be admitted to probate; and why the Letters of Temporary Administration issued to the Public Administrator should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration CTA should not be issued to the Public Administrator; and why the net residuary estate should not be distributed as follows: 50% to John P. Monaghan, 25% to Ellen Feudenberg, 25% to William Feudenberg. Dated, Attested and Sealed 28th day of November, 2016 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Margaret M. Gribbon Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ 12/23/30; 1/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, HOME EQUITY ASSET TRUST 2004-5, HOME EQUITY PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-5, Plaintiff -against- LUISA POMARE, US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2004, AMONG CREDIT-BASED ASSET SERVICING AND SECURITIZATION LLC, JP MORGAN ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, LITTON LOAN SERVICING LP AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2004-CBS, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated JULY 29, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on January 26, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1494E 49 STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. 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. Block: 7828 Lot: 84 Approximate amount of lien \$282,648.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 20469/2013 GREGORY THOMAS CERCHIONE, ESQ. STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: December 16, 2016 FILE #: WELLS 68985 AJ 12/23/30; 1/6/13

Social.



Israeli soccer player Almog Cohen, a midfielder for FC Ingolstadt, reveals a shirt bearing a Hebrew phrase after scoring a goal on Sunday. Photo: Facebook.

After Scoring Game-Winning Goal in German League Match, Israeli Player Reveals Shirt Declaring Faith in God

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

An Israeli soccer player put his Jewish faith proudly on display after scoring a crucial goal during a German Bundesliga match on Sunday.

FC Ingolstadt midfielder Almog Cohen — also a member of Israel's national soccer team — netted what would prove to be the game-winning goal during the 73rd minute of a 2-1 upset road victory over Bayer

Leverkusen.

During his post-goal celebration, the 28-year-old Cohen lifted up his jersey to reveal a shirt underneath, bearing the Hebrew words, "Hashem hu ha-elokim" (Hashem is the one God).

"I'm a man of deep belief," Cohen told the Israeli sports media outlet ONE. "Everyone complimented me on the shirt. Even my German teammates asked me what was written there and I explained it to them."

Taglit-Birthright Israel Launches 'Innovation Center' in Tel Aviv

BY JNS.ORG

An educational tourism organization that offers young adults free trips to Israel has opened an "innovation center" in Tel Aviv, in collaboration with the city's stock exchange, to showcase the Jewish state's contributions to entrepreneurship, innovation and technology worldwide.

Taglit-Birthright, which has to date brought more than half a million Jews aged 18-26 on free first-time, 10-day trips to Israel, opened the Birthright Israel State of Mind Innovation Center in the presence of some 200 business leaders, entrepreneurs and philanthropists Wednesday night.

"Birthright is the greatest start-up that was established by the state of Israel and the Jewish people, both

in terms of quality and quantity," Birthright Israel CEO Gidi Mark said at the event. "Before Birthright Israel was founded, 17 years ago, 2,000 students arrived to Israel each year; and through Birthright Israel, nowadays, tens of thousands of young Jews from around the world visit Israel annually."

The innovation center features an exhibition highlighting Israel's contributions to agriculture, medicine, cybersecurity, science, transportation and aerospace, along with a series of lectures from successful Israeli entrepreneurs.

This summer, the center ran a pilot season that saw visits from more than 13,000 Birthright Israel participants and dozens of delegations from Israel and around the world. The center expects to welcome more than 45,000 visitors in 2017.

Tel Aviv Judge Releases Homeless Man Caught Stealing Muffins, Hummus From Kindergarten

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court judge on Friday released a homeless man charged with breaking into a Hod Hasharon kindergarten and stealing food from the refrigerator, the Hebrew news site *Walla* reported on Monday.

According to the report, the man confessed to interrogators that he had broken into the premises on two occasions, explaining that he moves regularly from one homeless shelter to another and is often hungry. "I eat what I find in garbage cans and parking lots," he said. The first time, he said, "I climbed in through an unlocked window in search of food. I thought I'd better not get into trouble, so in the end, I left without taking anything."

On the second occasion — after which he was apprehended — he said, "I entered through the door, opened the fridge and took three muffins, part of a loaf of bread and a container of hummus — and then I left. That was all the food I had that day."



A homeless man who stole bread from a kindergarten was released by a Tel Aviv judge. Photo: Wiki.

According to *Walla*, the man had no criminal record, and though the judge said that "breaking and entering is a serious offense," he took pity on the defendant. "This is a case of *Les Miserables*," he said, referring to Victor Hugo's 1862 novel whose hero, Jean Valjean, stole bread to feed his family and wound up in jail for many years. The work was an indictment of society's treatment of its weaker members.

The public defender who served as the man's lawyer lauded the judge for his compassionate ruling.



Visitors to the Birthright Israel State of Mind Innovation Center. Photo: Facebook.

Opinion.

Wielding the Holocaust Stick



BEN COHEN
NEW YORK

In late November, radical protesters in London attacked a Jewish communal building. As they wrestled with police at the gates, they screamed abuse about “baby killers” and cried out, “It’s a Holocaust!” According to local media outlets, including the Jewish Chronicle and the Jewish News, the protesters also daubed the building with graffiti that included a Star of David, a smear about a “kosher Holocaust” and references to the Nazi persecution of the Jews.

What was the reason for the protesters’ anger, and the cause of their unashamedly antisemitic outburst? You’re probably thinking, for good reason, that it had something to do with Israel. In fact, it didn’t.

The building attacked was the kosher Kedassia abattoir (slaughterhouse), and the attackers were members of a militant vegan group — there is such a thing, apparently — attempting to prevent the delivery of a truckload of live chickens. Now, as insane as I regard such protests — not to mention the obscenity of getting worked up over a bunch of chickens when human beings are being butchered by the thousands in Syria — these people certainly



A BDS rally. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

have the right to protest against the production and consumption of meat.

What’s significant, though, is that the character of the protest was entirely determined by the Jewish nature of the target. To even pick on a kosher abattoir when Jews make up less than 1 percent of the British population reeks of antisemitism. As Shimon Cohen, a spokesman for Kedassia, observed, “There are 760 million chickens a year slaughtered in this country, and the Jewish community is responsible for just under one million. I wonder why there is such a focus on us.”

I can think of a couple of credible reasons. To begin with, there has always been a nasty strain of antisemitism in the animal rights movement. It’s no coincidence that one of the first anti-Jewish measures adopted by the Nazis was a ban on shechita (kosher slaughter). In our own time, the production of kosher meat has been banned in several European countries, such as Denmark and Switzerland, and has faced legal challenges in Poland and the Netherlands. The logic here is that since shechita prohibits stunning the animal before it is killed, it is therefore a more cruel method than that involved with the production of non-kosher meat.

This highly dubious conclusion, motivated more by prejudice than by scientific evidence, is invoked to abridge the civil rights of observant Jews — and also Muslims,

whose halal method of slaughter is subjected to similar objections.

Secondly, the obsession among left-wing activists with protesting against Israel in the most visceral manner imaginable has legitimized the use of Nazi imagery in the condemnation of Jewish behavior. The word “Holocaust” was frequently seen in 2006, when Israel fought a defensive war against Hezbollah in Lebanon, and again during the three conflicts in Gaza during the past decade. If Gaza is a “concentration camp,” if Palestinians are facing a “genocide,” if Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is a successor to Adolf Hitler — all themes that have flown around social media with abandon — then it isn’t much of a leap to employ the same images with regard to the rituals of Judaism.

All antisemites, whether or not their prime motivation is hatred of the state of Israel, believe that a sense of “chosenness,” handed down by God, is what enables Jews to think and act in ways denied to ordinary mortals. They hate us, in other words, because we think, according to their sleazy worldview, that we are better and thus have greater license to do as we wish.

These trends should worry us, because more and more of the ideas that animate politics in the Western world right now bear little correspondence to actual facts. One result of this has been the dramatic shrinking of the political center. When our own elected politicians on the left and right enable or engage with extremism, and when they articulate or enable incendiary rhetoric, they make it infinitely more difficult to combat conspiracy theories and hate-based discourse among the wider public.

Even so, our democracies still contain enough politicians who are willing to recognize the dangers. A round of applause, then, is due for British Prime Minister Theresa May for announcing that her government will officially adopt the definition of antisemitism employed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance. Loathed by anti-Zionists because of its identification of the demonization of Israel and Zionism with antisemitism, the definition is a decent instrument for determining whether or not a particular speech or act is antisemitic.

The definition rightly asserts that using the historic sufferings of Jews as a stick with which to beat them — which 99 percent of the time involves comparisons of Israel with Nazi Germany — is a form of antisemitism. Talking about a “kosher Holocaust,” whether in Gaza or in an abattoir in east London, may be legitimate or unlawful depending on where you live, but it is always hate speech.

Theresa May’s announcement is potentially historic, because it paves the way for other countries to adopt the same definition in dealing with accusations of antisemitism in their own territories. More broadly, it creates favorable conditions for pushing back against one of the most insidious expressions of antisemitism — Holocaust abuse.

Holocaust abuse can take different forms. Most common is the type I’ve outlined above, where Jewish behavior is analogized to that of the Nazis. But it also comes in more subtle shapes too — for example in Poland, where the nationalist government wants to proscribe any discussion of Polish complicity in the extermination of the Jews during the Nazi occupation. The distinguished Princ-

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which two persons, honouring their differences, each respecting the dignity of the other, come together in a bond of love to join their destinies and chart a future together. When the prophets want to speak of the covenantal relationship between God and His people, they constantly use the metaphor of marriage.

The God of Abraham is the God of love and trust who does not impose His will by force or violence, but speaks gently to us, inviting an answering response of love and trust. Genesis’ argument against idolatry — all the more impressive for being told obliquely, through a series of stories and vignettes — is that it leads to a world in which the combination of unchecked sexual desire, the absence of a code of moral self-restraint, and the worship of power, leads eventually to violence and abuse.

That domestic violence and abuse still exist today, even among religious Jews, is a disgrace and source of shame. Against this stands the testimony of Genesis that faithfulness to God means and demands faithfulness

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theory). Yet in no way does his article claim that such occupation is illegal. In fact, there is no such thing as “illegal occupation.” The laws of belligerent occupation simply reflect that an occupying country has certain responsibilities — but the state of occupation is not illegal. The most that anyone can claim is that some Israeli actions violate the laws of occupation, not that the occupation itself is illegal.

Time is lying.

And it goes on:

In 1980, the Knesset declared that “Jerusalem, complete and united, is the capital of Israel,” but this law was declared null by the U.N., which called for the removal of the remaining embassies in the city.

Here’s what *Time* doesn’t bother to say: Even though the US abstained on that Security Council resolution, it considered the demand that states abandon their diplomatic missions to be null and void. According to Secretary of State Edmund Muskie:

The status of Jerusalem cannot simply be declared; it must be agreed to by the parties. That is a practical reality. It will remain so, despite this draft resolution or a hundred more like it...

The Council calls upon those States that have established diplomatic missions in Jerusalem to withdraw them from the Holy City. In our judgement this provision is not binding. It is without force. And we reject it as a disruptive attempt to dictate to other nations. It does nothing to promote a resolution of the difficult problems facing Israel and its neighbors. It does nothing to advance the cause of peace.

Yet *Time* goes on:

Countries continued to locate their foreign embassies in Tel Aviv, Israel’s second largest city, situated on the Mediterranean

eton University historian Jan Gross, a Polish American, is currently facing prosecution for his claim that Poles killed more Jews than did the Germans during the Second World War. Instead of leaving this claim to be adjudicated by serious historians, as has in fact been happening, the Polish government has willfully decided to portray it as an outrage (“publicly insulting the nation”) akin to denying the Holocaust itself.

What unites all these examples is the idea that everyone involved — Palestinians, chickens, Poles — is locked in a victimhood competition with the Jews. Holocaust abuse is, therefore, a central tactic in winning that competition.

Of course, no such competition exists,

to our marriage partners. Faith — whether between us and God or between us and our fellow humans — means love, loyalty and the circumcision of desire.

What the stories of the patriarchs and matriarchs tell us is that faith is not proto- or pseudo-science, an explanation of why the natural universe is as it is. It is the language of relationships and the choreography of love. It is about the importance of the moral bond, in particular as it affects our most intimate relations. Sexuality matters to Judaism, not because it is puritanical but because it represents the love that brings new life into the world.

When a society loses faith, eventually it loses the very idea of a sexual ethic, and the result in the long term is violence and the exploitation of the powerless by the powerful. Women suffer. Children suffer. There is a breakdown of trust where it matters most. So it was in the days of the patriarchs. Sadly, so it is today. Judaism, by contrast, is the sanctification of relationship, the love between husband and wife which is as close as we will ever get to understanding God’s love for us.



The Temple Mount in Jerusalem.
Photo: Wikipedia.

coast, and the refusal to recognize Jerusalem as Israeli territory has become a near-universal policy among Western nations.

Not really, since Western nations recognize the Green Line (falsely) as a border. Their diplomats and heads of state routinely travel to Jerusalem to speak to Israeli diplomats. If pre-1967 Jerusalem were considered controversial, none of these national leaders would ever step foot in the city as guests of Israel.

Then *Time* contradicts itself:

The U.N. still maintains its position on Jerusalem. In October 2009, the U.N.’s Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon warned that Jerusalem must be the capital of both Israel and Palestine—living side-by-side in peace and security, with arrangements for the holy sites acceptable to all—for peace in the Middle East to be achieved.

If the UN maintains its position of Jerusalem as a corpus separatum, then how can it also call for Jerusalem to be divided and become the capital of two states?

The UN Secretary General even realizes that the idea of Jerusalem as an international city is dead, yet *Time* says the UN’s position hasn’t changed since 1949.

This is really a poor article — and its bias and lies show that *Time* isn’t trying to explain the facts. It is trying to hide them.

except in the minds of those who are fixated upon it. No two victims can ever be exactly alike, after all. But such commonplace observations hold no water for those convinced that the Jews are the prime obstacle between them and a better world, and who wield the Holocaust stick as a consequence.

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