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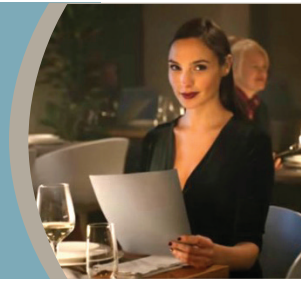
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Report: Trump Administration Seeking to Break Up Russia-Iran Alliance



President Donald Trump. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons.

**BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY**

The Trump administration is looking to drive a "wedge" between Russia and Iran, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday, citing an unnamed senior US official.

The goal of this strategy, the report said, is "to both end the Syrian conflict and bolster the fight against Islamic State."

The question, the report went on to ask, is what Russian President Vladimir Putin will demand from the US in exchange for downgrading military and diplomatic ties with the Tehran regime. In November, it was reported that Russia and Iran — which cooperate closely in their ongoing effort to prop up the embattled regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad — were in talks about a potential \$10 billion arms deal.

Earlier last year, however, ex-Israeli Ambassador to Russia Zvi Magen said Moscow did not fully trust Tehran as a partner in its foreign policy endeavors.

Meanwhile, in a Fox News interview that aired on Sunday, President Donald Trump commented on the future of the July 2015 nuclear deal reached by Iran and six world powers.

"We'll see what happens," he

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In Historic Move, Israel Votes to Retroactively Legalize West Bank Outposts

BY JNS.ORG

The bill, which retroactively legalizes settlement outposts that sit on private Palestinian land and offers compensation to the landowners, has been heavily criticized by Left-wing lawmakers in Israel and the international community.

Known as the "Regulation Bill," the legislation overturns nearly 40 years of Israeli judicial rulings against the construc-



A young woman being arrested during the evacuation of the Amona outpost Feb. 1, 2017. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90.

tion of homes on private Palestinian land.

"This legislation is de facto annexation. Our opposition to the law stems from our opposition to annexation... We have just a few more minutes to stop this terrible train before it leaves here and stops at The Hague," opposition leader MK Isaac Herzog said, referring to the home of the International Criminal Court.

"This vote is not about whether we are with or against the settlers. It's about what the state of Israel needs," he added. "This government is passing a bill that is an acute

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Opinion.

New York Times Offers 'Alternative Facts' On Iran Missile Test



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BOSTON

A *New York Times* editorial headlined "New Tensions With Iran" discusses a recent Iranian missile test and the Trump administration's response to it. The editorial reports:

...despite what Mr. Flynn has said, the test is not considered a violation of 2015 United Nations resolution that calls on Iran to refrain from testing ballistic missiles, without making it mandatory.

There appears to be a word — "a"? "the"? — missing from the sentence, but never mind that. This is an example of the *Times* editorial board operating with its own set of facts, untethered to any recognizable version of underlying reality, even the version that exists in the same newspaper's own news columns.

The "is not considered" formulation uses the passive voice that is favored by the *Times* when it is fudging the truth. Clearly, the national security adviser to President Trump, General Flynn, considers it a violation. And he is not alone.

After a similar missile launch last year, the *Associated Press* reported, in a March 2016 dispatch that was also published at the time on the *New York Times* website:

UNITED NATIONS — The United States

and three allies called for a Security Council meeting to respond to Iran's recent ballistic missile tests which they say were carried out in defiance of a UN resolution.

A report from the US, France, Britain and Germany obtained Tuesday by *The Associated Press* calls the launches "destabilizing and provocative." It said the Shahab-3 medium-range ballistic missile and Qiam-1 short-range ballistic missile fired by Iran are "inherently capable of delivering nuclear weapons."

A Security Council resolution adopted after the Iran nuclear deal was signed last year calls for Iran not to launch any ballistic missiles capable of delivering a nuclear weapon...

The report from the four Western nations was sent to Spain's UN ambassador who has been designated by the Security Council to receive communications about Iran's compliance with the resolution.

It asked Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to report "fully and thoroughly" on Iranian ballistic missile activity "inconsistent" with the council resolution, and for the Security Council to discuss "appropriate responses."

The *Times* itself reported in March 2016:

The United States rebuked Iran on Friday over a series of "provocative and destabilizing" ballistic missile tests this week and all but accused the Iranians of having violated a United Nations Security Council resolution that calls on them to refrain from

such acts.

The American ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, said in a statement that the United States had scheduled a Security Council meeting for Monday to address what she called "these dangerous launches"... Security Council Resolution 2231, which formally abrogated all of the Council's nuclear-related sanctions against Iran once the agreement took effect, also included language meant to prevent Iran from launching missiles capable of carrying nuclear weapons.

If the United Nations Security Council hasn't declared the tests a violation, it's because of the Russian veto. It'd be ironic if the *Times* editorialists, who have been falling all over themselves declaring President Trump to be a puppet of Vladimir Putin, were themselves allied with the permissive Russian position on Iranian missiles at a time when President Trump, along with France, Britain, Germany and even the Obama administration, considered the missile tests to be a violation of the Security Council Resolution.

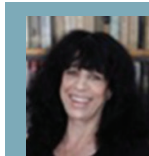
A cynic might suggest the *Times* subservience to Iran has something to do with the fact that the newspaper, which has been facing plummeting profits and revenues, is trying to prop up its faltering business by selling tickets, at \$135,000 a person, on a private jet tour of Iran guided by *Times* journalists. Or maybe the *Times* editorialists are hoping the Iranians will

use the missiles to obliterate some Israeli West Bank settlements and thus, by the *Times*' theory, advance the cause of Middle East peace.

Whatever the reason, for a newspaper that is so quick to use the word "lie" in reference to the Trump administration's crowd estimates or other statements, the flat statement in the editorial that the Iranian test "is not considered a violation" sure veers awfully far into the zone of misrepresenting the facts. Maybe the missile test "is not considered a violation" by the *Times* journalists leading the \$135,000 private jet tours of Iran. But to an Israeli who risks getting obliterated by such a missile, or to any reasonably objective observer other than maybe an ayatollah or the Kremlin — even to the Obama administration, France, Britain, and Germany — missile testing is considered a violation.

It'll be interesting to see if the *Times* takes such a permissive view of violations of US resolutions when it comes to Israeli settlement building. I doubt it. The *Times* willingness to look the other way applies selectively — to the Islamic Republic but not to the Jewish state. It's a classic double standard. Maybe Israel would have better luck with the *Times* editorialists if it could get the paper to start offering \$135,000-a-seat private jet tours of Judea and Samaria with stops in Ariel, Alon Shvut and Efrat. Good luck finding *Times* journalists willing to serve as guides.

The Washington Post's Inadvertent Boost to Steve Bannon



RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

In yet another attempt to discredit US President Donald Trump's chief strategist, Stephen (Steve) Bannon, the Washington Post inadvertently did just the opposite.

In a piece on Friday, national reporter Matea Gold revealed that she had obtained a draft of a movie proposal written in 2007 by Bannon — at the time a Hollywood filmmaker — aimed at warning viewers about radical Muslims turning the US into the "Islamic States of America."

According to Gold, the envisioned three-part documentary, titled "Destroying the Great Satan: The Rise of Islamic Facism [sic] in America," was to open with a scene showing the flag on the US Capitol building emblazoned with a crescent and star, while chants of "Allahu Akbar" emanate from inside. The purpose of the film, she said, quoting its outline, was to caution not only against jihadists, but against the "enablers among us."

These unwitting Americans, with the "best intentions," wrote Bannon, according to Gold, were the media, the Jewish community and government agencies engaged in appeasing Islamism and paving "the road to this unique hell on earth."

While detailing the document, Gold made sure to remind readers that its author

is the same Bannon who helped Trump forge his executive order restricting entry into the US of citizens of certain Muslim-majority countries. This unsubtle juxtaposition was supposed to give credence to the claim, widely circulated prior to and since Trump's election, that Bannon is both an antisemite and an Islamophobe.

But the stab at a double whammy fell flat on its face. If anything, Gold's account was cause for optimism about Bannon's role in the administration that is taking shape in Washington.

Indeed, anybody outside of Israel who grasped 10 years ago that radical Islamism was a force not only to be reckoned with but guarded against in the West is a person who has been paying attention. Despite the national trauma caused by the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon in 2001, Americans quickly covered themselves in ostrich feathers and put their heads in the proverbial sand, hoping that the war against Al-Qaeda, being fought far from their homestead, would remain something they might catch a glimpse of on the nightly news, but not feel, smell and taste.

Unlike Israelis — virtually all of whom



Stephen Bannon. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

are soldiers even when in civilian clothes — citizens of the United States are blessed with a choice about the extent of their involvement in matters of national security and defense. As a result, many can and do go through life without ever encountering men and women in uniform, let alone march alongside them.

This is a true mark of freedom that should be cherished. But when forces bent on destroying the country and everything it stands for rear their ugly heads, resting on one's laurels is not an option; nor is having a commander-in-chief in the Oval Office who lives in liberal la-la-land. Yet that is precisely what American voters opted for — twice — in the past eight years. Talk about begging to be lulled into pre-9/11 complacency.

Bannon is by no means the only American who saw the writing on the wall. But he is among the few today with access to the president's ear. That he realizes the threat posed by both radical Islamists and their Jewish and other "fellow travelers" is a help, not a hindrance, at a time when the greatest state sponsor of global terrorism just received billions of dollars with which to build nuclear weapons.

It is too early to tell whether Team Trump is up to the monumental task at hand, or how much influence Bannon will have on the course of events. But two things bode well: the Washington Post's expose of his unmade film, and the satire show "Saturday Night Live's" portrayal of him as the Grim Reaper.

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World News.

Israeli Security Forces Raid East Jerusalem Homes of Terrorists Whose Families Were Found to Be on Hamas Payroll

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli security forces raided overnight Sunday the east Jerusalem homes of seven terrorists whose families are believed to be on the Hamas payroll.

Fourteen people were arrested and more than NIS 200,000 shekels (\$53,000) in cash was seized, along with jewelry and several vehicles.

Police said the raids, in the Jabel Mukaber, Ras al-Amud, A-Tur and Shuafat neighborhoods, followed a long intelligence-gathering operation revealing that the suspects and their families were receiving funds from Hamas, primarily because their relatives had carried out terrorist attacks.

"The Israel Police will not allow the



Jabel Mukaber. Photo: Tamarah via Wikimedia Commons.

families of terrorists to receive any financial support from terrorist groups," officials said in a statement.

World Vision's Gaza Head Pleads Not Guilty on Hamas Funding Charges

BY JNS.ORG

The former head of the global Christian charity World Vision in the Gaza Strip, Mohammad El-Halabi, pleaded not guilty in an Israeli court Thursday on charges that he funneled millions of dollars in charity money to the Palestinian terror group Hamas.

"Up until now we have seen no credible evidence to support those charges," said Conny Lenneberg, World Vision's regional leader in the Middle East, Australia's ABC News reported.

"So we stand in solidarity with Mohammed while we are calling for an open trial to test the veracity of these accusations," Lenneberg added.

Israel has accused El-Halabi of siphoning millions of dollars from World Vision to Gaza-ruling Hamas. Former Israeli Foreign Ministry Director-General Dore Gold estimated that El-Halabi "managed to transfer in the decade of his work at World Vision...tens of millions of dollars."

After the allegations against El-Halabi



Mohammad El-Halabi, the World Vision Gaza Zonal Manager arrested by Israel. Photo: World Vision website.

were revealed, Australia announced it would cut funding to the charity group's branch in that country. World Vision also cut jobs and projects in Gaza following El-Halabi's arrest.

In a statement Thursday, World Vision said it had been conducting "a thorough and wide-ranging" review of its operations in Gaza, with a "forensic audit" currently being conducted by a "leading global accounting firm," according to ABC News.

"Our determination paid off," said Education Minister Naftali Bennett, whose party led the drive for the legislation.

"To our friends in the opposition who are surprised that a nationalist government would pass a bill in favor of the settlements — that's democracy," he added.

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Legalize

danger to the state of Israel."

In an historic and controversial move, the Knesset voted 60-52 Monday evening to legalize some 4,000 settlement outposts in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank).

In Twitter Posts, Newly Elected UK Labour Official Accuses 'Israel Lobby' of Controlling British Government



Rebecca Massey and two of her tweets. Photo: CAA.

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A newly elected official in a local chapter of the UK Labour Party has accused the "Israel lobby" of controlling the British government, the volunteer-led charity the Campaign Against Anti-Semitism reported on Friday.

According to the report, Rebecca Massey, the Interim Chair of Central Hove, Brunswick and Adelaide, has been using the Twitter handle @beckycheabas not only to attack the Jewish state — calling it "pathological" and "barbaric" — but to libel Jews under the International Definition of Antisemitism, adopted by the British government in December.

CAA also noted that Massey attacked MP Chuka Umunna over the summer for saying that "[o]ffending Jewish people is a betrayal of our Labour values," after former London Mayor Ken Livingstone claimed that Hitler supported Zionism. "Umunna swallowed the conflation of Zionist with Jewish (or pretends to). He was clearly full of malice, yet seems proud of it," Massey tweeted in June. CAA said that it was not initially certain that the Twitter

handle did, in fact, belong to Massey, but was given confirmation by Greg Hadfield, former secretary of Brighton, Hove and District Labour party — suspended in October — who tweeted his congratulations on her election.

"Tremendous! #Brighton #Hove Labour make progress (ie move forward), with election of @BeckyCheAbas as branch chair in Peter Kyle's backyard," he posted on January 17.

CAA called Massey's social media post that Labour's antisemitism crisis was manufactured by the "Israel lobby" — a.k.a. Jews — "truly ironic," since that crisis "rests squarely in the black hearts of individuals like her."

In May, as *The Algemeiner* reported, the CAA released data indicating that the rise in antisemitism in Britain was a "core part of far-Left ideology." And though the findings came on the heels of a series of scandals surrounding the open expression of anti-Jewish sentiment in Labour, its research refers to 2015, when there was a 50 percent increase in violent attacks against Jews from the previous year.

US Mum on Outpost Bill as International Community Condemns Israeli Move

BY JNS.ORG

The US has remained mum on the historic, yet controversial passage of an Israeli bill that retroactively legalizes settlement outposts in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank).

Rather than issuing a new statement, the White House immediately responded to the

Regulation Law by referring to its statement from last week, which said, "We don't believe the existence of settlements is an impediment to peace," but construction of new settlements "may not be helpful" in the Israel-Palestinian peace process.

Late Monday night, the Knesset passed the bill 60-52, retroactively legalizing settlement outposts that sit on private Palestinian

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World News.



A photo of the lost spool. Photo: University of Akron.

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A long-lost wire spool — containing recordings of German songs that Jewish prisoners in Nazi concentration camps were forced to sing, and Yiddish songs they sang in rebellion — was recently located by accident in the University of Akron archive where it had been mislabeled, the UK's Daily Mail reported on Friday.

According to the report, the retrieved spool was one of a set of 200 recordings of interviews conducted right after World War II with displaced Holocaust survivors in Germany, Italy, France, and Switzerland. The interviews, with at least 130 Jews, were conducted by Dr. David Boder in 1946 for the purpose of preserving the history of the “unspeakable horrors” they had endured at the hands of the Nazis. During Boder's talks with the survivors, some recounted and sang the songs in question.

According to the Daily Mail, all the oral histories that Boder recorded were transferred in 1967 to the Nicholas and

Dorothy Cummings Center for the History of Psychology at the University of Akron in Ohio.

Because Boder had mentioned the songs, recorded at a refugee camp in Henonville, France, in his subsequent writings, researchers were puzzled as to why they did not feature on any of the spools. The mystery was solved when media digitizer Jon Endres sifted through the three boxes in the Cummings Center archive that contained the recordings and came upon a spool that had mistakenly been entered into the system with a typo. Rather than being filed as the “Henonville Songs,” it was labeled as the “Heroville Songs.”

After digitizing the recording, Endres wrote in a blog post, he was “blown away.”

Dr. David Baker, the Margaret Clark Moran Executive Director of the Cummings Center, said of the find: “I think it is one of the most important discoveries from our collections in our 50-year history. That we could give the world the melody to a song sung by those sentenced to their death through forced labor during one of the most unspeakable horrors of the 20th century is remarkable

Leading US Jewish Human Rights Group Expresses ‘Outrage’ Over Amazon Germany’s Listing of Antisemitic Title

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A leading US-based Jewish human rights group has expressed “outrage” over an antisemitic title listed for sale by Amazon Germany.

In a letter sent to Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos on Monday, Dr. Shimon Samuels — the Simon Wiesenthal Center's France-based director for international relations — said of “Die Rothschilds: Eine Familie beherrscht die Welt” (“The Rothschilds: A Family that Controls the World”):

This blood libel could have been drawn from the ravings of Hitler to the genocidal

charter of Hamas...for the last 12 years, we have monitored the Frankfurt Book Fair and their Arab counterparts, identifying books such as ‘The Rothschilds’ on the display stands. In most cases, the Frankfurt authorities will confiscate those we expose, on grounds of violating the contract (and in many cases German law) between the publisher and the Fair — that contract explicitly prohibits fomenting hate and violence.

Samuels went on to urge Bezos “to follow that principle, whether through Amazon.com, Amazon.de or any part of your constellation.

Amazon must not serve as a figleaf for conspiracy theories or defamatory incitement that endangers us all.”

The cover of the book — authored by Tilman Knechtel and published by J.K. Fischer — shows a black-robed figure set to plunge a knife into a globe.

An excerpt from the Amazon description of

Israeli Justice Minister: Efforts to Remove Terrorism-Incitement From Social Media Platforms Bearing Fruit

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Israel's justice minister said on Monday that the Jewish state's efforts to combat incitement on social media were finally bearing fruit, the Hebrew news site *nrg* reported.

Addressing an international cyber conference in Tel Aviv — attended by more than 70 ambassadors and attaches from around the world — Ayelet Shaked said that more than 1,400 requests to remove pages and posts containing content aimed at inciting terrorism have been partially or fully accepted as valid by internet companies.

Shaked told the gathering about the inter-ministerial task force, led by the cyber department of the State's Attorney's Office, established last year to locate online incitement and submit legal requests for its removal. She said that since it began operating, the task force has had a 78 percent success rate.

The justice minister also referred to the dialogue that Israel has been conducting with major web platforms, such as Google and Facebook, to come to an understanding of the shared interest of not promoting violence. She said that though there was still a “long road ahead” in the endeavor to cause the providers to increase the level of their involvement in what is going on in their platforms, “We are beginning to reap the fruits of our labor, and are finding the large internet providers attentive.”

According to *nrg*, Shaked began her talk by stressing that, at the beginning of the current terror wave — which began in September 2015 and came to be called the “lone-wolf intifada” — seven out of the first 10 attacks were sparked by content to which the assailants had been exposed on social media. Subsequently, too, she said, “We saw clearly that the main fuel...that was propelling the terrorists was incitement and the glorification of terrorists ...on the web.”

She explained that one of the problems Israel has had in confronting what she called this “new and dangerous phenomenon” was its limited ability to enforce local laws in a realm that is dominated by international companies. This spurred her ministry and that of Public Security, Strategic Affairs and Information Minister Gilad Erdan to draft a bill that would allow for the removal of content from the internet by judicial order. The aim,

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told interviewer Bill O'Reilly. “We're going to see what happens. I can say this: They [the Iranians] have total disregard for our country. They are the number one terrorist state; they are sending money all over the place, and weapons, and you can't do that... It's like they're emboldened. They follow our planes; they circle our ships with their little boats; and

the book says — according to a translation provided by the Simon Wiesenthal Center:

Far from adventurous conspiracy theories, this book identifies the Rothschild family as the core of a worldwide conspiracy of high finance, whose control network, like a Kraken's arms [both a horrifying monster and a currency exchange], are wrapped around the whole globe squeezing ever closer together. They systematically create crises with which they can further expand their



Israeli Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked. Photo: Facebook.

she said, was to empower the Administrative Court, at the state's request, to issue injunctions when posts are deemed to be criminal or to imperil the safety of an individual Israeli, sector of society or the country as a whole — in cases where dialogue with the internet providers fails.

As *The Algemeiner* reported, the bill in question — called the “Facebook Law” — was approved in December by the Knesset's Ministerial Committee on Legislation.

“I am happy to see Internet platforms cooperate, but it is important for this cooperation to be obligatory,” Shaked said at the time, “[as] people's lives are at stake.”

As the “Facebook Law” was being approved by the committee, an east Jerusalem woman was indicted for a car-ramming attack she committed at the Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem. According to the indictment, a few hours before the attack, she had written about her desire to become a “martyr for Allah” in a post on social media.

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* in September, following what Shaked and Erdan had described as a “fruitful” meeting with Facebook executives, the head of an organization engaged in a billion-dollar lawsuit against Facebook for allegedly enabling incitement to terrorism on its pages said she was “not impressed.”

“It is nothing more than the usual public-relations stunt,” said attorney Nitsana Darshan-Leitner — founder of Shurat HaDin-The Israel Law Center. “All [Facebook] would have to do — if it so decided — is press a button and remove the content in question.”

they lost respect, because they can't believe anybody could be so stupid as to make a deal like that.”

Last week, the Trump administration “officially put Iran on notice” following recent hostile behavior — including a ballistic missile test — by the Islamic Republic. On Friday, the Treasury Department announced new sanctions targeting Tehran.

power. The blood of all the great wars has been clinging to their hands since the beginning of the French Revolution. They proved their inhuman contempt by financing the National Socialists and sending millions of their own religious community to their death. But their blood thirst is far from being satisfied: their goal is an all-destroying Third World War and a world government, controlled from Jerusalem.

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U.S. News.

'Never Again Will Our Allies Have to Question Our Support,' New US Envoy to UN Says After First Meeting With Israeli Counterpart

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

"Never again will our allies have to question our support," new US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley vowed this weekend, after meeting for the first time with her Israeli counterpart, Danny Danon.

In a statement published on her Facebook page, Haley said she and Danon had a "great meeting," at which they discussed the "strong" US-Israel relationship.

In response, Danon tweeted, "Welcome to the @UN Amb @nikkihaley. Looking forward to a new era of close Isr-US cooperation."



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French Philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy Says BDS Movement Against Israel Is Rooted in Antisemitism

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel is based on hatred of Jews, famed French philosopher Bernard-Henri Lévy told CNN's Fareed Zakaria on Sunday.

"I want to say to the sincere followers of this BDS campaign, I want to tell them from the bottom of my heart, because I'm not sure they know it, this is an anti-Semitic campaign," Lévy said during an appearance on Zakaria's "GPS" program. "This BDS campaign takes its roots a long time ago, 60 years ago, in the fringes of the dying Nazism."

"The first time when boycott was recommended against Israel... was by Nazis escaping Germany, taking shelter in Iraq or in Syria and building this campaign of BDS," Lévy continued.

Last month, during a conversation at the 92nd Street Y in Manhattan moderated by Charlie Rose, Lévy — author of the new book *The Genius of Judaism* — said, "Anti-Zionism is the new dressing for the old passion of antisemitism... If you are anti-Zionist, that means you wish for a huge disaster for the Jewish people."



Bernard-Henri Lévy. Photo: Screenshot.

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At her Senate confirmation hearing last month, Haley, the former governor of South Carolina, said the US "must let Israel know we are an ally and will be an ally."

Haley called the UN Security Council's passage in December of an anti-settlement resolution — which was enabled by an Obama administration abstention — a "terrible mistake" that would make an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal "even harder to achieve."

In a statement released on the day of Haley's hearing, Danon said, "We thank Ambassador-designate Haley, a true friend of Israel, for her unequivocal support and her clear statement regarding the UN's discrimination against Israel. We look forward to working together with her to undo the damage done by the shameful Security Council resolution, and to lead towards a new era at the UN

which includes real reforms that will put an end to the biased obsession with Israel."



America's UN ambassador, Nikki Haley, meets with her Israeli counterpart, Danny Danon. Photo: Ambassador Haley's Facebook page.

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Opinion.

Beinart Savages Kushner on Refugees But Gives Obama a Pass



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

Peter Beinart — who will be visiting our Manhattan townhouse this coming Tuesday for a discussion and debate with me and Bret Stephens of the Wall Street Journal — has many people he doesn't like.

In a debate against me in Tel Aviv last year, he compared Sheldon Adelson, the world's foremost Jewish philanthropist, to the Iranian government's terrorist mullahs. In a February 2015 column for Haaretz, he referred to Elie Wiesel as a tragic figure who "whitewash[es] Jewish behavior."

Now, he has set his sights on Jared Kushner. In a column for the Forward, he condemns not just Jared, but all of modern Orthodoxy for producing him.

How could the Modern Orthodox community, a community that prides itself on instilling in its children Jewish knowledge and ideals, have failed so profoundly? ... Every synagogue where Kushner prayed regularly should ask itself whether it bears some of the blame for having failed to instill in him the obligations of Jewish memory. Even if it is too late to influence Kushner, Modern Orthodox leaders still can work to ensure that they do not produce more like him in the years to come.

Ouch.

Let's deal with his question. How, indeed, could orthodoxy produce someone like Jared? Because of Orthodoxy's power to instill deep Jewish pride in its adherents.

Let's remember who Jared Kushner is. A young man who dated one of the most famous and wealthiest women in America, Ivanka Trump, and insisted she study Judaism and inspired her to have an orthodox conversion. Together, they publicly observe the Sabbath, putting God's holy day before business or travel.

Jared is fiercely devoted to and protective of the state of Israel, and is largely credited

for his father-in-law's tough-as-nails posture toward the Jewish state's security. While Peter Beinart was joining the BDS movement, calling for boycotts of Jewish goods produced by the residents of the ancient Biblical lands of Judea and Samaria, Jared was working with his father-in-law to stop President Obama from pushing through UN Security Council Resolution 2334, which condemned Israeli home construction — all while the children of Aleppo were being bombed to dust and ashes.

Herein lies the crux of Beinart's hypocrisy. His condemnation of Jared centers around Jared's support for his father-in-law's executive order temporarily banning refugees.

For the record, I happen to agree that even a temporary ban should not be implemented — even to simply introduce new vetting procedures — without the simultaneous creation of safe zones in Syria to protect innocent life.

But Beinart forgets that the Syrian refugee crises did not begin under Donald Trump and Jared Kushner, who have been in office for just two weeks. Rather, it came about through the callous and indifferent foreign policy of Beinart's hero, Barack Obama — who refused to intervene in Syria, even as the slaughter there turned to genocide. As Sunni Muslims, including children in Damascus and Aleppo, were murdered by Shia militias and Assad's Alawite government, with the active support of Hezbollah and Iran, Obama did nothing.

Only after Trump's executive order did Beinart suddenly spring to life to protect the innocent citizens of Syria whom President Obama and his national security team had abandoned. President Obama also finally found his voice post-presidency, coming out against the Trump administration's immigrant ban from the vacation comfort of Palm Springs. This, while Obama didn't even lift a finger to save the children of Syria after Assad violated Obama's self-defined red-line and gassed Arab children. Where was Beinart's condemnation of Obama's violation of his own warning to Assad not to gas innocent Arabs?



Peter Beinart. Photo: Screenshot.

The immigrant crisis, which is absolutely tragic, resulted in large part from American inaction and Obama's retreat in the Middle East and beyond. There might never have been an immigrant crisis if Obama would have instituted a no-fly zone, safe zones or supported moderate Syrian rebels against Assad from the outset.

Countless people called on President Obama to pursue policies that would rescue the innocent people of Syria. But not Peter Beinart. Regardless, Obama steadfastly refused. The result was not only the murder of 500,000 Arab men, women and children, but the displacement of millions of refugees, which is the crisis we now face.

But amid this unprecedented humanitarian failure, there was no column by Peter Beinart asking how Christianity could have produced Barack Obama.

And why? Because Beinart's moral outrage does not transcend party. It's limited to people on the Right, and will even include moral giants like Elie Wiesel if they disagree with Beinart on the legitimacy of Jews living near the buried patriarchs of Hebron.

To be sure, America must take in immigrants. We are a nation of immigrants. But rather than condemning the Jewish religion, its synagogues and educational institutions, Beinart should be honest enough to admit that millions of innocent Arabs should have never been forced to flee their homes in the first place. President Obama, along with Susan Rice, John Kerry and Samantha Power — whose reputation as an anti-genocide advocate has

now been eviscerated — should have taken action. The West should have stopped Assad from butchering his people at the source. Obama should have led the charge.

Now we have this crisis, and America must accept the refugees it can, while still vetting immigrants to make sure American citizens are safe. President Trump is having to address a vast humanitarian crisis created by Obama's inaction.

I understand President Trump's need to protect Americans. It's the primary duty of a president. And I understand his need to revamp the vetting process. But I believe that President Trump could also have announced, as he proclaimed his temporary ban, that it did not apply to those brave souls who worked with American forces in Iraq. He could also have announced it did not apply to those who have already obtained a green card and had been properly vetted. The failure to do so left a few hundred people stranded en route and the mass outcry of those legitimately concerned with the undermining of American values.

The President could also have announced, at the same time as the ban, the establishment of safe zones, primarily in Syria, where people facing brutality could be protected. This way the president could have protected these immigrants at their origin.

Trump seems to have the ear of Vladimir Putin and he could reach out to the Russian president to pressure Bashar Assad to create safe areas that are not bombed. Trump could have told Putin that the creation of these safe zones is essential if the two of them are to have a relationship. Even now, Turkey administers some of the safe zones in the area, so we know it's possible.

I completely agree that the Jewish community should be at the forefront of calling on the president to safeguard the lives of refugees, even as he legitimately acts to protect the American people against possible infiltration by terrorist elements by insisting on proper and thorough vetting.

Both political parties must commit themselves to a program of welcoming the persecuted and even more importantly protecting them at their source.

Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom the Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," has just published "The Israel Warrior: Standing Up for the Jewish State from Campus to Street Corner." Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

At Last, A Real Threat



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I will admit that this sounds perverse, but Iran's recent ballistic missile test was good news in one important sense. Let me explain.

Just more than a fortnight into President Donald Trump's administration, America and the world have been bombarded with all sorts of crises — to the extent that it feels as if two years of history has been packed into two weeks.

Relations with Mexico are at their lowest ebb in more than a century. The administration continues to exasperate, most likely intentionally, European heads of state with its on again, off again comments about the long-term health of the European Union and NATO. Trump even boasted of yelling at Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, leader of the stalwart US ally Australia, over a previous agreement reached

with the Obama administration concerning the fate of a handful of refugees.

And then came Iran with its firing of a ballistic missile on January 29, in open defiance of the nuclear deal its signed with the Obama administration and other Western governments, which urges Iran not to develop ballistic missiles until the eighth year of the deal kicks in. That was quickly followed by reports that Iran had test-fired a cruise missile, the Sumar, which is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead and has a potential range of 3,000 kilometers (1,864 miles), meaning that it is well within reach of Israel and the European continent.

If we needed a salutary reminder that some threats should be ranked above others, then the Islamist regime in Tehran provided it. Dismissing American concerns with a cheap swipe at Trump's "Muslim travel ban" — whatever else it may be, it is not that — Iran deployed Defense Minister Hossein Deghan, who also holds the rank of brigadier-general in the terrorist Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), to present the missile activities

as a routine defensive measure.

"We have no other aim but to defend our interests and in this path we will neither seek permission nor allow anyone to interfere," Deghan declared. Given that this is the very same Deghan who revealed, following a March 2015 test of the very same Sumar cruise missile, that the regime's goal is to boost the precision and destructive power of these weapons, it is reasonable to conclude that defense of Iran's interests means having the ability to annihilate Iran's neighbors.

Away from the fervid rhetoric and intellectually insulting spin on all sides that has accompanied Trump's first steps into the world of governing, Iran represents a marked contrast when it comes to the clarity of the challenge it poses. By any standard, Iran's regime stands out as a clear and present threat to the Western world. And even as we agonize over what is to become of that world, we need to recognize that the primary goal is to save it. Israel and the conservative Sunni-Arab states may be first in Iran's firing line, but only a fool would conclude that they are the last.

In that sense, the Trump administration's response to the missile test was heartening in one very simple sense: it noticed.

Whereas Obama would have done his utmost to play down its significance, Trump's advisers accurately portrayed the test as a



The launch of an Iranian Emad intermediate-range ballistic missile. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

statement of Iran's true intentions. If there really is an influential "moderate" wing of the regime, as Obama and John Kerry always insisted was the case, it now faces a different kind of test, political and not military in nature: Will it, or can it, restrain future missile firings? Does it grasp that the Trump Administration's lack of detail over the method of its coming response actually makes its country less secure, since in theory all options are on the table at a time when escalation could turn out to be very rapid?

If there is a moderate leader in Iran who can turn the tide, then he — trust me on this,

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Opinion.

Call Palestinian 'Statehood' What You Will



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The two-state solution is dead. Its chief undertaker was then-US President Barack Obama and his emissary, Secretary of State John Kerry. The signal was given at the speech in Cairo in 2009, wherein Obama accepted the left-wing narrative, according to which the West is to blame for the ills of Islam. Because of colonialism, because of orientalism. The poor Arabs are not to blame. As part of his apology, Obama also accepted the Muslim stance (invented in the West) regarding Israel: Israel's right to exist stems from the persecution that the Jewish people have suffered, most notably in the Holocaust. The continuation of that idea — which Obama did not say, but stems from it — as it can be found in the writings of certain thinkers, is that the Palestinians are "the real victims of the Holocaust."

A year and a half after the speech, the Arab Spring erupted and the Middle East began to dismantle the nationalistic structures shaped by colonialist powers in favor of a return to tribal and clan structures. The Obama administration embraced the protesters in Egypt and supported the transfer of rule to a Muslim Brotherhood representative. He also embraced Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

On the other hand, he did not interfere with the 2009 election fraud in Iran, which took place about a week after the Cairo speech. About a year ago, I published a conversation with exiled Iranian filmmaker Mohsen Makhmalbaf, who had been the spokesman for former Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi, the leader of the Green Revolution that protested the fraud. He spoke of the cry for help to Obama's people, who denied them as much: "The people who went out into the streets in Iran said to Obama: 'Are you with them or with us?' Obama was with them, because he did not care who was in power — that is what I was told."

For Israel, the speech signaled an ominous change in the US relationship with the struggle for this land. It is true that all the previous administrations supported a Palestinian state, but they did so out of geopolitical considerations and American interests. Obama's support for a Palestinian state was first and foremost conceptual, or perhaps ideological, and relied on moral claims.

The Palestinians further toughened their position, since the Obama administration decided in its favor, in principle. Based on his overall interviews, speeches and acts on the topic, we can learn that the former US president completely accepted the left-wing stance on the conflict: Israel is the problem, and the Palestinians are the solution.

Obama's and Kerry's obsession was given expression in their "will." In his last speech as secretary of state of the greatest superpower, Kerry did not address the problems and the chaos that the Obama administration left around the world in its wake, rather he focused on the settlement of Jews in their historical homeland as an obstacle to peace.

During his final hours in office, Obama approved the transfer of \$221 million to the Palestinian Authority. Where will this money

go? That same week, we learned that the Palestinian Authority will pay the wife of the terrorist who murdered four IDF soldiers in a vehicular ramming attack in Armon Hanatziv NIS 2,900 (\$760) per month. We can mark a continuous and coherent line between the speech in Cairo and the final chord of the Obama administration.

Did the understanding that we were facing an American president who was "unusual," an idealist (messianist) who could badly damage Israel, lead Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to change the stance of right-wing governments? Ten days after the Cairo speech, Netanyahu announced in



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Twitter.

a speech at Bar-Ilan University acceptance of the two-state solution. The fact that his speech corresponded with the Cairo speech can be seen in a full paragraph in which he determined: "The right of the Jewish people to a state in the land of Israel is not based on the series of disasters that befell our people ... [rather] on one simple fact: This is the homeland of the Jewish people, and this is where our identity was formed."

Netanyahu pointed to the root of the problem in the conflict — it is not Jewish settlement, nor the "occupation" (no withdrawal on our part brought peace closer), rather the Arab-Palestinian fundamental, century-long refusal to "recognize the right of the Jewish people to its own state in its historic homeland." So the first principle he set for any arrangement was: recognition of Israel as the national home of the Jewish people. This principle was never met by any Arab or Palestinian leader, including those considered to be "secular" and "moderate."

For example, Article 15 of the Fatah movement's Palestinian National Charter determines that "the liberation of Palestine, from an Arab viewpoint, is a national duty and it attempts to repel the Zionist and imperialist aggression against the Arab homeland, and aims at the elimination of Zionism in Palestine." Not the territory captured in 1967, but the entire land. Did someone say "ethnic cleansing?"

Article 20 abolishes the Balfour Declaration and determines that "claims of historical or religious ties of Jews with Palestine are incompatible with the facts of history." Not just on the Temple Mount, but throughout the whole land. The article further states: "Judaism, being a religion, is not an independent nationality. Nor do Jews constitute a single nation with an identity of its own; they are citizens of the states to which they belong." Jews belong to a religion, not a nation, and so they do not deserve the right to national self-determination of any kind, certainly not in this land, which, as stated, they have no ties to. By

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it's invariably a "he" — should act quickly, or else confirm what we've known all along. Namely, that the IRGC, whose main purpose is to export the Islamic Revolution, is the real power broker behind Iran's leaders.

Indeed, if I were that moderate Iranian leader, I would find very little of comfort in what is being said in Washington these days. The chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Congressman Ed Royce (R-Calif.), said this week that global banks should be prevented from conducting US dollar transactions with their Iranian counterparts. The ranking Democrat on that committee, New York's Eliot Engel, asserted that in our dealings with the Iranians, we should "never, never trust them," adding that designations against human rights abusers and sanctions targeting the IRGC should be stepped up.

Trump himself also indicated that he understands the nature of Iran's grand strategy, remarking on Twitter that Tehran wields increasing control over neighboring Iraq. All of this supports the conclusion that the rose-tinted spectacles have been removed and that the gloves are off.

The Iranians can glean further clues to the changing atmosphere in Washington in the current discussion of the equally pressing security threat posed by North Korea.

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land, while also providing compensation to the landowners. The State Department said that "at this point, indications are that this legislation is likely to be reviewed by the relevant Israeli courts, and the Trump administration will withhold comment on the legislation until the relevant court ruling," AFP reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to meet with President Donald Trump Feb. 15, when the two will likely address the issue of settlements, among other topics.

Meanwhile, the international community and Arab leaders slammed the legislation of the outposts, with the Palestinians calling it an attempt to "legalize theft" of Palestinian land.

"This is an escalation that would only lead to more instability and chaos. It is unacceptable. It is denounced and the international community should act immediately," said Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a spokesman for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

The Arab League said the law "is only cover for stealing the land."

Just a day after Netanyahu met with UK Prime Minister Theresa May, British Minister

the way, this same spirit can also be found in the Arab Higher Monitoring Committee's document, "The Future Vision of the Arab Palestinians in Israel," published in 2006.

The second basic principle that Netanyahu set for any arrangement is that the Palestinian entity, once established, must be demilitarized in order to prevent it from becoming a terrorist entity in the heart of the country. This means that Israel would have full security control from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. This principle was strongly reinforced with the collapse of the Arab regimes and the understanding that one cannot trust a signature from any entity that may turn into a Hamas or Islamic State group country on the mountaintop.

Netanyahu repeated these two principles this week, but added that full Israeli security control from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea does not fit in with the idea of two states, as it is "less than sovereignty." And his answer: "So there is a limitation to sovereignty, if you want to call it as such." And when he spoke again of a "demilitarized state," he said, "call it what you will." He added that the late

Speaking to a Senate committee hearing on North Korea last week, two leading experts, Nicholas Eberstadt of the American Enterprise Institute and Scott Snyder of the Council on Foreign Relations, gave a sobering account of what happens when a rogue regime successfully acquires nuclear weapons.

Eberstadt explained that Americans now have to recognize "two highly unpleasant truths" about North Korea. First, that it will never voluntarily give up its nuclear option. Second, that engagement can never produce "a denuclearization of the real existing North Korea." Added Snyder, "Kim Jong Un has decided, based on lessons from Iraq, Iran and Libya, that North Korea must be too nuclear to fail."

Iran's leaders want to be able to make the same determination. After four years of denial of this reality, the American public is again in a position to understand its potency. That is the best place to start.

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The White House.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

for the Middle East Tobias Ellwood said the bill "damages Israel's standing with international partners."

"It is of great concern that the bill paves the way for significant growth in settlements deep in the West Bank, threatening the viability of the two-state solution," Ellwood said.

Similarly, French Foreign Minister Jean Marc Ayrault said the law "constitutes a blow to the two-state solution."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin also thought so.

He ultimately said that the settlements are not an obstacle to peace, because Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and leaders in Ramallah "do not want a state beside Israel, [rather] they want to uproot our brothers and sisters, first in Judea and Samaria, and afterward, to uproot them also from the other settlements in Jaffa, Acre, Nazareth and the like. And they say it."

In a situation like this, wherein it is clear to any reasonable person that a Palestinian state on the mountaintop will endanger the existence of Israel, Rabbi Akiva's rule comes into play: Your life takes precedence over the life of your friend.

When author Amos Oz sought to justify the establishment of Israel, he spoke of a floating log to which castaways cling for lack of options. Now, too, there is no other choice, as experience teaches us that it is up to us to prevent the establishment of a terrorist state in the heart of our country. The time has come to return to late Prime Minister Menachem Begin's plan for Palestinian autonomy. Call it what you will.

Impressions.

Actor Has Breakthrough Playing Boston Marathon Terrorist

BY ALAN ZEITLIN

How do you get into the mind of a madman? That's what Themo Melikidze wondered when he was cast as terrorist Tamerlan Tsarnaev in the film Patriots Day. He also plays a terrorist in 24: Legacy, which premiered after the Super Bowl.

Patriots Day, starring Mark Wahlberg, shows how a peaceful day turned to horror at the Boston Marathon, when pressure-cooker bombs placed at the end of the course by Tsarnaev and his brother, Dzhokhar, exploded on April 15, 2013.

"My biggest challenge was getting to the state



Themo Melikidze. Photo: Facebook.

of the mind of the character, which is unreal — and there's not really a way to get where he was," Melikidze said by phone. "These two people were psychotic. They were absolutely disturbed in the head."

The 24-year-old actor said he watched Youtube videos of terrorists cutting people's heads off, which were awful to see. But much of the preparation came from meeting and training with Tsarnaev's boxing coach, John Allen. He said that Allen mentioned that Tsarnaev "didn't like the religion of Judaism." The two also spoke about Tsarnaev's role in recruiting his brother to join him on the deadly mission.

"We talked about it for so long" Melikidze recounted. "How did this kid go along with his brother? Dzhokhar used to hang out at the gym. He wanted to show that he was a man. Tamerlan wasn't a loved person. Dzhokhar had more friends. At the end of the day, the younger brother wanted to be like him."

Melikidze said that an intense moment occurred when they shot the scene of the bombing. One Boston police officer who had been at the scene of the real attacks came up close to him. "He (the officer) said, 'I want to squash your head in. Good luck out there.'"

In the film, Melikidze gives a stirring performance, especially when his character threatens to kill his own brother during the attack. Shortly after the attacks, Rolling Stone had Dzhokhar Tsarnaev on the cover. Some said it romanticized terrorism, while others said it merely showed the human side of the young man.

Melikidze said that he "didn't really agree with the cover," but that he is proud of his work, despite having to play a bad guy.

Praying for Our Country

BY JEREMY ROSEN

It is amusing and disturbing to see the demonstrations against an elected president, not so much for what he has done, but for who he is. The bitterness this time seems to be coming from a deep sense of outrage felt by Democratic voters at having their sacred cows challenged, as well as the fact that Trump is a TV showman and not a typical president.

Where I come from, we just accepted whomever won a general election, regardless of how much we disapproved of, or even despised, the political platform and personae. The winner, having abided by the rules, was the winner and exercised power in the way that he or she decided — even though for the past 50 years the most successful party in the UK has rarely garnered much more than 40% of the popular vote. No one tries claiming they are illegitimate. So perhaps it is just the difference between "new" democracies and old established, mature, worldly-wise ones.

There are many different types of democracies. The British constituency system is different from Israel's proportional representation system, which is different from the US' specific feature of an electoral college designed to prevent populous states from monopolizing power. No system is perfect, yet they are all democracies and as the great Jewish Persian authority Shmuel said, "The law of the land is the law."

Some liberal-minded rabbis in the US have decided not to recite what has been regarded as the norm in America, a prayer for the president. Does it matter? The prophets insisted that the Jews going into exile should pray for the protection of the regimes that they were exiled to. The Mishna in Avot says, "You should pray for the welfare (peace) of the government, for without it people would swallow each other up alive." There are lots of things one ought to pray for. But this does not imply a formal public prayer in a synagogue. It more likely meant that we as individuals should worry about the state of our society and try our best to support and encourage law and order.

But in Spain it became the custom in medieval times indeed to pray formally in the synagogues for the monarch — to protect the Jews. Ironically, such public prayers fell on very deaf ears. Despite them, the Jews were attacked, discriminated against and finally expelled.

Prayers for the monarch were common in Europe, asking God to protect and guide him or her to be kind to their Jewish subjects. But as we know from "Fiddler on the Roof," the prayer was often to "Protect and keep the Czar...far away from us."

Texts varied from country to country. In Britain, such prayers mentioned the monarch by name. In the US, they prefer praying for the position (given that the incumbent changes every four or eight years).

Such prayers often imitated Christian liturgies to show how loyal the Jews were. In many

countries, the national flag was displayed in synagogues. But increasingly this is falling out of fashion, just as we stand less and less often for national anthems.

In Israel, bless us (or not, as the case may be), the haredi world has long refused to pray for the state of Israel or its political leaders, to salute the flag, to stand or join in when the national anthem is being played, or even celebrate Independence Day.

But there's another issue, perhaps dearer to my heart. Why add more prayers to services that are long enough anyway? I know some Modern Orthodox communities like them because they are not obligatory, and therefore you can ask a woman to recite them. Some like the idea of expressing loyalty, even gratitude. Others love the pomposity. But do we need them altogether? I am a great believer in short services, in cutting out unnecessary padding and formality. Our liturgy is full of prayers asking for good governance and protection. Why add a specific one for the state we reside in? I can understand why under conditions of warfare or threats one would pray for one's security and the protection of those who protect us.

Of course, in our private prayers we express our hopes and anxieties. Once upon time, we



A Torah scroll. Photo: Rabbisacks.org.

could not rely on states for protection or rights. We felt insecure. Now, in Western democracies, we can be more or less secure in our Jewish identities. We no longer need to profess loyalty.

Once we had no choice. We needed to suck up to the authorities. Now we can live in a state with laws supposedly fair and applicable to all citizens of whatever religion. If anything, we should be praying for a fair and just system, rather than for its representatives.

I find such prayers rather empty, pompous expressions of formality. We have only one ruler and that is the Almighty, and we do spend rather a long time in every service praising and extolling Him and beseeching Him to protect us. But it is God we pray to and for, not human beings.

If we abide by the laws of the land, we should be good citizens like everyone else, even those who never go to synagogue or church at all.

"This is not how I imagined to have my breakout role, but this is what it was," he said.

He said that making Patriots Day was an

experience that he won't forget. "Nothing is more powerful than coming together and that is what we did," he said. "That is why we say 'Boston Strong.'"

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Notice of formation of WANG 1686 LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/3/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 6617 16th Ave., Bklyn, NY 11204. Purpose: any lawful act.

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NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF NEW YORK, SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY- 21st Mortgage Corporation, as Mortgage Loan Servicer to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, a federal savings bank d/b/a Christiana Trust, a division of Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely in its capacity as Trustee for and on behalf of the Knoxvill 2012 Trust, Plaintiff(s) vs. Tracy Brock, James Louis, Paulette Small, et al, Defendant(s). Index No. 12524/14. In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale in the amount of \$866,028.89 plus interest and costs duly granted by this Court and entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on the 11th day of August, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee, duly appointed in this action for such purpose, will expose for sale and sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder therefor in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017 at 2:30 P.M., the real estate and mortgaged premises directed in and by said judgment to be sold and in said judgment described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 1452 Lot 21. Said premises known as 1892 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Premises sold subject to provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale. SUBJECT TO restrictions, covenants, etc. of record, prior lien(s), if any, and an easement, if any, contained in Deed recorded September 25, 1997 in Reel 4028 Page 934. LEONARD SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Helfand & Helfand, Attorney(s) for Plaintiff, Office address, 350 Fifth Avenue - Suite 5330, New York, NY 10118

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. DANIELLE KRAMER; MICHAEL A. MASTROGIOVANNI; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about July 22, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York. On February 23, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1844 EAST 37TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234 Block: 8480 Lot: 68 ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,270.08 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 502755/2014 Leo Salzman, Esq.; REFEREE

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, DOING BUSINESS AS CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR BCAT 2015-13BTT, Plaintiff, vs. COLETTE R. BURNETT, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 05, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1214 East 82nd Street, Unit # 106 and Garage Space G53, 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 8060 and Lot 1150 & 1037. Unit No. 106 together with an undivided 0.5512 percent interest in the common elements of the condominium and Garage Unit No. 53, together with a 0.0643 percent undivided interest in the common elements of the condominium. Approximate amount of judgment is \$394,198.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 22137/13. Jeffrey Miller, Esq, Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Ilda Clarke; Daniel Clarke; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 28, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 23, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1057 East 95th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8164 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$389,164.90 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 506396/2014. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 3, 2017

AJ 1/20/27; 2/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff AGAINST CAVIS PILGRIM, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 03, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 02, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 305 EAST 38TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11203. All

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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 4892, LOT 41. Approximate amount of judgment \$719,521.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 21745/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221

AJ 1/27; 2/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), V. AMARNAUTH RAMOTAR; et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated November 17, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE") is the Plaintiff and AMARNAUTH RAMOTAR, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on February 23, 2017, at 2:30 pm, premises known as 446 DREW STREET A/K/A 97-28 DREW STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11416: Block 4185 Lot 45: 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 Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501102/2013. Leo Salzman - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Warehouse of Yes LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 11/07/2016. Office location kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC 2 Wyckoff Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Nataliya Dobrer, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/28/2016 and entered on 12/13/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 23, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 3543 Leif Ericson Drive, Unit C2 a/k/a 3543 Shore Parkway, Unit C2, Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8782, LOT: 1113. Approximate amount of judgment is \$622,665.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507031/2014. Steven D. Cohn, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN &

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against TAHIRA SHARIF A.K.A. TAKIRA SHEIKH A.K.A. TAHIRA SHARIF AHMAD A.K.A. TAHIRA SHEIKH, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 13, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 2nd day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1237 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11219. Tax account number: SBL #: 5760-62. Approximate amount of lien \$ 398,498.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503068-2014. Regina Darby, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400

AJ 1/27; 2/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. CESAR L. ROCHA; MARVIN E. ZUNIGA; 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 November 28, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On March 9, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 41 LOGAN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-1312 Block: 4102 Lot: 4 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$57,813.40 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 508093/2015 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee

AJ 2/3/10/17/24

Index No.: 12913/2012 NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSAMP TRUST 2005-SD1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-SD1, Plaintiff(s), Against OSWALD ALLEN, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 11/29/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3/9/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 47 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11216 and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improve-

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ments thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 01860 and Lot 0082. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$413,373.18 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 12913/2012. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Charles Capetanakis, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 12/28/16 GNS/tks

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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff - against - GALO MONTESDEOCO A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 9th Day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. 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. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 05, 2017

AJ 2/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrea Romeo; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 9, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2952 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings City and State of NY, Block 8900 Lot 866. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,106.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510782/2015. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 7, 2017

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Tradition.

The Power of Ruach



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

In September 2010, BBC, Reuters and other news agencies reported on a sensational scientific discovery. Researchers at US National Center for Atmospheric Research and the University of Colorado have shown through computer simulation how the division of the red sea may have taken place.

Using sophisticated modelling, they demonstrated how a strong east wind, blowing overnight, could have pushed water back at a bend where an ancient river is believed to have merged with a coastal lagoon. The water would have been guided into the two waterways, and a land bridge would have opened at the bend, allowing people to walk across the exposed mud flats. As soon as the wind died down, the waters would have rushed back in. As the leader of the project said when the

happened was a suspension of the laws of nature. It was a supernatural event. The waters stood, literally, like a wall.

The second is that what happened was miraculous not because the laws of nature were suspended. To the contrary, as the computer simulation shows, the exposure of dry land at a particular point in the Red Sea was a natural outcome of the strong east wind. What made it miraculous is that it happened just there, just then, when the Israelites seemed trapped, unable to go forward because of the sea, unable to turn back because of the Egyptian army pursuing them.

There is a significant difference between these two interpretations. The first appeals to our sense of wonder. How extraordinary that the laws of nature should be suspended to allow an escaping people to go free. It is a story to appeal to the imagination of a child.

But the naturalistic explanation is wondrous at another level entirely. Here the Torah is using the device of irony. What made the Egyptians of the time of Ramses



report was published: "The simulations match fairly closely with the account in Exodus."

So we now have scientific evidence to support the biblical account, though to be fair, a very similar case was made some years ago by Colin Humphreys, Professor of Materials Science at Cambridge University, and Professor of Experimental Physics at the Royal Institution in London, in his book *The Miracles of Exodus*.

To me, though, the real issue is what the biblical account actually is. Because it is just here that we have one of the most fascinating features of the way the Torah tells its stories. Here is the key passage:

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. (Ex. 14:21-22)

The passage can be read two ways. The first is that what

so formidable was the fact that they possessed the latest and most powerful form of military technology, the horse drawn chariot. It made them unbeatable in battle, and fearsome.

What happens at the sea is poetic justice of the most exquisite kind. There is only one circumstance in which a group of people travelling by foot can escape a highly trained army of charioteers, namely when the route passes through a muddy sea bed. The people can walk across, but the chariot wheels get stuck in the mud. The Egyptian army can neither advance nor retreat. The wind drops. The water returns. The powerful are now powerless, while the powerless have made their way to freedom.

This second narrative has a moral depth that the first does not; and it resonates with the message of the book of Psalms:

*His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His delight in the legs of the warrior;*

the Lord delights in those who fear Him,

who put their hope in His unfailing love. (Psalm 147:10-11)

The elegantly simple way in which the division of the Red Sea is described in the Torah so that it can be read at two quite different levels, one as a supernatural miracle, the other as a moral tale about the limits of technology when it comes to the real strength of nations: that to me is what is most striking. It is a text quite deliberately written so that our understanding of it can deepen as we mature, and we are no longer so interested in the mechanics of miracles, and more interested in how freedom is won or lost.

So it's good to know how the division of the sea happened, but there remains a depth to the biblical story that can never be exhausted by computer simulations and other historical or scientific evidence, and depends instead on being sensitive to its deliberate and delicate ambiguity. Just as ruach, a physical wind, can part waters and expose land beneath, so ruach, the human spirit, can expose, beneath the surface of a story, a deeper meaning beneath.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. KAIUM AKANDA; 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 December 8, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On March 16, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 922 HERKIMER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233 Block: 1713 Lot: 22 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, known and designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York as Section 6 Block 1713 Lot 22 as said Map was on October 20, 1965. 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 \$608,434.66 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4719-13 Kecia Juanita Weaver, Esq., Referee AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL ASSOCIATION SUCCESSOR BY MERGER LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-3XS, Plaintiff AGAINST DERWENT SLATER, DAVID SNAGG, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September

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08, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 16, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 517 MILFORD STREET, 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 4480, LOT 148. Approximate amount of judgment \$824,069.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2380/2014. Andree Sylvestre-Johnson Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST EDWARD BATISTA, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 15, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 16, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 224 MOFFAT STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3447, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$901,751.09 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 16667/13. Charles F. Otey Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, NA, Plaintiff against ZISEL BRIEGER: LARRY BRIEGER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 2, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 16th day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1252 58th Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219. Tax Account Number SBL #: 5704 – 28. Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,641.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 16371-11. Salvatore Scibetta, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

NOTICE OF LEGAL POSTPONEMENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Karen Wood a/k/a Karen L. Wood; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at

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the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 23, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-19 Seaview Avenue a/k/a 10219 Seaview Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block: 8305 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$465,843.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 7831/2013. Jay D. Cohen, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 2, 2017 Original Sale Date: February 2, 2017 AJ 2/10

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 in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On March 16, 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 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 2/10/17/24; 3/3

Social.



Alec Baldwin portraying Donald Trump on Saturday Night Live, with 'Grim Reaper' Steve Bannon by his side. Photo: YouTube Screenshot.

'When the Jews Are Away, the Goys Will Play,' Says Trump Impersonator Alec Baldwin in First 'Saturday Night Live' Lampoon Since Presidential Inauguration

BY RUTHIE BLUM

For the first time since Donald Trump's inauguration as president of the United States on January 20, actor Alec Baldwin returned this weekend to the NBC satire show "Saturday Night Live" (SNL) to impersonate and spoof the real estate mogul-turned-commander-in-chief, opening his skit with a Jewish reference.

"You know," Baldwin-as-Trump — wearing a Russian flag lapel pin — says to an aide, "I love my daughter, Ivanka, and her husband, Jared [Kushner]. They always keep me so calm, and make sure that I don't do anything crazy."

"That's true," the aide replies.

"So, quick question," the Trump character says. "Are they gone?"

"Yes," answered the aide. "They don't work on Shabbat."

"Perfect," Baldwin (as Trump) answers. "When the Jews are away, the goys will play."

The rest of the skit, which lampoons Trump's performance in the diplomatic arena thus far, shows Baldwin

engaging in phone conversations with the leaders of Australia, Mexico, Germany and Zimbabwe — with top White House adviser Steve Bannon, the former controversial editor of Breitbart, depicted as the Grim Reaper, by his side.

Baldwin, whose Trump impersonations became a big hit during the election campaign, attacked the president in an interview on the podcast the *Katie Couric Show* ahead of the inauguration.

"Everywhere he's gone, he's abused power and people who are less powerful than him," Baldwin said, calling Trump a "malicious person." In addition, Baldwin said, unlike other famous figures he has impersonated — such as Al Pacino or Robert DeNiro — for whom he has "an element of appreciation... With Trump, I don't have that element of appreciation, which makes it difficult."

Trump's response to the SNL parodying in general and Baldwin's sketches in particular has been negative. Among his social media attacks, he tweeted in December: "Just tried watching Saturday Night Live — unwatchable! Totally biased, not funny and the Baldwin impersonation just can't get any worse. Sad."

Chuck Norris' Israel Visit Sparks Social Media Stir

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Legendary American actor and martial artist Chuck Norris is currently visiting Israel, according to a flurry of photos that popped up on social media this weekend.

Ex-Israeli Foreign Ministry director-general Dore Gold posted a photo of himself on Twitter Saturday night embracing the 76-year-old Norris at a restaurant north of Tel Aviv.

"A break from Middle East tensions. Dinner in #Herzliya with @ChuckNorris," Gold tweeted.

According to the Hebrew news site Ynet, Norris dined at Bistro 56 in the Herzliya Marina on Saturday evening and drew attention from many of the restaurant's patrons and employees.



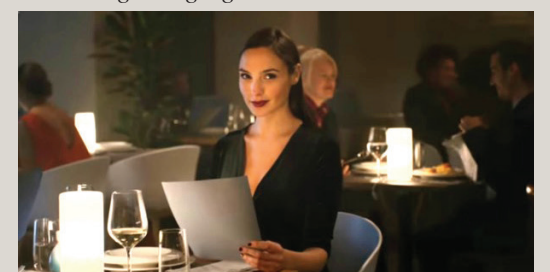
Before both the 2013 and 2015 Knesset elections, Norris — who has filmed three movies in the Jewish state — endorsed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Gold is a member of Netanyahu's Likud Party.

"You have an incredible country and we want to keep it that way," Norris told Israelis in his 2015 endorsement.

In the Wix commercial, the 31-year-old "Wonder Woman" star is seen battling bad guys alongside British actor Jason Statham.

"The information we gathered during the Super Bowl showed that web surfers liked Gadot better than more veteran and established Hollywood celebs, and she even surpassed her previous peak popularity with the 'Justice League' trailer," Taykey CEO Amit Avner was quoted by nrg as saying.

Last month, as reported by *The Algemeiner*, Gadot co-presented the Golden Globe award for Best Foreign Language Film.



Israeli actress and model Gal Gadot in the 2017 Wix Super Bowl commercial. Photo: Screenshot.

Poll: 'Wonder Woman' Gal Gadot's Wix Commercial Most Popular Among Super Bowl Ads

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A commercial for web development platform Wix featuring Israeli actress and model Gal Gadot was the

most popular ad that aired during Sunday's Super Bowl, the Hebrew news site nrg reported, citing a Taykey poll.

The poll was based on real-time monitoring of social media reactions.

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