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## Former Envoys: Iran to Top Agenda at Trump-Netanyahu Meeting



President Donald Trump with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in New York City Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO.

BY BARNEY BREEN  
-PORTNOY

Iran will be at the top of the agenda when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu meets with US President Donald Trump at the White House on Wednesday, two former Israeli ambassadors to the US told The Algemeiner on Tuesday.

"There are three Iran-related issues," Michael Oren — currently

the deputy minister for diplomacy in the Prime Minister's Office and a Kulanu party MK — said. "The first is the conventional military threat Iran poses to Israel from Syria and Lebanon, as well as its threat to countries around us like Jordan and the Gulf states. Second, a connection must be made between Iran's horrible behavior and the nuclear issue. [Former US President Barack] Obama separated the two, we need to link them again. You can't have

a country that's the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism and calls daily for our destruction and there's no repercussions. And third, we need to start preparing for when the nuclear deal expires and we're going to have an Iranian regime that's going to be able to make 200 nuclear bombs real quick."

Oren, who served as the Jewish state's envoy to Washington for four years between 2009 and

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## Hamas Elects Military Wing Hardliner Yahya Sinwar as Group's New Gaza Chief

BY JNS.ORG

Hamas has elected a new political leader in the Gaza Strip to replace Ismail Haniyeh, Palestinian media reported Monday. Haniyeh, meanwhile, is slated to replace Khaled Mashaal as the terrorist organization's political bureau chief.

Qatar-based leader Mashaal announced last year that he would be stepping down from his current role. According to reports, Haniyeh's successor in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, was elected in a secret ballot vote.

Sinwar, 52, is a known Hamas hard-liner and a senior member of the terror group's "military wing," the Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Brigades. He was released from an Israeli prison



Hamas fighters. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

as part of the 2011 Gilad Schalit prisoner exchange with Israel, after having spent 22 years behind bars over the murder of Palestinians accused of collaborating with the Jewish state. He was also involved in the planning of the 1994 abduction and murder of IDF soldier Nachshon Wachsman.

Sinwar was appointed to Hamas's political wing four years ago and succeeded in creating a new position — a liaison between the terrorist group's "political" and "military" wings — gaining him considerable influence within the organization. He is widely considered the most powerful man in Gaza today.

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## Opinion.

## The Art of the 'No Deal' With the Palestinians

RUTHIE BLUM  
TEL AVIV

There is much speculation about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's upcoming meeting at the White House with US President Donald Trump. Typically, rather than waiting to hear the outcome of Wednesday's deliberation, Israelis have been analyzing a conversation that has yet to take place, and weighing in on the extent to which the Jewish state can count on the new administration in Washington to embrace the policies of the Israeli government, and on the level of personal chemistry that emerges between the two leaders.

The assumption is that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action — the nuclear deal reached between Iran and world powers in July 2015 — will be on the agenda, and that the issue of achieving a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinian Authority will be raised. The second topic includes several directly related issues, such as the possibility of the relocation of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and the newly passed Judea and Samaria Settlement Regulation Law, which retroactively grants permits to a number of outposts on privately owned Palestinian land.

Whatever the upshot of the meeting,

however, one thing is certain: The Trump administration will not be able to broker an agreement that resolves the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, no matter how talented, smart or well-intentioned Jared Kushner — the president's son-in-law who is purportedly being charged with this task — may be.

The charade in which Netanyahu has participated since he announced his conditional support for Palestinian statehood in a televised address to the nation in June 2009, is that there is a "solution" to the ongoing war waged by the Arabs in Judea and Samaria, Gaza and east Jerusalem against the very existence of the Jewish state. Netanyahu knows better than anybody else that this is as much an exercise in rhetoric as it is in futility. He is fully aware that the only way for peace to be possible is for the Palestinians to oust their corrupt and evil leaders in Fatah and Hamas and — in striving for the freedom and prosperity they have been denied by the honchos in Ramallah and Gaza City — emulate Israeli society.

If such a day ever comes, no more than five minutes will be required for the sides to agree on the technicalities — maybe 10, if the negotiators get stuck in traffic on the way to the table.

The same holds true for Iran, which is why the JCPOA was not flawed due to the wording of its clauses, but rather to the fact that the mullah-led regime in Tehran had no intention of reaching any genuine agreement with the "infidels" it wishes to annihilate. Its



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

goal was not to have international sanctions lifted in order to get on with the business of improving the economic lot of the Iranian people. It simply wanted a more unfettered path to obtaining nuclear weapons with which to impose its hegemony on the Middle East and force the rest of the world to capitulate to its Islamist will.

Meanwhile, even Fatah and Hamas can't bury the hatchet, other than literally, in the backs of one another's operatives. But the one thing the two terrorist groups do share is a mutual antipathy to Israel and the aim to

eradicate the Jewish state. The author of *The Art of the Deal* and his secretary of state will learn this soon enough, if they don't know it already. In any case, the appointment of world-renowned expert in Islamic terrorism Sebastian Gorka as deputy assistant to the president is a sign that they want to be told the truth. Let us hope that Netanyahu feels welcome and comfortable enough during his visit in Washington to do the same.

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## New York Times Claims 'Suckling Pig' Restaurant Celebrates Jewish, Muslim Influence

IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

Just days after touting Senator Charles Schumer's "compelling" recipe for a pork-based meatloaf, the *New York Times* is at it again, pushing pig meat on its readers by blessing it, improbably, with a vaguely Brooklyn Jewish aura.

This time around, the hard sell comes in the *Times* travel section, which features a long article with a recommended itinerary for "36 Hours" in Brooklyn, New York.

Leave aside the peculiarity of a newspaper called the *New York Times* treating New York City itself as a topic for its "travel" section, rather than, say, its local news section, which has been reduced to nearly the point of elimination. The fourth stop on the *Times* travel section tour of Brooklyn says, "Go for a Spanish-style late dinner at La Vara. In New York City, it's wise to seek out meals so exceptional you're unlikely to find anything like them anywhere else." That imperative mood — the *Times* ordering its readers around — occurs rarely in the newspaper. When it does, pay close attention. When reading the *New York Times*, it's wise to seek out paragraphs so exceptional you're unlikely to find anything like them anywhere else.

*The Times* reports:

*On an unassuming residential block in brownstone Cobble Hill, a husband-wife team, Eder Montero and Alex Raij, serve regional cuisine that celebrates two cultural and historical influences in Spain: the Jewish and Muslim North African influences of the Moors. Dishes include such offerings as pincho de ceuta (grilled chicken hearts with a salad of fresh herbs and lime-date vinaigrette, \$13) and crispy suckling pig, slow-cooked with a rose petal-quince sauce and chimichurri (\$30).*

How does it celebrate "Jewish and Muslim" influences to eat a "crispy suckling pig," a food that violates the religious dietary laws of both Judaism and Islam? That is a question left unasked and unanswered by the *Times*. It's as if the newspaper's editors are unaware that Judaism and Islam forbid the consumption of pork, or as if they can't imagine that any of their readers might take the prohibition seriously.



Suckling pig. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## World News.

# Top Tehran Official Taunts Trump, Says 'Newcomer' Wouldn't Dare 'Press His Luck,' Suffer 'Unprecedented Defeat' by 'Iron Dam' of Iran

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A top Iranian official taunted US President Donald Trump on Sunday, asserting that the "newcomer" wouldn't dare "press his luck" by waging war on the Islamic Republic, and risk suffering an "unprecedented defeat" at the hands of such an "iron dam."

In an interview with the regime-aligned Tasnim news agency, Ali Akbar Velayati — head of the Expediency Council's Strategic Research Center — was responding to Trump's public warning on Friday to Iranian President Hassan Rouhani that he had "better be careful" about issuing threats to the US — and, earlier this month, to his putting Tehran "on notice" for belligerent behavior, including the test-firing of yet another ballistic missile.

"We are by no means worried about Trump's comments," Velayati told Tasnim, saying that the new US president's rhetoric is a form of grandstanding. In addition, the Iranian official said, Trump is unable simply to act on whim, due to fierce opposition in the media, judiciary and among influential politicians.

Velayati concluded his interview by saying that Iran is not seeking military confrontations with any country, but will not hesitate to defend its national interests.

His comments come on the heels of Rouhani's address to the Iranian people on Friday, who were marking the 38th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, which ousted the Shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, and ushered in the reign of the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

"We are experiencing conditions in which some novices have come to power in the region, in the world and in the US... [who] should all know that they have to talk to the Iranian nation with the language of



Ali Akbar Velayati. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

respect and dignity," Rouhani announced, in a veiled reference to Trump, as hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets of Tehran and other locations across the country and burned effigies of the new US president, while chanting "Death to America" and "Death to Israel."

As The Algemeiner reported earlier this month, two days after Trump "put Iran on notice," the US government announced new sanctions on the Islamic Republic, calling the move "part of Treasury's ongoing efforts to counter Iranian malign activity abroad that is outside the scope of the JCPOA [the July 2015 nuclear deal]."

At an event on Thursday in Washington, organized by United Against Nuclear Iran and the Jewish Institute for National Security of America, Colorado Republican Senator Cory Gardner — a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — said Trump had the support of Congress "to reject the failed policies of the past and begin putting pressure on Iran to cease its illicit behavior."

Gardner also said that Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) should be designated as a terrorist organization.

# Columbia U Protesters Call for Elimination of Jewish State

BY LEA SPEYER & RACHEL FROMMER

Shouting "From the River to the Sea, Palestine Must Be Free," protesters gathered Monday evening at Columbia University to disrupt a lecture by Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon.

The popular chant calling for the elimination of Israel was used during one of seven

organized interruptions of Danon's speech by individuals associated with the New York City school's chapters of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) and other left-wing groups.

As the protesters were escorted out by security — to cheers from the audience — Danon said the slogan's message demonstrates "a very important point": that there are those who "don't want to see the existence of a Jewish state," within

# Report: UN to Delay 'Blacklist' Database of Companies With Israeli Settlement Ties



The UN Human Rights Council. Photo: UN Photo/Jean-Marc Ferré via Wikimedia Commons.

BY JNS.ORG

An upcoming United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) report that would establish a database of companies with ties to Israeli settlements has been delayed until later this year.

"There is a need for more time, it is a very complex issue," a Western diplomat told Reuters. "You need to have a clear vision of how you list the companies, what is the exact criteria."

Israel has described the UNHRC database, which was originally commissioned last March, as a "blacklist," while accusing the 47-member nation agency of acting "obses-

any borders.

"Some Palestinians — not all, but some — don't want a Palestinian state alongside Israel, but a Palestinian state that will replace Israel," the ambassador said, referring to the chant of the demonstrators about the area between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea — the entire Jewish state.

Event co-sponsor Victor Muslin of Columbia Alums for Campus Fairness (ACF) — part of a national network engaged in combating antisemitism and anti-Israel bias on campuses — told The Algemeiner that Danon "masterfully called attention to Palestinian incitement and to the fact that the Palestinians' interest is Israel's total destruction, not peace."

Among the other slogans chanted by some 70 demonstrators gathered on the street and in the lecture hall were: "Racists not welcome," "Danny Danon you can't hide, we charge you with genocide" and "One, two, three, four, occupation's gotta go. Five, six, seven, eight, Israel's an apartheid state." Protesters also held signs and banners supporting "resistance" and the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement.

Rudy Rochman, president of the Columbia chapter of grassroots activist group Students Supporting Israel (SSI) and an organizer of the event, told The Algemeiner that SJP and JVP are "hate groups on campus that have hijacked legitimate Palestinian voices."

"We want to create a space on campus

sively" against the Jewish state. Critics of the report fear that the database will be used to implement boycotts of Israeli businesses.

Jeremie Smith, director of the Geneva office of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies, told Reuters that countries opposing the UNHRC report are attempting to delay it.

"We've heard unofficial reports that there is strong pressure by states who did not support the creation of this database to try to delay its release and bury its findings," Smith said.

The Pakistan-led proposal to create the report on settlement ties was backed by 32 countries. The US, which does not have a vote in the UNHRC, voiced strong objections to the proposed report.

where we can have actual dialogue," Rochman said. "However, groups like these are not willing to listen and or talk at all."

Throughout his lecture, the ambassador invited protesters to stay and debate with him, a move Columbia Chabad director Rabbi Yonah Blum said was filled "with grace and humor."

Danon told The Algemeiner that the anti-Israel movement's efforts "to spread lies and silence our voices" will not succeed.

"We will continue to stand up for Israel in any capacity, defending the Jewish state's right to exist and our right to defend ourselves, both across our borders and within our lecture halls," the ambassador said.

Responding to The Algemeiner's request for comment about the students' disruptions, a Columbia spokesman stated: "Almost all of the attendees at last night's event with Ambassador Danon came to listen and to engage in conversation. Ambassador Danon delivered his remarks and responded to questions from students as he and the sponsors intended. A small number of students sought to disrupt the event and their actions will be addressed under the Rules of University Conduct."

Rochman told The Algemeiner that he "highly doubts" the university will go through with punishing disruptive protesters.

As The Algemeiner reported on Friday, organizers of the ambassador's appearance on campus were forced to slash the number of non-university attendees after the school

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## World News.



Six-Day War Israeli Air Force Commander Maj. Gen. Mordechai (Motti) Hod. Photo: IDF archives.

## Declassified Recordings of Israel Air Force Reveal Determination to Safeguard Tel Aviv From Enemy Attack

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Nearly five decades after the Six-Day War, the IDF and Israeli Defense Ministry have declassified two-way radio recordings from the first operation of Israel's preemptive battle to take out the air forces of Egypt, Jordan and Syria — as well as documents detailing and summarizing the sorties, the Hebrew media reported on Sunday.

According to the news site nrg, one of the documents referring to the war's opening battle, code-named "Operation Focus," has a section titled: "The Mission — to paralyze the air force of the enemy by striking its runways and destroying most of its [war] planes on the ground."

The main people heard on the walkie-talkie recordings are Shmuel Kislev, chief Israel Air Force (IAF) controller; IAF Commander Maj. Gen. Mordechai (Motti) Hod; Menahem Zahavi, commander of the controller unit in Mitzpe Ramon; Yitzhak Barkan, commander of the northern unit; and Robert Amit, commander of the southern unit.

During the battle over the Megiddo airfield, Kislev is heard calling out to the commander of the northern unit, "Barkan! Take one pair to wait in the Damascus area..." Barkan is heard answering: "There are more MiGs... on the ground; the landing strip was destroyed, but there are more planes on the ground..."

In one of the recordings, an unidentified person is heard asking Kislev: "Do you want a report on Amman?" When Kislev answers in the affirmative, he is told: "One runway was hit and a MiG destroyed. Can't see more MiGs..."

Another recording refers to Syria.

"Are structures there under attack?" someone asks.

Kislev answers, "Yes." In yet another recording, two unidentified speakers have this exchange:

"Alex."

"Yes."

"What's new?"

"What's new? There's a lot of news. Many of their planes were downed."

"How many?"

"More than 10 MiG 21s in the air were destroyed and more on the ground. Many more."

The first wave of strikes in the Six-Day War were carried out over the Sinai Peninsula, and lasted for 101 minutes. There were 183 sorties in total, of which 173 were for the purpose of attacking the airports and the rest were for photographing and patrolling. The aim of the first wave was to hit as many planes on the ground as possible and to put the landing strips out of commission.

One third of all sorties in the entire war took place in the first wave. According to Hod's testimony, the reason so much energy was invested in the operation was that there was a serious and concrete threat to Tel Aviv.

Throughout Operation Focus, 26 enemy radar stations were attacked, and those that remained were looted.

The Six-Day War was launched on the morning of June 5, 1967, with Operation Focus, which destroyed the bulk of the Egyptian Air Force. By noon, the Egyptian, Jordanian and Syrian Air Forces, with about 450 aircraft, were destroyed. It is considered one of the most successful air campaigns in military history.

In June, Israel will mark the 50th anniversary of the war with celebrations over the reunification of Jerusalem.

have been filled by those who...truly wanted to hear the ambassador Abut were turned away."

Columbia was recently ranked by The Algemeiner as the "worst" campus for Jewish students in 2016, due to its record of antisemitic and anti-Israel incidents on campus last year.

sense of one another's worldview," he said. "Obama's first meeting with Bibi [Netanyahu] was horrible. He threatened him."

Danny Ayalon — who represented Israel in the US from 2002 until 2006 and later had a four-year stint as deputy foreign minister — told The Algemeiner on Tuesday that the most

## As Trump Chides Pyongyang for Ballistic Missile Belligerence, North Korea Opens Borders to Israeli Tourists

BY RUTHIE BLUM

North Korea is opening up its borders to Israeli tourists beginning this spring, the business site Globes reported on Sunday, as news of Pyongyang's test-firing of a purportedly mid-range Musudan ballistic missile into nearby seas emerged from neighboring South Korea, spurring condemnation from US President Donald Trump and visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

According to the report, the tyrannical country, ruled by dictator Kim Jong-un, has given Tarbutu, a subsidiary of Israel's Rimon Tours, an exclusive franchise for issuing visas for visitors from the Jewish state.

Globes reported that Tarbutu announced the launch of four organized tours to North Korea in April-May 2017, at a cost of approximately \$4,000. Tarbutu program manager Haim Peres said, "North Korea is without question one of the most fascinating countries in the world today. It is a closed country cut off from the world, including its neighbors. More is unknown than known about the country."

Tarbutu also said that up until now, Israelis have been granted tourist visas for North Korea through parties in China, and that thus far, only 100 Israelis have visited the country.

According to Globes, under the new arrangement, Israeli passport-holders can obtain tourist visas to North Korea, but journal-

ists and South Koreans will only be able to visit the country after receiving special permission from the the authorities in Pyongyang.

Tourists may bring cellphones and laptops with them, but only internal North Korean Internet is available, other than in hotels. Permission to take photographs is restricted to certain sites. Dollars, euros and Chinese yuan can be used by tourists, who are forbidden to use "won," the local currency. Nor are there ATMs or places to convert currency.

Israel's Foreign Ministry told Globes, "There is no travel warning for North Korea, and no specific ban on traveling there. We, of course, recommend extreme caution, since there are no diplomatic relations with North Korea, but it is not classified as an enemy country."

According to ABC news, North Korea's missile launch comes only two days after Trump and Abe called on Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. In response, Abe called it "absolutely intolerable," while Trump said, "The United States stands behind Japan, a great ally, 100 percent."

In response to concerns Israelis might have as a result, Tarbutu stressed that tourism in North Korea is not affected by political or military events there. "North Korea is proud about having one of the world's lowest crime rates, and tourists feel very safe there," the company said.

vital task for Trump and Netanyahu would be to "establish relations which are based on mutual trust and mutual respect, which there was a lack of during the eight years of Obama."

"I think the two leaders need to show closeness," Ayalon continued. "Netanyahu is under a lot of fire at home. His interest is to show that he's the best-qualified [Israeli politician] to strengthen relations with the US. And I think for Trump it's also in his interest to show that he is very proficient, or suave, in international relations. We saw it with Justin Trudeau of Canada and Shinzo Abe of Japan, and we will continue to see it with Netanyahu."

On Iran, Ayalon — who is currently in New York City as part of his role as the Rennert visiting professor at Yeshiva University — said, "I think here it is not realistic to expect the US to walk away from the Vienna deal [the July 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action]. However, I believe the two leaders probably will discuss how to tighten the monitoring of Iran and also have no tolerance for any breaches of the agreement — holding Iran to the fire."

When it comes to the long-stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Ayalon — who visited Washington, DC last week — said, "My impression is that Trump is ready for a deal. He would like to make a deal, which means he would go for a two-state solution. But, unlike maybe former administrations, he will be more attentive to Israel's security and other needs."

On this matter, Oren said, "We'd like to make a deal between Israel and the Palestinians too, but it depends on the type of deal."

Turning to the potential move of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — a Trump campaign promise that seems to have been put on hold, at least temporarily — Ayalon said, "Here again, I don't think it's realistic to expect any announcements by Trump on this soon. Also, it's not realistic to expect to get everything the right-wing in Israel wants."

"From a strategic point of view," he went on to say, "what could be realistic to expect is a return to the 2004 Bush-Sharon letter, which talked about the reality on the ground — recognition of the major Israeli settlement blocs in the West Bank and defensible borders, which means a military presence in the Jordan Valley."

"What was so disappointing for Israel was from Day One, in 2009, Obama walked away from this letter," Ayalon stated. "I think that was one of the major mistakes that prevented any kind of dialogue with the Palestinians and any moving forward. It put Israel in a corner and locked the Palestinians into an unyielding and uncompromising position and we know the rest of the story. I think one of the key errors that Obama and [former Secretary of State John] Kerry made was they cherry picked and singled out the settlement issue as the one and only obstacle to peace, which is not the case. Maybe with Trump we can have a fresh look. If we return to the understandings of the letter, this could be a basis for bringing the two sides back to the negotiating table."

"I think this is why Trump will not be in a hurry to move the embassy to Jerusalem," Ayalon continued. "He will want to see what is the position of the Palestinians, if they are ready to move forward. If they are ready to move forward, I believe his objective will be a two-state solution, with everything it entails. But if the Palestinians show no interest, on that basis, in moving forward, then he can decide to move the embassy or do whatever other stuff he is going to do."

Both Oren and Ayalon agreed that the resignation of US National Security Adviser Michael Flynn would have no impact on the Trump-Netanyahu meeting.

"It will divert some of the press attention, but then again by Wednesday it will already be yesterday's news," Oren said.

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Columbia U

threatened to shut down the event, citing security concerns. Following the program, ACF's Muslin told The Algemeiner, it's a shame "quite a few seats remained empty that could

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2013, said that first meetings between US presidents and Israeli prime ministers are "very important"

"You establish a rapport, you get a sense of one another's mettle and you get a better

## U.S. News.

## Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Says Trump Was Ready to Announce Embassy Relocation to Jerusalem at '12:01' on Inauguration Day

BY RUTHIE BLUM

President Donald Trump was prepared to announce the move of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem a minute after his inauguration last month, junior Tennessee Senator Bob Corker said in an interview this week.

On The Global Politico podcast posted on Monday, Corker, chairman of the Senate Foreign



US Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN). Photo: Alchetron.

## Gallup Poll: American Public 'Closely Split' on Palestinian State, With Increase in Number Opposed

BY RUTHIE BLUM

Americans are "closely split" on the issue of Palestinian statehood, a Gallup poll released Monday revealed. The poll, Gallup said, was conducted amid talk from US President Donald Trump about reaching a solution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict that is "good for all sides."

According to the poll, support for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza among US citizens remains 45 percent – the same as last year. The change since then is in the number of Americans who oppose such a state, which increased by five percentage points, to 42% – the highest level so far.

However, Gallup said, "on a proportional basis, the latest results are similar to 2015, when 42% favored a Palestinian state and 38% were opposed. The main difference is that fewer Americans today (13%) than in 2015 (20%) have no opinion."

Within these numbers, Democrats and Republicans remain divided on the issue, with 61% of Democrats, 50% of independents and 25% of Republicans in favor. This finding, according to Gallup, has been relatively steady, with the exception of an increase in Republican support for a Palestinian state in 2003, when then-President George W. Bush attempted to broker an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal.

As The Algemeiner reported, a Gallup poll released a year ago this month revealed that though most Americans were more sympathetic to Israel than to the Palestinian Authority, a majority also favored the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Gallup found that support for Israel among Americans remains at 58% or higher, with both Republican and Democratic support for Israel increasing over the past decade, but with the former growing by a larger margin.

Gallup concluded, "It is intriguing that more Americans continue to favor than oppose the creation of a Palestinian state. The finding suggests that despite the lack of US diplomatic activity on this issue in recent years, it is still something Americans would generally welcome should the next president be willing to work toward it."

Relations Committee, told host Susan B. Glasser that when he was interviewed late November for the position of secretary of state, he got the impression that relocating the embassy was "going to be their first move."

"They were ready to move the embassy at 12:01 on Jan. 20, maybe 12 and 30 seconds," Corker said, going on to explain why he thinks that did not happen.

"[M]y question at the time is, how does Israel feel about that? They've never had a closer relationship with the Arab world. I mean, the Iran deal... was not the kind of agreement we should have entered into... But the one plus in the Iran deal is it brought the Arab community close to Israel... So when you've got a situation like that, do you really want to destroy this alliance that is unprecedented and is real?"

Corker went on to say that he believes

Israel is now "ready... for the embassy to move to Jerusalem," and that it "may be waiting... until after [Ambassador-designate David Friedman] is confirmed to make additional moves."

However, he said, "I think that they've got to communicate to the Arab world that this is not doing away or dampening in any way the two-state solution. And so there's a lot of communication that's got to come with this."

Among the Arab leaders Corker then mentioned was King Abdullah of Jordan, who was in Washington last week.

Calling King Abdullah "sort of the Henry Kissinger of that part of the world," Corker said that "anything that flies in the face" of the two-state solution for Israel and the Palestinians "could be viewed as a diss... to him." Which is why, Corker said, the whole embassy issue should be "communicated properly" and prepared in advance.

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## Opinion.

## Precedent Trumps President Trump

ALAN DERSHOWITZ  
BOSTON

According to three judges of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, legal precedents by the Supreme Court doomed President Trump's Executive Order limiting entry into our country.

This decision creates a conundrum for the Trump administration. They may very well win if and when the case gets to the Supreme Court, especially if Judge Neil Gorsuch is sitting in the ninth seat. The Circuit Court decision, despite its unanimity, is questionable on the law. It extends Constitutional protections to foreigners who have never been in the United States, have no connections to our country and have no Constitutional right to come here.

Consider a family from Yemen, who apply for a tourist visa and are turned down. They couldn't hire a lawyer to bring a lawsuit in the US and expect to win. The courts would rule that they had no "standing" or viable legal claim. Contrast that family with one already here on

an academic visa or with a green card, who are deported or refused re-entry after a trip back to their home country. They would have standing and a plausible claim that their exclusion violated their constitutional rights. But the Ninth Circuit refused to distinguish these cases, ruling instead that the Executive Order was probably unconstitutional regarding all who seek to enter the United States from any of the seven countries originally designated by the Obama administration.

This ruling went beyond what even the State of Washington asked the Federal District Court to declare unconstitutional. It also extended the concept of standing well beyond existing precedents. And it interpreted the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment – "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion" – more broadly than any previous court, relying on campaign rhetoric by candidate Trump and a media interview with Rudy Giuliani.

The bottom line is that the Trump administration would have a good chance to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, if they can get the Supreme Court to decide the case on its merits. Total victory would not be a certainty even in the High Court, but partial success might well be achieved.

The problem for the Trump administra-



Courthouse of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Photo: Wikipedia.

tion is that it would take time for the case to reach the Supremes. In the meantime, the Executive Order would remain inoperative as a result of the stay ordered by the District Court and affirmed by the Ninth Circuit. It is unlikely, though not impossible, that the stay would be lifted by the Supreme Court or by an en banc decision of a larger number of judges of the Ninth Circuit. But if it isn't, the stay could remain in effect for many months. Hence the Trump conundrum.

President Trump has said that enforcing his Executive Order is necessary to protect our national security: "The security of our nation is at stake." He has even gone so far as to claim that if there were any acts of terrorism now, the judges would be to blame. But that's

simply not true. President Trump has the option of re-drafting the Executive Order so as to eliminate its constitutionally questionable aspects, while preserving its most important protective provisions. A re-drafted order could apply only to persons without green cards or other current connections to the United States. It could make other changes as well, which would reduce the likelihood that the court would strike it down.

Issuing a re-drafted order would constitute an implicit admission by the Trump administration that there were problems with the original order. And President Trump is not likely to admit he was wrong. But if he really believes that the security of our nation is at stake, he must put our security before his ego. In his press conference on Friday afternoon, Trump implied that he and his team may be working on a replacement or supplementary order. I have been urging them from day one to follow this route, and I hope they will do so.

So let the current case proceed on its slow track to the Supreme Court, but in the meantime let the President work with the new Attorney General and his national security team to draft a revised order that protects us from terrorism without compromising constitutional rights. That would be a win-win for all Americans.

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## Why the US Should Target Iran's Revolutionary Guards

HESHMAT ALAVI

The possibility of the Trump White House blacklisting Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a foreign terrorist organization (FTO) is causing enormous tension in Tehran, as the regime understands the political, economic — and, perhaps most importantly — geopolitical consequences of such a move.

An Iranian opposition group has scheduled a Tuesday press conference to provide new information about the IRGC Quds Force "command headquarters for terrorist training of foreign mercenaries and a number of overt and covert training centers" across Iran, according to the online statement.

The IRGC was established supposedly to safeguard the "Islamic Revolution." The FTO designation of this enormously important Tehran entity would further toughen US President Donald Trump's push on Iran.

The IRGC is in full control of the mullahs' cherished ballistic missile program, used especially to lift morale within the regime's dwindling and highly fragile social base.

Washington has considered Tehran a state sponsor of terrorism since 1984, as the regime has continuously armed, trained and financed a conglomerate of terrorist groups in the Middle East — mainly Hezbollah in Lebanon, Shiite militias in Syria and Iraq and

the Houthis in Yemen.

Designating the IRGC, an official armed force, rather than another militia group, would be unprecedented. It would send a signal to Iran that the new US administration is targeting the very core of its apparatus — one that also enjoys significant leverage over its economy.

The IRGC is the leading force behind Iran's nuclear program, ballistic missile drive, involvement in Syria and other states and atrocious domestic human rights violations. The FTO designation would ban any economic transactions and relations with IRGC-affiliated companies, thereby significantly curbing its access to the revenue needed to pursue all the above-mentioned ambitions.

There are already signs of increasing concerns in this regard having a considerable effect.

The France-based international oil and gas French company Total has hinged its plans for a \$2 billion project in Iran in the summer on US sanctions waivers, which now seem unlikely, to say the least, with the Trump administration imposing a major policy overhaul.

Companies across the world are already described as wary about doing business with Iran. The FTO designation would bring an end to all the leeway provided for foreign businesses to enjoy working with entities that may be connected with the IRGC.

And while some argue that an FTO designation for the IRGC would result in Iran's abandoning ship on the nuclear deal reached with the P5+1 in July 2015, they are absolutely wrong. Tehran needs the accord more than

any other party, as crippling international sanctions were taking their toll on its economy. And rest assured that Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei would never have blessed such a pact were better options available.

The Iranian opposition has a history of shedding important light on the IRGC's destructive roles, and calling for necessary action in this regard.

Iran's "nuclear and missile program is against the Iranian people's interest and must be stopped," Maryam Rajavi, president of the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI)

said recently.

The NCRI has welcomed the Trump administration's recent round of sanctions against Tehran and earlier proposed measures aimed at "banning all deals and trade with IRGC-affiliated companies."

The Trump administration is now facing a very important opportunity to deliver the message that the mullahs deserve to hear. In so doing, it will be on the right side of history where supporting the Iranian people's struggle for freedom and democracy through peaceful regime change is concerned.

## Martin Sherman vs. Caroline Glick – On Sovereignty

MARTIN SHERMAN  
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"One might expect that any support or a single state among Israeli Jews would come from the far Left...Recently, proposals to grant Israeli citizenship to Palestinians in the West Bank, including the right to vote for the Knesset, have emerged from a surprising direction: right-wing stalwarts... We should watch how this debate develops...and encourage it carefully."

– Ali Abunimah, "Israeli Right embracing one-state?" Al Jazeera.

"The road to hell is paved with good intentions."

– An aphorism of uncertain origins, sometimes attributed to Samuel Johnson (1709-1784).

As reluctant recognition of the futility of further pursuit of the "two states for two people" principle begins to dawn on growing

circles of its erstwhile proponents, numerous alternative policy proposals are emerging in the public discourse.

**No less perilous or pernicious**

Sadly, many of these proffered alternatives are poorly thought through and, in the final analysis, no less perilous or pernicious than the very two-state formula they are intended to replace.

These putative alternatives range from calls to withdraw unilaterally from virtually all territory beyond the current security barrier from the so-called "Left," to calls for annexing all the territory — together with the Arab population — from the so-called "Right."

Clearly, little reflection is required to grasp that unilateral withdrawal will inevitably transform the "West Bank" into either a mega-South Lebanon (if the IDF remains deployed, as some suggest) or a giant Gaza (if the IDF is removed as others suggest).

Likewise, scant reflection is called for to realize that annexing the territory of Judea-Samaria, together with the bulk of its Arab residents, is an unequivocal recipe for the Lebanonization of Israel (if they are seen as being enfranchised — or potentially enfranchised

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— citizens in a single societal unit); or for its Balkanization (if they are seen as being politically affiliated to several disconnected autonomous mini-enclaves scattered across the territory).

Although the disastrous defects of the two-state paradigm should be painfully apparent to anyone with sufficient intellectual integrity to differentiate between the politically correct and the factually correct, it is also true that not everything that is not a “two-state” proposition is necessarily better than that fatally flawed and failed formula.

### “Right” regrettably remiss

The impending demise of the “two-state” concept as a viable policy option — together with the recent demise of the pro-two state Obama incumbency — have understandably buoyed the spirits of those who have opposed the establishment of a Palestinian-Arab state west of the Jordan River.

But any euphoria on this score may well prove premature. To capitalize on the undeniable opportunity that both Mideastern realities and a potentially fortuitous US election outcome have opened up, anti-two-staters must formulate a cogent, coherent and comprehensive alternative that will enhance, not degrade, Israel’s strategic position — one that will underpin the Zionist endeavor, not undermine it.

Regrettably, the right-wing opponents of two states have been remarkably remiss in this regard.

Almost four months before the November 2016 US elections, immediately following the removal of any mention of the two-state principle from the Republican Party platform, I called on opponents of that idea to prepare a viable alternative in the event of (what then seemed an improbable) GOP victory.

In the column, I urged against adopting/propagating seductive conventional wisdom alternatives, such as:

– *“Managing the conflict,” which is little more than an exercise in futility and self-delusion that will only carry the country on a perilous downward spiral, with prevailing problems increasing in both scale and intensity;*

– *Proposals prescribing inclusion of the Palestinian-Arabs in the permanent population of a post-two-state Israel, which would almost inevitably turn the country into a Muslim-majority tyranny within a few generations — even if the optimistic demographers are right and, initially, the Muslim population will comprise a 35-40% minority;*

– *Proposals advocating partial annexation and limited autonomy for the Palestinian Arabs, concentrated in disconnected mini-enclaves which will result in wildly tortuous and contorted borders, virtually impossible to demarcate and secure, thus emptying “sovereignty” in the annexed areas of any meaningful content.*

### What’s wrong with the “Right”

Plainly, none of these proposals offer a sustainable alternative paradigm to the two-state formula that can ensure Israel’s long-term survival as a viable nation-state of the Jewish people.

For almost half-decade, when frustration and exasperation got the better of me, I have written with various degrees of acerbity, even abrasiveness, on the severe shortcomings of the more commonly aired proposals for alternatives to the two-state principle. See: “What’s Wrong with The Right : Part 1” and “Part 2” (August 2012); “Annexing Area C: An Open Letter to Naftali Bennett” (December 2012); “Brain Dead on The Right?” (June 2013); “Sovereignty? Yes, But Look Before You Leap” (January 2014); “Sovereignty? Yes, But Beware of Annexing Area C” (January 2014); “Islamizing Israel – When The Radical Left and Hard Right Concur” (April 2015).

However, to avoid false impressions, let me be unequivocally clear. Ever since the early 1990s, I have been an unswerving advocate for extending Jewish sovereignty over the entire area from the “River to the Sea,”

which I believe is indispensable for ensuring Israel’s long-term ability to survive as the Jewish nation-state.

That said, I am equally convinced that injudicious initiatives to apply Jewish sovereignty to the territories across the pre-1967 lines, without a clear program for dramatically reducing the Arab presence, will not only impair the country’s ability to sustain its sovereignty over these areas, but will imperil Jewish sovereignty over any territory west of the Jordan — including within the pre-1967 lines.

### Twin imperatives for survival

In the past, I have been at pains to underscore something that should be entirely self-evident: In order to endure as the Jewish nation-state, Israel must effectively address two equally important imperatives: the Geographic Imperative and the Demographic Imperative.

The first of these imperatives calls for Israeli control (i.e. sovereignty) over all the territory east of the coastal plain up to the Jordan River — to prevent intolerable risks to its physical survival; the second imperative calls for significant reduction of the Arab presence in the territory under Jewish sovereignty to forestall an intolerable demographic threat to its dominant Jewish character.

Clearly, the need to contend with these twin imperatives is virtually axiomatic — for if it fails to do so, Israel will either become untenable as the nation-state of the Jews geographically or demographically — or both.

Accordingly, for a proposed alternative even to begin to address the Demographic Imperative, any demand for Israeli sovereignty over Judea-Samaria must simultaneously provide a blueprint for the future of the Arab population resident there after application of Israeli sovereignty.

It is precisely here that many leading pro-sovereignty proponents, heartened by optimistic demographic estimates, begin to “lose the plot.”

Even if their estimates are accurate, and in a post-annexation Israel the Jews do (initially) still retain a 60-65% majority, they are largely beside the point when it comes to the crux of the Demographic Imperative.

For the crucial issue is not the initial electoral arithmetic. Rather, it is the impact an enfranchised (or potentially enfranchised) Muslim minority — comprising 35-40% of the permanent population within sovereign Israeli territory — would have on the sociocultural fabric of the country, the subsequent budgetary and demographic dynamics this would set in motion and the virtually inevitable political outcomes these eventually would precipitate.

### Caveat to Caroline

One of the best-known advocates for extending Israeli sovereignty over all the territory and the people of Judea-Samaria is the widely acclaimed columnist, Caroline Glick. To her credit, Glick laid out the specifics of her policy proposal in a 2014 book published, *The Israeli Solution: A One-State Plan for Peace in the Middle East*.

In it she stipulates: “The mechanics of the policy are fairly straightforward. Israel will apply its laws to Judea and Samaria and govern the areas as normal parts of Israel... Contingent on security concerns... Palestinians will have the right to travel and live anywhere they wish within Israeli territory... Palestinians will have the same legal and civil rights as the rest of the residents and citizens of Israel... Those that receive Israeli citizenship in accordance with Israel’s Citizenship Law will also be allowed to vote in national elections for the Knesset.”

This is a perilous proposition which, if adopted, will spell the almost certain demise of the Jewish nation-state — no less than the pernicious two-state principle, from which Glick’s plan purports to redeem it.

I have set out my reservations regarding Glick’s proposal in a column titled “To My Colleague Caroline, A Caveat” (April, 2014). In it I write: “I concur with Glick on virtually everything she rejects, but reject much of

which she urges us to accept.”

This encapsulates much of my subsequent analysis, for while I strongly endorse her incisive diagnosis of the fatal failings of the two-state formula, I disagree, just as strongly, with the prescription she offers to remedy them.

### Unbounded, unfounded optimism

One cannot but wonder at Glick’s unbounded — and sadly, unfounded — optimism, reflected in her belief that, somehow, an Israel with a 35-40% Muslim minority could forge a coherent and cohesive society that would preserve its dominant Jewish character.

This optimism is particularly remarkable given the disruption that far smaller Muslim minorities have wrought in recent years on other non-Muslim societies in the West, where inherent inter-ethnic rivalries (unencumbered by the 100 year history of war over the Holy Land), are arguably far less intense than those prevailing between Jew and Arab.

Even if the optimistic demographics are correct — and under the far from certain assumption that the radical Left would not side with it — the Muslim minority could command anything up to 40 mandates in any election. This would be a dramatic political development, drastically enhancing the anti-Zionist representation in the national parliament.

But the socioeconomic impact is likely to be even more significant.

Clearly, huge budget resources will have to be diverted from the Jewish sector to the Muslim sector in an endeavor to reduce the yawning gaps between the two, siphoning off funds currently utilized for enhancing infrastructure, welfare, education and so on. Indeed, it would hardly be an exaggeration to say that Israel is likely to be catapulted back from being a first-world post-industrial county to a third-world developing one.

### Chilling effect on aliyah

This is likely to have a chilling effect on Jewish immigration, as well. With a recalcitrant minority of up to 40% — many of whom have been taught for decades to hate Jews (as Glick herself acknowledges) — and who vehemently reject the Jewish character of the state, its symbols, calendar and conduct of public life, Israel is unlikely to be a more appealing destination for Diaspora Jews. This is especially true if the standard of living is severely downgraded and incipient Lebanon-like inter-ethnic tensions constantly simmer — and occasionally boil over into violent clashes.

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reached a verdict, which in Moses’ case was almost immediately.

Hence the Netziv’s astonishing conclusion. By delegating the judicial function downward, Moses would bring ordinary people — with no special prophetic or legal gifts — into the seats of judgment. Precisely because they lacked Moses’ intuitive knowledge of law and justice, they were able to propose equitable solutions, and an equitable solution is one in which both sides feel they have been heard; both gain; both believe the result is fair. That, as the Talmud says above, is the only kind of justice that at the same time creates peace. That is why the delegation of judgment would not only help Moses avoid total exhaustion; it would also help “all these people” to “reach their place in peace.”

What a profound idea this is. Moses was the Ish ha-Elokim (Psalm 90:1), the supreme man of God. Yet there was, the Netziv implies, one thing he could not do, which others — less great in every other respect — could achieve. They could bring peace between contending parties. They could create non-violent, non-coercive forms of conflict resolution. Not knowing the law with the depth that Moses did, not having his intuitive sense of truth, they had instead to exercise patience. They had to listen to both sides. They had to arrive at an equitable verdict that both parties could see as fair. A



A community in the West Bank.

Conversely, these realities are likely to make Israel a less hospitable location for Israeli Jews currently resident in the country, and provide a powerful inducement for them to seek an alternative abode abroad, thus stimulating the motivation for emigration.

Clearly this will have a corrosive effect on the initial demographic calculations gradually, but inexorably, eroding any Jewish majority which may have initially existed...

I have barely scratched the surface in elaborating the appalling dangers entailed in Glick’s (and others’) prescription for annexing Judea-Samaria together with the resident Arab population. I have, however, presented them in greater detail in the hyperlinked columns mentioned above, and I urge readers to familiarize themselves with them. For they broach what is perhaps the most critical issue for Israel and the Zionist enterprise today.

### Rift on the “Right”?

In many ways, Israel is on the cusp of dramatic historical developments. The stakes are high and the cost of error may be irretrievable. Much — arguably all — depends on how judicious it is in its decision-making.

With the almost inevitable demise of the two-state paradigm, its opponents are divided into two distinct factions. Both advocate applying Israeli sovereignty to Judea-Samaria. They are, however, divided on one crucial issue — the fate of the Arab population resident in these areas.

The one faction, represented by Glick, holds that the Arabs should remain under Israeli rule; the other, represented by people like Moshe Feiglin and myself, believe that this would create an untenable situation for Israel as the nation state of the Jews, and the Arab populations must be diminished — preferably by non-coercive means, such as economic inducements.

This is the vital debate that the “Right” must conduct within itself — and without delay. For it is almost too late.

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mediator has different gifts from a prophet, a liberator, a law-giver — more modest perhaps, but sometimes no less necessary.

It is not that one character type is to be preferred to another. No one — certainly not the Netziv — regarded Moses as anything less than the greatest leader and prophet Israel has ever had. It is, rather, that no one individual can embody all the virtues necessary to sustain a people. A priest is not a prophet (though a few, like Samuel and Ezekiel were both). A king needs different virtues than a saint. A military leader is not (though in later life he can become) a man of peace.

What emerges at the end of the train of thought the Netziv sets in motion is the deep significance of the idea that we can neither live nor lead alone. Judaism is not so much a faith transacted in the privacy of the believer’s soul. It is a social faith. It is about networks of relationship. It is about families, communities, and ultimately a nation, in which each of us, great or small, has a role to play. “Despise no one and disdain nothing,” said Ben Azzai (Avot 4:3), “for there is no one who does not have his hour, and nothing that does not have its place.” There was something ordinary individuals (heads of thousands, hundreds, tens) could achieve that even Moses in all his glory could not achieve. That is why a nation is greater than any individual, and why each of us has something to give.

## Impressions.

### In Surprise Discovery, Israeli Archaeologists Uncover 12th Dead Sea Scrolls Cave

BY JNS.ORG

In a surprise discovery, Israeli archaeologists have uncovered a 12th cave that once held portions of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Hebrew University archaeologists Dr. Oren Gutfeld and Ahiad Ovadia made the find — with the help of Dr. Randall Price and students from Virginia's Liberty University — during an excavation in the Qumran region of the northern Judean Desert.



Fragments of jars that contained stolen scrolls at the newly discovered 12th Dead Sea Scrolls cave. Photo: Casey L. Olson and Oren Gutfeld.

"This exciting excavation is the closest we've come to discovering new Dead Sea scrolls in 60 years. Until now, it was accepted that Dead Sea scrolls were found only in 11 caves at Qumran, but now there is no doubt that this is the 12th cave," said Gutfeld.

The archaeologists found numerous storage jars and lids from the Second Temple period hidden along the cave's walls and deep inside an adjoining tunnel, but all the jars were broken and their contents removed. An iron pickaxe head from the 1950s was also uncovered, suggesting that the cave was looted.

"Although at the end of the day no scroll was found, we found a piece of parchment rolled up in a jug that was being processed for writing," as well as "jars in which the scrolls and their covering were hidden, a leather strap for binding the scroll, a cloth that wrapped the scrolls, tendons and pieces of skin connecting fragments and more," he said.

"The findings indicate beyond any doubt that the cave contained scrolls that were stolen," Gutfeld concluded.

This excavation was the first to take place in the northern portion of the Judean Desert as part of the "Operation Scroll" program, which was launched by the Israel Antiquities Authority to improve the understanding and excavation of caves in the region.

### Remembering My Friend, Jack Lunzer

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Jack Lunzer, who died this past December, was famous for his collection of Jewish books, texts and incunabula. It was the largest collection of Judaica in private hands, and Sotheby's described it as "quite simply the finest private collection of Hebrew books and manuscripts in the world."

But to those of us who knew Jack, the man, he was one of the most interesting, multifaceted people we ever came across. When you met with him, you never knew which persona of his you might encounter. The international diamond dealer, the Orthodox Jewish follower of Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch in Frankfurt, the generous philanthropist, the Yekke, the English gentleman, the Yiddish-speaking Belgian, the Italian count, the African diplomat, the opera buff, philatelist, horse breeder, skier, horticulturalist, man-about-town, bon viveur, joker, pious Jew or scholar. He was all of those, and more. Not to mention the doting father of five special girls.

I was connected to him indirectly. His brother, Henry, had married my mother's cousin. I first met him when I was 11, and I was invited for tea one Shabbat at his elegant home in the Hampstead Garden suburb of London. The long table was laid impeccably with the finest china and silver. His elegant, perfectionist Italian wife, Ruth, ways made sure everything was of the best quality.

We were seated, and the tea was poured by uniformed staff. As I tried to get strawberry jam from one of the containers, I dropped my spoon, and its contents stained the tablecloth bright red. I was mortified. Jack saw how embarrassed I was. He reached out, picked up the jar and turned it upside down, spilling all of its contents onto the table. "There you are, young man," he said, smiling. "No need to feel bad about it."

My aunt and uncle who also lived in the suburb were very close friends with the Lunzers. It was through them that I became a regular visitor whenever my parents brought me up to London. Everything about Jack was impressive: his home, his vintage Rolls Royce, the flagpole in front of his house with the Guinea-Bissau flag, signifying that he was in fact their consul to the UK.

Jack was born in Antwerp. His family established itself in diamonds, and had built the Eisenmann Synagogue. When the family left Belgium for London, they joined and became prime movers in the Golders Green Beth Hamedrash. Jack went to work in the family diamond business, and

in due course took it over and expanded it well beyond its initial parameters.

Every time I visited Jack, there would be another visitor there: an ancient rabbi from the east, a modern one from the west, a Zionist, an anti-Zionist, a duke, a count, a magnate or a beggar. Jack spoke to each in a different way, as if they inhabited the very same world.

Somewhere along the line, Jack began to collect old Jewish books. What started off as a few shelves in his spacious home turned into a whole room, which then turned into an annex. Books took over his life. Of all his passions, beyond his family, this was the one that consumed him, and hardly anything else seemed to matter.

He used to hold regular services in his home on Friday evenings, which I sometimes attended. One Rosh Hashanah, he was very agitated because



Jack Lunzer. Photo: screenshot.

I wore a black yarmulke on my head instead of a white one. He assured me that my father would not have been so lacking in respect for tradition (in the nicest way, of course, with a smile on his face). He brought me a white crocheted yarmulke (which probably came from somewhere like Khartoum) to wear the next day. I still have it.

I doubt that any one person knew everything about him. I once asked him if I could write his biography. He laughed, and said he didn't want anyone to know his secrets. The last time I saw him was in New York in 2009. It was at Sotheby's. He was sitting like a king among his beloved books, enjoying being courted and consulted, greeting scholars, friends and well-wishers with geniality and good humor. He was getting older, but the magic and the charisma, as well as the charm, were still there.

His world is gone, both the secular and the religious. Even his library is no longer completely intact. Nothing lasts forever. But I will always treasure his memory and so, too, will generations of bibliophiles.

# Legal Notice.

## LEGAL NOTICE



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.

AJ 1/13/20/27; 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:

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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 & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706

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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

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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 improvements 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 - GALO MONTESDEOCA 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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrea Romeo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 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

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Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: January 7, 2017

AJ 2/3/10/17/24;

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 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

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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, NY. 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, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400

AJ 2/10/17/24; 3/3

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

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## Tradition.

## Justice or Peace?



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The sedra of Yitro, which contains the account of the greatest Divine revelation in history, at Mount Sinai, begins on a note that is human, all too human. Yitro, priest of Midian, has come to see how his son-in-law Moses and the people he leads are faring. It begins by telling us what Yitro heard (the details of the exodus and its attendant miracles). It goes on to describe what Yitro saw, and this gave him cause for concern.

He saw Moses leading the people alone. The result was bad for Moses and bad for the people. This is what Yitro said:

*"What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you advice, and may God be with you... Select capable men from all the people-men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain-and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can*



*decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and so too all these people will reach their place in peace." (Exodus 18:17-23)*

Moses must learn to delegate and share the burden of leadership. Interestingly, the sentence "What you are doing is not good (lo tov)" is one of only two places in the Torah where the phrase "not good" occurs. The other (Genesis 2:18) is "It is not good for man to be alone." We cannot lead alone; we cannot live alone. That is one of the axioms of biblical anthropology.

The Hebrew word for life, chayyim, is in the plural as if to signify that life is essentially shared. Dean Inge once defined religion as "what an individual does with his own solitude." That is not a Jewish thought. However, it was the great nineteenth century scholar the Netziv (R. Naftali Zvi Yehudah Berlin) who made an unexpected, even counter-intuitive observation on this passage. He begins by raising the following question. It is easy to understand how Yitro's advice

helped Moses. The work was too much. He was becoming exhausted. He needed help. What is less easy to understand is his final comment: if, with God's permission, you delegate, "so too all these people will reach their place in peace." The people were not exhausted; Moses was. How then would they gain by a system of delegation? Their case would still be heard – but not by Moses. How was this to their advantage? (Harchev Davar to Exodus 18:23).

The Netziv begins by quoting the Talmud, Sanhedrin 6a. The passage is about what the sages called bitzua, or what later become known as pesharah, compromise. This is a decision on the part of a judge in a civil case to seek a solution based on equity rather than strict application of the law. It is not wholly unlike mediation, in which the parties agree to a resolution that they both consider fair, regardless of whether or not it is based on statute or precedent. From a different perspective, it is a mode of conflict resolution in which both sides gain, rather than the pure administration of justice, in which one side wins, the other loses. The Talmud wants to know: is this good or bad? To be adopted or avoided? This is part of the debate:

*Rabbi Eliezer, son of R. Jose the Galilean, said: it is forbidden to mediate . . . Instead, let the law pierce the mountain [a saying similar to: "Let the chips fall where they may"]. And so Moses' motto was: Let the law pierce the mountain. Aaron, however, loved peace and pursued peace and made peace between people . . . R. Judah ben Korcha said: it is good to mediate, for it is written (Zechariah 8:16), "Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates." Surely where there is strict justice, there is no peace, and where there is peace, there is no strict justice! What then is the justice that coexists with peace? We must say: mediation.*

The law follows R. Judah ben Korcha. It is permissible, even preferable, to mediate – with one proviso, that the judge does not yet know who is right and who is wrong. It is precisely this uncertainty at the early stages of a hearing that allows an equitable resolution to be favoured over a strictly legal one. If the judge has already reached a clear verdict, it would be a suppression of justice on his part to favour a compromise solution.

Ingeniously applying this principle to the Israelites in Moses' day, the Netziv points out that – as the Talmud says – Moses preferred strict justice to peace. He was not a man to compromise or mediate. In addition, as the greatest of the prophets, he knew almost instantly which of the parties before him was innocent and which guilty; who had right on his side and who did not. It was therefore impossible for him to mediate, since this is only permitted before the judge has

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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

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff against AGNES MOSES, PATRICIA MOSES, MARK MOSES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 8, 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 23rd day of March, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building 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 939 East 100th Street Brooklyn, NY, 11236. Tax account number: SBL#: 8208-24. Approximate amount of lien \$ 673,511.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 510524-15. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10

IGLOO NYC LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/20/17. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o The Vorea Group LLC, 184 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff against JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE, EMMA JEAN PIERRE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 26, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 23rd 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, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street, distant three hundred and fifty (350) feet Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Avenue G with the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Running thence Easterly parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter ( 6 3/4) inches; Thence Northerly parallel with East

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Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet; Thence Westerly and again parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4 ) inches to the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Thence southerly along the said Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet to the point or place of beginning. Avenue G is now Glenwood Road. Subject to covenants and restrictions as contained in former instruments of record affecting the said premises, and to an easement granted to the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, by agreement recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Kings. Together with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to any land lying in the bed of East Nineteenth Street in front of said premises to the center line thereof. Said premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11230. (Block: 5240, Lot: 80). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 6953-09. Elena Makau, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: skyline creative works LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/01/2016 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: Thevan D.Parker 944 herkimer street Brooklyn, NY 11233. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Bank of America, N.A., as Successor By Merger to LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of The MLMI Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AR1, Plaintiff AGAINST Cheryle E. Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 5, 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 23, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 297 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of NY, Block: 1675 Lot: 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$754,004.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20070/2013. Meryl L. Wenig, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 9, 2017  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name:BAJX GENERAL RENOVATION LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/25/2017. Office location Richmond County.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.

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SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Cristian Manolo Bajxac Estrada 328 Clove Rd. APT.1FL Staten Island, NY 10310 purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of DREAMLAND PROPERTY NY LLC, Arts of Org filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/06/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 316 Fountain Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS USBANK 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 FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, V. CLAUDE L. HENRY, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of KINGS, wherein US 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 FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, is the Plaintiff and CLAUDE L. HENRY, 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 March 16, 2017 at 2:30pm, premises known as 1934 BERGEN ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11233; Block 1452 Lot 42: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 5359/2013. Elena Makau, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. BRENDA A. BULL, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 15, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 609 East 96th Street, 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 4756 and Lot 31. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 12064/13. Dominic J. Famulari, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoeh, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ 2/17/24; 3/3/10/

## Social.



Indian Bnei Menashe members celebrate Purim in Israel. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## 102 'Lost' Indian Jews Immigrate to Israel

BY JNS.ORG

Over one hundred members of India's population of "lost Jews" are arriving in Israel this week, with hundreds more planning to make aliyah this year.

The Bnei Menashe community — which claims to descend from the Jewish tribes banished from ancient Israel in the 8th century BCE — have organized waves of immigrants to make the move to Israel through nonprofit Shavei Israel, which describes itself as the "only Jewish organization...actively reaching out to 'lost Jews.'"

Michael Freund, the organization's founder and chairman, said in a statement prior to Tuesday's arrival of 30 Indian olim, "With God's help, we will bring a total of more than 700 Bnei Menashe immigrants to Israel — the largest-ever airlift in a single year." Later this week, an additional 72 immigrants are scheduled to arrive,

and, according to Shavei Israel, they will be living in the northern city of Nazareth Illit, which "already has a flourishing Bnei Menashe community."

"After 27 centuries of exile, this lost tribe of Israel is truly coming home. But we will not rest until all the remaining Bnei Menashe still in India are able to make aliyah as well," Freund said.

In 2005, then-Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel Shlomo Amar officially recognized the Bnei Menashe as a lost tribe, and about 1,700 Bnei Menashe members moved to Israel before the Israeli government stopped giving them visas. The government has since reversed that policy.

The latest Bnei Menashe immigrants hail from the northeastern Indian state of Mizoram, and will be the first members of their community to make aliyah since January 2014.

## 'Captain America' Chris Evans Accused by Former KKK Leader David Duke of Supporting 'Zionist Wars' in Twitter Feud

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

"Captain America" star Chris Evans went to battle on Twitter last week against former Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke, who accused the actor of supporting "Zionist wars."

The Twitter feud began on Wednesday when Evans, who is not Jewish, criticized the white supremacist for supporting the appointment of Republican former senator Jeff Sessions as US Attorney General. Duke lauded Sessions as someone suited for "the

project of taking America back," to which Evans replied, "If David Duke...DAVID!...DUKE!... thinks you're right, then you are unequivocally wrong. The confirmation of @jeffsessions is beyond words."

Duke fired back, calling Evans a "typical dumb actor" and adding, "If everything I say is wrong, then when I say I oppose these Zionists wars, you must be for them, Captain America!?"

Evans took another stab at Duke on Thursday, tweeting a link to choice quotes — including one that refers to Jews as "a blight" — along with the message,

## I Get Told to 'Burn in Oven' at Least Once a Week, Says Jewish Comedian Sarah Silverman

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

After being mocked on social media for confusing construction markers for swastikas, comedian Sarah Silverman shot back, "Innocent mistake for a Jew that gets 'burn in the oven!' at least weekly on Twitter."

"Still pretty close, though," Silverman added, at the top of a photo of the squiggles used by construction workers to demarcate utilities.

Followers raked her over the coals, however, calling her "truly insane," "really dumb," "mental,



Sarah Silverman. Photo: Americans United.

crazy and delusional." Even those who thought the characteristically provocative stand-up comic/actress had been joking called the comparison "distasteful."

Defending herself for eliciting Nazi imagery, Silverman went on a rant against the new administration in Washington.

"To the excited-to-pounce, smelly condescending c\*\*ts who say ima dummy 4 seeing swastikas in street markers. I'm seeing swastikas in everything fratboys. It started w Bannon's rise & festered when trump decided not 2 mention Jews re the Holocaust."

"Well if these nuggets of bigotry are some of your OTHER thoughts, then I stand by my original tweet." The actor ended by saying, "We can't let hatred be the loudest voice."

Duke finally tweeted, "Captain America inspires the 'Theoretical Marxist' in all of us."



Chris Evans. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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