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Expert: Trump Adopting 'Bottom-Up' Approach to Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaking



Jason Greenblatt meets with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem on Monday. Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO via Netanyahu's Twitter account.

BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY

The Trump administration seems to be adopting a "bottom-up" approach to Israeli-Palestinian peacemaking that represents a dramatic shift from that held by the Obama administration over the past eight years, a former State Department Middle East negotiator told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday.

"I think it is too early to tell about the details, but if you look at the elements of what Trump is trying to do, they are fundamentally different from what Obama tried to do," Aaron David Miller — a vice president at the Wilson Center think tank in Washington, DC and a CNN global affairs analyst — said. "However, whether or not they end up in the same place is another matter."

The Trump administration's

apparent goal, in Miller's view, is not to reach a comprehensive peace deal now, but rather lay the groundwork for a potential future one — "by working with the Israelis on a set of confidence-builders on one hand, and trying to engage the Arabs states on the other, to get them to press the Palestinians and offer the Israelis incentives to go farther."

One difference between the Trump and Obama administra-

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Report: PA Schools Funded by UK Ignore Aid Conditions

BY RUTHIE BLUM

As part of an ongoing investigation, a British daily revealed on Sunday that 24 Palestinian Authority schools are openly ignoring Western demands to cease encouraging violence against Israelis — or else forfeit foreign aid.

According to the Daily Mail, despite public outrage over the UK government's payments to the PA as part of a commitment to spend £12 billion on foreign aid — following an expose by the paper last year about how taxpayers' money was going toward paying salaries to convicted terrorists and families of suicide bombers — the schools in question have been continuing to incite students to terrorism through text



A monument in a Ramallah square dedicated to the terrorist Dalal Mughrabi. Photo: Palestinian Media Watch.

books and classroom indoctrination.

The Mail on Sunday said that MP Joan Ryan, chair of Labour Friends of Israel — for which a report was prepared by Jerusalem-based research organization Palestinian Media Watch (PMW) — said that though she supports sending aid to the Palestinians, "We cannot stand idly by while the Palestinian Authority sanctions antisemitic incitement which poisons young minds and makes a two-state solution ever more difficult to achieve."

According to the report, the EU, which gets one-tenth

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Opinion.

The Witches' Cauldron of Intersectionality

RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

If you're not an American millennial or university professor, you might be confused by the concept of "intersectionality." First coined in 1989 by race theorist Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, it has become a left-wing buzzword to define the lumping together of all self-described "oppressed" groups under a single umbrella.

According to proponents of this radical fad — which amounts to an elimination of independent critical thought — not only must a person toe a particular ideological line, but he may never slip, even accidentally, into the realm of nuance or distinction. Someone who supports gay marriage, for example, has to oppose Israeli policy, advocate for government-funded abortions and believe that the free market is evil and climate change is man-made.

Though intersectionality has been around since long before anyone other than a handful of academics had heard of it, it has gradually been infecting political discourse in the United States for decades. Given a huge boost during the Obama years, it moved from obscurity to fame — particularly on campus — to such an extent that it is bandied around by students who would be hard put to spell it. Spending more time on the quad waving

placards than in the classroom will do that. And it gives new meaning to the adage, taken from Thomas Gray's 1742 "Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College," that ignorance is bliss.

On Wednesday this week, both intersectionality and blissful ignorance were on full display ahead of and during the International Women's Strike. Ostensibly a cross-country happening for females to show the men who share their bedrooms and boardrooms what a day would be like in the absence of their (our) enormous contributions, the event was actually a mass whine-fest, organized by a Palestinian terrorist and a handful of other extremist feminists, whose real goal was to attack the new US president and the state of Israel.

Judging by the lack of aerial photographs illustrating the kind of crowds that had gathered after inauguration day, the public statement fell flat. Most women were too busy earning an honest living and tending to their children to waste a day on a demonstration that has no meaning in a country like America, where women are at liberty to do as they choose and please.

The truly oppressed women of the world would have been raped, stoned, tortured or executed for daring to whisper what their counterparts in the United States shout from the rooftops of Washington and New York. Indeed, had convicted Palestinian terrorist Rasmia Odeh or Palestinian-American, pro-Sharia Law and polygamy apologist Linda Sarsour — organizers of this week's event

— genuinely cared about their sisters, they would have been calling out the Palestinian Authority, not Israel, for its human-rights violations and abuse of women.

But facts are of little interest to the intersectionalists; what matters to them is ideology — the kind they are able to express, promote and legislate in the land of the free and the brave that they love to denounce.

This is not to say that intersectionality enables smooth sailing for its adherents who — as my son says — long ago saw political correctness in their rear-view mirrors. On the contrary, they regularly run into snags, when two or more of the ingredients in their witches' cauldron clash.

For instance, a Wellesly College transgender student was blocked in 2014 from becoming a "class diversity officer" because he, who was born female, had become a white male. Though the self-defined "masculine-of-center genderqueer" — according to a New York Times article and National Review blog — was embraced socially on campus, his peers thought it inappropriate for him to fill such a role, now that he was no longer a girl. Apparently, Timothy, as he called himself, had become too "privileged" by virtue of his new



A snapshot of the Women's Strike. Photo: Linda Sarsour/Twitter.

identity to be culturally diverse.

Examples of this ludicrousness abound, and not only on campus. But they are usually not highlighted in the press, for obvious reasons. As a result, many liberals have not yet grasped how out of hand things have gotten.

In an op-ed in the New York Times on Monday, "Bustle" politics editor Emily Shire bemoaned the fact that her "identity as a Zionist places [her] in conflict with the feminist movement of 2017."

Shire said she sees "no reason [she] should have to sacrifice [her] Zionism for the sake of [her] feminism." Yeah, she should try telling that to the likes of Odeh and Sarsour. Or to a bunch of Wellesly women.

In the meantime, she ought to brush up on intersectionality if she harbors any illusions of remaining on their side of any argument.

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An Address to the Kurdish Nation

BERNARD-HENRY LÉVY
PARIS, FRANCE

The following speech by famed French humanitarian and philosopher Bernard-Henry Lévy was delivered on March 7, 2017, in Erbil, capital of Iraqi Kurdistan, on the occasion of the advance premiere of his new film, *The Battle of Mosul*.

By history and by language I am a member of a very old nation, one of the oldest in the world: France.

And in spirit I am a member of a very old people, the Jewish people, one of the oldest on the planet: a people that founded one of the youngest states, Israel—an experience that you Kurds are now preparing to replicate. You have lived through countless trials, endured innumerable twists of fate, suffered domination again and again.

But empires have crumbled; tyrants have passed away; and your executioners have fallen into the dustbins of history. All the while, you have held fast. You have resisted the forces that wanted you to disappear. And here you stand on the eve of a momentous event announced just days ago by your president: a referendum in which the Kurdish people will express themselves on the formation of a free state in which all citizens would be able to live freely, their heads held high.

The Kurdish nation was forged over centuries of pain and pride.

It was strengthened in the course of our common war against Islamist terrorism, a war in which for too long you have been our

staunchest and sometimes solitary spearhead.

And I know not one Peshmerga fighter who, while waging our common battle, did not have in mind the achievement of that ancestral dream of independence for his or her millennial land: Mosul will be liberated; Daesh will be defeated. And, when the moment comes for the referendum that Massoud Barzani has described as an inalienable right of the Kurds, I know that the people of the KRG will vote as one and that the will of each citizen will be shared by all.

Speaking as the Frenchman that I am and as the descendant of an ancient and resilient people who triumphed over the worst possible persecutions, I want you to know that this prospect, this promise, this announced refounding of the ancient Kurdish nation in the form of a state is very good news.

I often hear it said, even among your closest allies, that recognition of a Kurdish state might upset the regional balance and be a threat to peace.

I believe that the contrary is true.

I believe that, in reality, you will be a pole



Peshmerga fighters. Photo: Courtesy.

of stability in a region increasingly susceptible to the demons of fanaticism and terror.

For what, in the end, do we mean by stability?

Respect for borders.

The rule of transparent laws, transparently applied to all.

A basic respect for others that requires that we not, in the manner of the current tyranny in Syria (to choose but one example), make refugees of millions of citizens cast from their homes onto the highways of the world.

All the standards that tyrants from Saddam Hussein to Bashar al-Assad never cease flouting—standards that the Kurds, to their eternal credit, have defended against all odds.

Is your land not one of the very few in this part of the world to set an example of democracy, of the primacy of the values of tolerance and cultural coexistence, of ensuring that law has the last word?

And in what other part of the Muslim Middle East does one find such a strong belief in a geopolitical order in which peace wins out over war, concord and comity over ancient hatreds, curiosity about and respect for the other over the idea of a war of civilizations?

For these reasons I maintain that the birth of a Kurdish nation-state will be a factor for peace and not for disorder.

For these reasons I believe very deeply that, in this stormy region, swept by so many ill winds, threatened by the worst of ideologies and by the violence that accompanies them, your rebirth as an independent nation and state will mark an advance and will help to dispel the awful genies of disintegration, chaos, and bloody convulsion.

What kind of nation will you be?

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Netanyahu: Intel's Acquisition of Mobileye 'Dramatic' Proof of Israel Becoming Global Technology Center

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu congratulated Israeli autonomous vehicle technology firm Mobileye on Monday over its \$15.3 billion acquisition by Intel — the largest purchase ever involving the Jewish state's high-tech sector.

"Israeli genius, Israeli pride," Netanyahu said on Facebook. "This deal proves in a dramatic fashion that our vision is being realized. Israel is becoming a global technology center — not only in cyber, but also in the automotive realm."

Furthermore, Netanyahu noted, Mobileye CEO Ziv Aviram told him the company would keep its base of operations in Israel.

Last year, Mobileye was ranked sixth on a list of the world's 50 "smartest" companies published by MIT Technology Review.

"How can automakers compete with

companies developing self-driving vehicles, such as Google parent Alphabet?" MIT Technology Review wrote. "One increasingly popular option is to partner with Mobileye, which makes machine vision systems and motion detection algorithms that warn drivers when they are deviating from driving lanes or about to collide with cars in front of them."



A vehicle fitted with Mobileye technology drives on an Israeli road. Photo: US Embassy in Tel Aviv via Wikimedia Commons.

Israel Arrests Members of Hamas Terror Cells in West Bank

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's Shin Bet security agency announced on Sunday the arrest of two Palestinian men who had planned to carry out terror attacks on behalf of Hamas in the West Bank.

A joint operation between the Shin Bet and Israel Defense Forces (IDF) led to the arrest of Muhammad Azi, 20, from Jamain, and Nur Aldin Ghait, 22, from Hebron.

Azi and Ghait had planned to carry out terror attacks by shooting at civilian and IDF vehicles. In preparation for the attacks, the Hamas suspects surveyed local roads and prepared to place nails in the road, hoping to force Israeli vehicles to slow down. The suspects produced and tested improvised explosive devices (IEDs) to throw at Israeli cars.

According to the Shin Bet, the suspects also "planned to put a propane tank rigged to explode at the entrance to a village and detonate it on a military vehicle."

The arrests occurred as part of a broad terror crackdown in the West Bank by the Shin Bet, IDF and Israel Police. The collaborative effort between Israel's security agencies has unveiled multiple Hamas terror cells

operating throughout the region.

In addition to the arrests of Azi and Ghait, Israel's security services recently arrested several students from Birzeit University near Ramallah who were actively involved in a Hamas-affiliated Islamist terror cell, which, according to the Shin Bet, operated "pursuant to Hamas's efforts to



Hamas in the West Bank. Photo: Wikipedia.

establish itself on the ground."

A Shin Bet investigation revealed that the cell members had previously "planted IEDs and threw firebombs at IDF units," were involved in a shooting incident at Har Adar in 2015, and planned to carry out other similar attacks.

and social allocations go through an elaborate system of rigorous verification procedures."

But the new PMW report shows otherwise, the Daily Mail said.

Among the 24 schools in question, all dedicated to prominent Palestinian terrorists, are four named after the mastermind of the massacre of 11 Israeli athletes at the 1972

UK Israel Activists Dispute London University Claims of 'Welcoming' Atmosphere for Jews



BBC's "Sunday Politics" news program covering antisemitism on campus. From left: Mark Field, Photo: Facebook via SFI.

BY RACHEL FROMMER

Leading UK Israel activists told The Algemeiner they dispute the claims of a London university's director, made this weekend on the BBC, that her school has a welcoming atmosphere for Jews and supporters of the Jewish state.

The Pinsker Centre, a Zionism education group, said in a statement that Baroness Valerie Amos of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) — who made her comments during an appearance on this week's episode of the UK network's "Sunday Politics" news program, devoted to a discussion of increasing campus antisemitism — has not lived up to her assertion.

The Centre noted that the SOAS student union "overwhelmingly voted" in favor of BDS in 2015, and Jewish students have reported being routinely intimidated and frightened at the school. "Officially shutting down alternative opinion and harassing those who do not conform with a specific worldview is anything but 'robust debate,'" the Centre said, using the term with which Amos characterized the SOAS culture.

Sussex for Israel's (SFI) spokesperson Fiona Sharpe also called out Amos for rejecting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism, which the British govern-

ment has officially adopted. Sharpe said Amos's reference to the IHRA description as "contentious" was "extremely problematic and somewhat arrogant," and called on the director to understand antisemitism from the perspective of the students whom it affects.

The "Sunday Politics" broadcast featured discussions of recent high-profile incidents at both University College London and SOAS, including a claim — obtained by The Algemeiner — filed late last month with SOAS administrators and police by two Jewish students who allege they were robbed and physically and verbally harassed by their peers.

The Pinsker Centre commended the BBC on the program — aired during annual Israeli Apartheid Week — calling it "fair, balanced, timely and appropriate."

"It rightly exposed the antisemitic tropes often deployed by individual pro-BDS activists, and the stress and intimidation which so many Jewish students face on a daily basis. A greater awareness of the problem...from national media coverage will hopefully inspire the general public to call on both government and academic institutions to assist marginalized Jewish students," the Centre added.

Earlier this month, British Prime Minister Theresa May called on UK universities to "swiftly address" the issue, amid growing concerns about the nation's college culture.

Munich Olympics, one after the founder of Hamas and one after Amin al-Husseini, the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem who backed Hitler during WWII and helped recruit for the SS.

Another of the schools on the list, in Hebron, is one of three named after Dalal Mughrabi, the woman behind the deadliest terrorist attack in Israel's history — the 1978 Coastal Road Massacre, which left 37 people dead, among them 12 children.

"Britain and the European Union bear responsibility for this terror when they are funding a school system that is actively promoting, and thereby creating, terrorism," PMW head Itamar Marcus told the Daily Mail. "This is simply child abuse, encouraging kids to die in armed struggle.

It is a terrible message for the next generation. Children are the key to peace, but look at what they are being exposed to from a young age, growing up in an environment of terror and told the killing of Israelis is a heroic action."

An education official in Hebron told the Daily Mail, "We do not consider [Mughrabi] a child killer," because of the Israeli occupation. "Where is the problem in calling schools after such martyrs?"

Teachers told the publication that PA leaders agree to British and EU demands to cease incitement in order to pass the vetting process, knowing that any restrictions they agree to will be ignored by school principals and teachers.

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of its aid budget from Britain, is donating £272 million to the PA this year. Both claim that the process of earmarking and monitoring the money is carefully vetted.

One spokesperson claimed: "All funds the EU allocates to the PA for salaries, pensions

World News.



Typing on a computer keyboard. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Israel's Ben-Gurion University Announces Development of Algorithms That Immunize Against Cyberattacks Launched Through Images, Video

BY JNS.ORG

A researcher at Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) has developed a new method that provides "virtually 100 percent protection against cyberattacks launched through internet video or images," the university said.

Regarding the technological threat that BGU's technique seeks to resolve, Prof. Ofer Hadar, chair of the university's Department of Communication Systems Engineering, said that "any downloaded or streamed video or picture is a potential vehicle for a cyberattack. Hackers like videos and pictures because they bypass the regular data transfer systems of highly secure systems, and there is significant space in which to implant malicious code."

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Kurdish

You will be small in number—a nation of just several million.

But you will not be, whatever your number, fragile or weak.

History holds many examples of what Czech-French writer Milan Kundera has called "small nations" that are solid and strong because their people are united in the face of their powerful neighbors; because they have kept their sword close to the plow so as to be ready to defend the nation; and because they are nations of citizens, great in their history and spirit rather than through ethnicity, assumed superiority, or an arrogant identity closed to others.

You will be one of those nations.

When you attain your nationhood, you will remain a people of volunteers who know why they fight, a people who, from the humblest to the greatest, from the Peshmerga regular to the loftiest of your commanders, does not hesitate to take up arms to discourage or to dismantle despotism.

You will also be united by those values of openness and democracy, values for which, I repeat, I can cite few parallels in this part of the world. And that will be yet another reason, paradoxical but true, for your greatness: because you have been the crucible in which, over the centuries, so many communities have melded, because you have been soldiers of freedom who kept Christians from being purged from the last place in the world where the language of Christ is still spoken, and because you have defended and exempli-

Hadar's remedy for cyber-related vulnerabilities, dubbed "The Coucou Project," involves using a series of algorithms to completely disable hackers from infiltrating systems through video or pictures and extracting data. The professor's technique entails combating steganography, which BGU described as "a process that involves hiding a message in an appropriate carrier, such as an image file."

The Israeli researcher envisions antivirus companies implementing the Coucou protection system in their applications and products. Defending against such infiltration has become a high-profile issue in light of recent allegations by the whistleblowing organization WikiLeaks that America's CIA hacked into "smart" devices in civilians' homes.

fied the principle of equality of the sexes, even in settings of bitter combat, a principle of equality that is the hallmark of great civilizations—for all these reasons, you will indeed be a strong and solid nation.

Furthermore you will be a haven for those of your people whom the cruelties of history have scattered.

I know, of course, that the Kurdish people are divided.

I am well aware that your divisions are not caused solely by enemy nations scheming to dismember you but that those divisions also reflect serious disagreements, real and deep differences, and contending visions of what it means to be a Kurd.

Let me convey in passing my view that people never benefit from imposing silence on ideas, values, and visions of the world which, even when they are antagonistic (especially then!), are part of free debate, so that brothers may hold sharply divergent views while remaining brothers.

Be that as it may.

You will be, despite differences engendered by history and, for the time being, unescapable, a refuge, a shelter, and a shared home for dispossessed and exiled Kurds living in other parts of the world.

You will be, not merely a recourse, but an example, a point of reference, perhaps a model, and, in any case, a source of hope for the dispersed Kurdish people.

And you will be, if I may be permitted to make a comparison with one of the greatest

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'Bottom-Up'

tions, Miller noted, is that "there is no effort [by the Trump administration] to box the Israelis in and create a public frame of reference on settlement activity...[Instead] they are trying to reach some sort of private agreement with the Israelis on where and what kind of settlement building is permitted."

Furthermore, Miller said, the Trump administration "seems to be less solicitous of Palestinian needs and requirements."

"Yet," he continued, "clearly the president's phone call with [Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud] Abbas on Friday and Jason Greenblatt's efforts to engage the Palestinians today in Ramallah suggests to me that at least they realize that this isn't one hand clapping and they've got to somehow deal with both sides."

On Monday, Greenblatt — Trump's special representative for international negotiations — met for more than five hours with Netanyahu in Jerusalem. According to a statement released by Netanyahu's office, the two "reaffirmed the joint commitment of both Israel and the United States to advance a genuine and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians that strengthens the security

nations in the world, one currently debased, as you know, by those who purport to lead it, a "shining city on a hill," a luminous lodestar for the lost sons and daughters of Kurdistan.

You will be this singular nation.

You will play this role in the centuries-long history of your people.

For the reason I have just cited, you will be that nation set apart, and you should never be afraid to proclaim its vocation—a vocation both universal and, if the words have any meaning at all, truly internationalist.

But you will be a singular nation for yet another reason.

One thing that has particularly struck me in the course of my frequent visits to Kurdistan is that you are a multi-lingual people.

You speak your language, the mother tongue rich with ancient culture that is the language of the Kurdish people. But you speak others as well: all those languages acquired in exile that are no less yours.

You are, in a word, a rainbow nation, diverse in origin, cosmopolitan—like the French nation, which over the centuries was enriched by immigrants and oppressed peoples who came together to form today's France in all its diversity.

Not to mention the fact that here, right here and now, you are a haven for persecuted Yezidi and Christian communities who sought asylum in your land and whom you so generously welcomed.

For this reason, added to all the others, you are and will remain this very special nation that I dare to call "internationalist."

Internationalism is a beautiful word.

It has been, for two centuries, the animating spirit of so many battles for freedom! It has inspired so much courage, resistance, sacrifice, noble sayings, and beautiful writings!

It has nourished, despite the traps into which it has sometimes fallen and become entangled, the best of what Europe and, within Europe, France have been able to represent!

And the same applies to you.

One of the merits of Kurdistan is to have been, right up to the present day, one of the spots in the world where the flame of internationalism has burned most brightly.

Reflect for a moment on the struggle against Daesh.

You have waged that battle for yourselves but also on behalf of the rest of the world.

Through it, and hand in hand with your allies, you have plead for Kurdistan and for civilization writ large.

In so doing you have acted as patriots, while also being internationalists in heart and soul.

All of that is illustrated in the film that I

of Israel and enhances stability in the region."

Netanyahu and Greenblatt, the statement said, also worked on reaching an understanding on settlement construction "that is consistent with the goal of advancing peace and security."

At a joint White House press conference last month, Trump asked Netanyahu to "hold back on settlements for a little bit" — a request that surprised Israel.

On this matter, Miller said, the first questions are: "What is Mr. Netanyahu able to do on settlements that will pass the political test in Israel? And what is he going to get for it that he can use to make sure his coalition survives?"

"And the even bigger questions," he went on to say, "are will it [an US-Israel settlement understanding] accomplish anything? In other words, will the Palestinians and the Arabs buy it and in turn pay something for it?"

"Whatever they agree on settlements has got to be, in my judgment, part of a broader package," he stated. "If you want to achieve anything, it's got to somehow be pre-layered. You remember what happened with the 10-month [settlement construction] freeze [in 2009-10]? Nothing."

present to you today on the battle for Mosul.

In it you will recognize yourselves (in some cases literally), but the rest of humanity is there as well. And that, in my eyes as in the eyes of François, Gilles, Camille, Olivier, and Ala, my colleagues in making the film, is another sign of your greatness.

A final word.

You will soon be free.

Soon—very soon, I hope—the referendum of self-determination announced by your president will take place and you will gain your independence.

But you will still be surrounded by powerful neighbors that will not view your independence or the reign of freedom in your land as good examples or precedents.

There are, in this region, so many false nations, so many anti-nations and so many prison nations in which your Kurdish brothers and cousins, among others, remain confined, that a free Kurdistan will be a living reproach to those embarrassed regimes.

And I would add that, confronted with the new tests that are bound to stem from that embarrassment, confronted with the challenges that await you (challenges that independence alone will not suffice to surmount), you are likely to find yourselves as alone as you have ever been in the worst moments of your history. General de Gaulle said that a people has no friends, and, alas, you will see that your friends of today will not always be your friends—it may happen that they prefer their supposed world order to justice, to friendship, and, I'll say it once again, to the cause of true stability and peace.

I know that you know that and are preparing yourselves for it.

But allow me, please, to say one very last thing.

The people who made the film that you are about to see are also your friends.

They stand for millions of men and women abroad, in France, and throughout the world, who believed in Kurdistan when the powers wanted nothing to do with it.

That sort of friendship, the support offered by so many of the world's citizens of whom we are but a tiny sample, is much more constant—and friends of this sort will never fail you. We bear witness today to that principle.

Yes to independent Kurdistan!

Long live the Kurdish people and their dream!

This war is nearing its end, and together we will compose new works full of hope.

U.S. News.

Revealed: Head of Catholic St Thomas University's Student Government Tweeted That Jews Will 'Get What's Coming' to Them

BY RACHEL FROMMER

The president of a Minnesota school's undergraduate student government (USG) once tweeted, "yahood [Jews] will get what coming for them [sic]," a covert campus watchdog group revealed.

Mayzer Muhammad of St. Paul's University of St. Thomas has a history of antisemitic rhetoric on social media stretching back to 2014, Canary Mission found, including calling supporters of Israel "the scum of the earth," referring to Israel as a "racist apartheid state" and claiming the country is "murdering innocent people every day."

Muhammad was previously the president of the campus chapter of the Muslim Student Association.

Muhammad's last public comments about Israel, identified by *The Algemeiner*, date back to the month before he



Mayzer Muhammad. Photo: Facebook.

won his uncontested bid for USG in April 2016. At the time, he reposted a video from AJ+ — an online media channel run by the Qatar-based Al Jazeera Media Network — in which a voice alleged to be that of an "Israeli border officer" is heard yelling in Arabic, "We are the occupation army" and threatening to kill "the children, the youth, the old people." Muhammad said the video depicted "[t]he reality of what goes on in Palestine."

"People and their families getting threatened by getting gassed to death to leave their homes," he added. "The US needs to stop supporting a country that allows this to happen with no real repercussions to the offenders."

Neither Muhammad nor representatives at St. Thomas immediately responded to *The Algemeiner's* request for comment.

Intel to Buy Israeli Automation Systems Company Mobileye for \$15 Billion

BY JNS.ORG

The American high-tech giant Intel Corp. announced Monday that it has agreed to buy Israeli vision technology developer Mobileye for \$15.3 billion, in the largest-ever acquisition of an Israeli technology company.

As automakers around the world compete to develop cutting edge self-driving car technology, Intel's purchase of Mobileye, a global leader in the development of vision technology for Advanced Driver Assistance Systems, places the US computer chip company at the forefront of the rapidly expanding autonomous vehicle market.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu called to congratulate Mobileye CEO Ziv Aviram soon after the deal was announced. Netanyahu also tweeted, "Congratulations to Mobileye! Israeli genius, Israeli pride."

Science and Technology Minister Ofir Akunis also

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spoke proudly of Israel's booming hi-tech industry after the acquisition announcement, saying, "Israel is a superpower in knowledge, technology and innovation. The fact that large international companies see potential in Israel and are seeking to acquire Israeli companies that lead their prospective fields is a source of national pride for our technological strength."

Following the buyout announcement, Mobileye co-founders Amnon Shashua and Aviram sought to reassure the company's employees, stating that they would continue to control Mobileye's daily operations and that "there is much to learn from Intel's experience, culture, expertise and resources in many fields tangential to our own and we plan to embrace this opportunity to learn and tap into their knowledge."



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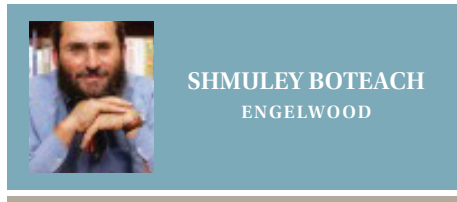
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Opinion.

Jason Greenblatt, the President's Worthy Middle East Negotiator

The *New York Times* reported that Jason was chosen almost arbitrarily by candidate Trump to discuss Israel and the Middle East when he was in the middle of an interview with a Jewish newspaper. Such nonsense belies the relationship that the President had with Jason for two decades when he watched his attorney



In the Presidential debates Hillary Clinton was asked to name a positive quality about her opponent, Donald Trump. She said he had special kids. Most of America agreed. The President's children are impressive in their maturity, eloquence, industry, and commitment to family. Indeed, Trump's children did much to soften his image and win him accolades even from his most ardent detractors.

But the same could be said of the President's choice in the people who have been his long-time employees and I speak especially of his attorney of twenty years, Jason Greenblatt.

Jason was recently appointed as the President's chief negotiator for international affairs and is currently in the Middle East beginning a new effort for peace between Israel and its neighbors. It's the world's toughest job. Jason has a skill set that might just fit the requirements.

In my professional years I have met few who walk with greater humility. Jason is as far from being a grandstander as I have met. He wears the vast responsibilities placed upon him by the President without showiness or arrogance. He is patient to a fault, an excellent listener, and utterly unflappable.

And in a region that respects people of faith, Jason is an observant Jew widely admired for the strength of his spiritual commitments. Where before has America had an envoy who, en route to one of the world's most troubled regions, tweeted a picture of his prayer shawl (talis) and tefillin (special leather boxes with Biblical scrolls) for the morning prayers in Frankfurt. And just think of the symbolism. The son of parents who fled, and hid from Hitler arrives in Germany as the personal representative of the most powerful man on earth and the first thing he does is pay homage to God as part of his daily religious obligations.

Some said that the tweet would appeal to the Jewish community. I actually believe it will appeal even more so to Israel's Arab counterparts who take their Islamic faith seriously and will find in Jason a man of deep spiritual integrity and religious conviction.

In the mid 1990's while I was serving as

Rabbi at Oxford, the student president of our Oxford L'Chaim Society was a young man from Miami Beach, where I myself had grown up, who was doing a graduate degree in international relations. Brilliant and eloquent, he became a force for our organization in fighting Israel's battles in public debates. But he also befriended leading Arab and Muslim students at the University who respected him greatly because of his Jewish observance and commitment. He would bring them every Friday night – sons of Ambassadors of Arab states and scions of important Muslim families – to our Shabbat table. Today, that young man, Ron Dermer, is the first Israeli Ambassador to the United States to ever publicly wear a yarmulke and has won over the Washington elite with his integrity and uncompromising convictions.

Jason is cast in the same mold. He lives by the Jewish tradition of family and community and by the American values of liberty, democracy, and personal responsibility.



Jason Greenblatt and Shmuley Boteach

leave early on Friday to honor God's day and saw in Jason a brilliant negotiator and honest broker who might just bring two opposing sides together. For good measure, Jason has always related how absurd the accusations against Trump as being insensitive to Jewish concerns is, given how utterly accommodating the real-estate mogul always was to his observant, orthodox employees and their spiritual obligations, like not working on the Sabbath and Jewish festivals and observing

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	2:00 pm	Q & A: Judaism
	8:30 pm	Doors Open
Sedar II	9:00 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
4/12	1:00 pm	Meal /Seuda
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	9:30 pm	Oral vs. Written Torah
4/16	1:00 pm	Meal
	1:30 pm	"Friend or Foe: Torah & Science"
	8:30 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:00 pm	Why Bad Happens to Good People?
4/17	1:00 pm	Meal / Seuda
	1:30 pm	Moral Relativism & Torah
	8:45 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:15 pm	Post Holocaust – 2 Million
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Opinion.

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Negotiator

prayer times during the day.

Now, Donald Trump is President of the United States and he has said that peace in the Middle East is among his highest priorities. He has chosen well with Jason Greenblatt as his Chief negotiator and David Friedman as his Ambassador to Israel. Both men have the confidence of the President, are skilled negotiators, and have the absolute trust of the pro-Israel community and in the United States, a group whose support is vital to American initiatives that pertain to the Jewish state. Both have shown, as proud Americans, a vital commitment to America's most important ally, Israel. And both live by the Jewish Biblical values of seeing all of God's children – Jew, Arab, Christian, Hindu, atheist, and agnostic – as equals, endowed with a spark of the divine that lends them infinite dignity and value.

There is one more thing about Jason that has always impressed me. He has absolutely not a vindictive bone in his body. When he

came to our annual Champions of Jewish Values International Awards Gala last year at the Marriott Marquis in New York City (this year's gala on 21 May at Cipriani in New York City honors the memory of Elie Wiesel and features President Paul Kagame of Rwanda and Martin Luther King III), not all ran to greet him, seeing as he had not yet attained the high office in which he is now installed. The picture of Jason at the Gala has now gone viral. It's the one being used by *The New York Times*. I have seen some of those same people now eager to make his acquaintance. He has treated all with respect, cordiality, and warmth, reminding me that for all his brilliance what truly makes Jason special is that he has earned what we Jews regard as the highest accolade: he is a mensch.

Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom The Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," is the international bestselling author of 30 books including his most recent "The Israel Warrior." Follow him on Twitter

Why the AJC Is Going to Poland



DAVID HARRIS
NEW YORK

I grew up in a home that was hardly pro-Polish. Poland was seen as a country where antisemitism was historically widespread, and — at times — lethal.

So how did I go from such a home to leading a global Jewish organization that is at the forefront of writing a new chapter in Polish-Jewish relations? And how would my family feel about the fact that, in late March, more than 100 American Jewish Committee (AJC) leaders from across the United States will gather to celebrate the opening of our newest office — AJC Central Europe — in Poland's capital?

As I tried to understand my own evolution, I realized that there were four factors that shaped my shifting engagement with Poland.

The first was World War II. While I was born after the war ended, it has heavily



A desecrated tombstone at the Jewish cemetery in Poland.
Photo: From the Depths.

shaped my outlook on life — both because my entire family was engulfed in it, and because it became a universal morality tale, where the forces of good and evil did battle.

And how could one understand the war without grasping Poland's central place during those fateful years of 1939-1945? The more I studied the war, the more I began to appreciate that, though woefully outmatched by the Nazi German forces, Poland fought valiantly against the aggressor, far more so

than many other European nations.

I also learned that even after defeat and occupation, Poland's resistance movement — which was impressively detailed in Jan Karski's *Story of a Secret State* — was unrivaled in Europe for its organization and effectiveness.

And speaking of Jan Karski, I came to idolize this wartime hero and underground courier for his efforts to alert a largely indifferent world to the fate of European Jews at the hands of the Third Reich.

I also readily admit that when I was younger, I couldn't quite grasp the distinction between "Nazi German death camps in Poland" and "Polish death camps" — perhaps because of that earlier childhood association of Poland. On my first visit to a death camp, however, this distinction became abundantly clear.

That's not to say that I lost track of the long history of Polish antisemitism during and after the war (as evidenced by Jan Gross' powerful account of the massacre at Jedwabne), but it became part of a larger, more complex picture.

Second, my mother and her family were refugees from the Soviet Union. Our home was fiercely anti-Communist, a place where Yalta became a symbol of Western capitulation to Soviet designs in Eastern Europe — especially in Poland.

I grew to admire the Polish spirit — especially as a Polish Pope, John Paul II, deftly challenged the Kremlin and kept alive the Polish yearning for freedom. At the same time, the Polish opposition helped lead the way to the fateful events of 1989-1991.

Third, my family taught me about the gift of democracy, something that perhaps can only be truly understood by those who have been denied its blessings. As Poland emerged from the darkness of Soviet control, I was rooting for its success as a nation finally able to chart its own destiny, connect with its European neighbors and rediscover its Jewish past.

And, to its credit, Poland quickly became a success story. True, the transition was not easy — and in some ways it continues today, as it does in other post-Communist

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First Day

details. Why so?

The Talmud, in the tractate of Shabbat (69b), raises the following question: what happens if you are far away from human habitation and you forget what day it is. How do you observe the Sabbath? The Talmud offers two answers:

R. Huna said: if one is travelling on a road or in the wilderness and does not know when it is the Sabbath, he must count six days [from the day he realises he has forgotten] and observe one. R. Hiyya b. Rav said: he must observe one, and then count six [week] days. On what do they differ? One master holds that it is like the world's creation. The other holds that it is like [the case of] Adam.

From God's point of view, the Sabbath was the seventh day. From the point of view of the first human beings — created on the sixth day — the Sabbath was the first. The debate is about which perspective we should adopt.

Thus, at the simplest level, we understand why the Sabbath comes last when God is speaking about the Tabernacle, and why it comes first when Moses, a human being, is doing so. For God, the Sabbath was the last day; for human beings it was the first. However there is something more fundamental at stake.

When it comes to Divine creation, there is no gap between intention and execution. God spoke, and the world came into being. In relation to God, Isaiah says:

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. (Isaiah 46:10)

God knows in advance how things will turn out. With human beings, it is otherwise. Often, we cannot see the outcome at the outset. A great novelist may not know how the story will turn out until he has written it, nor a composer, a symphony, nor an artist, a painting. Creativity is fraught with risk. All the more so is it with human history. The 'law of unintended consequences' tells us that revolutions rarely turn out as planned. Policies designed to help the poor may have the opposite effect. Hayek coined the phrase 'the fatal conceit' for what he saw as the almost inevitable failure of social engineering — the idea that you can plan human behaviour in advance. You can't.

One alternative is simply to let things happen as they will. This kind of resignation, however, is wholly out of keeping with the Judaic view of history. The Sages said: 'Wherever you find the word vayeichi ['and it came to pass'] it is always a prelude to tragedy.'

countries. Shedding decades of a state-run economy, secret police, rampant corruption and programmed minds takes years, if not generations, but Poland has in so many ways been an impressive leader in charting the path forward.

Fourth, I found myself — as a Jew — increasingly identifying with something quite intangible about Poland.

To many Jews, this may sound strange. But, as I came to discover, there is something in the spirit of the Polish nation that is quite familiar to me.

Perhaps it is best expressed in the embodiment of two sovereign countries — Poland and Israel — that today enjoy a strategic partnership.

Poland disappeared from the world map for 123 years — from 1795 to 1918, but the Polish people never lost their yearning for statehood, or the political, literary and military symbols of that burning desire.

And thus the Polish people have a

When things merely come to pass, they rarely have a happy ending.

The other solution — unique, as far as I know, to Judaism — is to reveal the end at the beginning. That is the meaning of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is not simply a day of rest. It is an anticipation of 'the end of history,' the Messianic age. On it, we recover the lost harmonies of the Garden of Eden. We do not strive to do; we are content to be. We are not permitted to manipulate the world; instead, we celebrate it as God's supreme work of art. We are not allowed to exercise power or dominance over other human beings, nor even domestic animals. Rich and poor inhabit the Sabbath alike, with equal dignity and freedom.

No utopia has ever been realised (the word 'utopia' itself means 'no place') — with one exception: 'the world to come.' The reason is that we rehearse it every week, one day in seven. The Sabbath is a full dress rehearsal for an ideal society that has not yet come to pass, but will do, because we know what we are aiming for — because we experienced it at the beginning.

We now begin to sense the full symbolic drama of the making of the Tabernacle. In the wilderness, long before they crossed the Jordan and entered the promised land, God told the Israelites to build a miniature universe. It would be a place of carefully calibrated order — as the universe is a place of carefully calibrated order. Nowadays, scientists call this the 'anthropic principle,' the finding that the laws of physics and chemistry are finely tuned for the emergence of life. Just so did the Tabernacle have to be exact in its construction and dimensions. The building of the Tabernacle was a symbolic prototype of the building of a society. Just as it was an earthly home for the Divine presence, so would society become if the Israelites honoured God's laws.

The ultimate end of such a society is the harmony of existence that we have not yet experienced, living as we do in a world of work and striving, conflict and competition. God, however, wanted us to know what we were aiming at, so that we would not lose our way in the wilderness of time. That is why, when it came to the human execution of the building, the Sabbath came first, even though in global terms, the 'Sabbath of history' (the Messianic age, the world to come) will come last. God 'made known the end at the beginning' — the fulfilled rest that follows creative labour; the peace that will one day take the place of strife — so that we would catch a glimpse of the destination before beginning the journey.

Only those who know where they are travelling to will get there, however fast or slow they go.

deeper grasp of the precariousness of life, the significance of nationhood and the vagaries of human behavior.

Frankly, the same could be said of Israel and the Jewish people. We, too, have PhD's in history — not necessarily from great universities, but rather from the experience of life itself. We know that Israel's security is only assured if we take threats seriously, and don't suffer from a failure of imagination. And we know that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and independence.

It is therefore, with anticipation and excitement that the AJC will be opening our newest office in Warsaw.

And perhaps most important for me, I think my family understands why we are establishing roots in Poland. Rather than allowing ourselves to be captives of history, we seek to be authors of the future, with its liberating possibilities.

David Harris is the CEO of the AJC (www.ajc.org).

Impressions.

New York Times Corrects Editorial About Israeli Settlements

BY IRA STOLL

A recent piece for the *Algemeiner* called out an inaccuracy in a *New York Times* editorial about the legality of Israel's settlements in the West Bank. I wrote:

[A]n otherwise ridiculous (for reasons we'll get to some other time) New York Times editorial insists, "The United States, Israel's strongest military supporter, has consistently held that settlement building in the occupied territories is illegal and detrimental to seeking a lasting peace." The "illegal" part is not even true (or at least it wasn't until the Obama administration threw Israel under the bus at the UN Security Council).

The *New York Times* has now issued a correction of that part of the editorial:



The settlement bloc of Ariel in the West Bank (Judea-Samaria). Photo: Wikipedia.

Correction: March 10, 2017

An earlier version of this editorial incorrectly stated the United States' position on settlement building in the occupied territories. It has been highly critical of the activity, but has not consistently held it to be illegal. [sic].

The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America commended the *Times* for publishing the correction and said it had contacted the *Times* about the error, though it also pointed out, "A second erroneous claim in the editorial was not corrected." The media watchdog group claimed credit for prompting the correction.

The correction has so far appeared only online and not in print editions of the newspaper, though the original error appeared in both print and online versions of the editorial. Maybe if the correction does appear in print, the paper will fix the language so that it says "consistently" rather than "consistent."

If anything is consistent, it's the *New York Times'* ability, consistently, to get the facts wrong in writing about this stuff.

Yes, Churchill Really Was a Friend of Jews and Zionism

BY DANIEL MANDEL

Revisionism is a long-standing cottage industry when it comes to Winston Churchill. Now Michael J. Cohen, Professor of History Emeritus at Bar-Ilan University, has contributed the contention that Winston Churchill's support for Jews and Zionism is a myth.

Cohen has a book devoted to this subject: Churchill and the Jews. His arguments clash with much of what is presented in the late Sir Martin Gilbert's *Churchill and the Jews: A Lifelong Friendship*, and Michael Makovsky's *Churchill's Promised Land: Zionism and Statecraft* — all three of which I reviewed in detail for the *Jewish Political Studies Review*.

Having contributed to the discussion on this subject (twice on the History News Network, here and here), it has been surprising to see Cohen pressing his view in the face of the evidence that emerged in Gilbert's and Makovsky's books.

In 2009, Cohen described Gilbert as the mythmaker of Churchill's pro-Jewish and pro-Zionist reputation in a lengthy article in *Modern Judaism* (May 2006, vol. 26, no. 2). Now, he has reiterated his charges in an opinion piece in *Haaretz*, ("The Truth About Churchill and the Jews," January 27).

Cohen wrote in the epilogue of his book that there is a "glaring anomaly" between Churchill's wartime expressions of sympathy for the Jews, and the "absence, almost, of any practical measures on their behalf." This strikes me as a false, defective verdict. I would argue that Churchill's reputation as friend of the Jews and Zionism withstands scrutiny.

Despite some undoubted inconsistencies, the pattern is clear: Churchill admired the Jews, believed they contributed to Britain and Western civilization and sought to support their national aspirations. Cohen's contrary case is marred by the neglect of important pieces of evidence that have emerged in recent decades, while emphasizing only selected ones of his choice.

Consider the following facts, none of which appear in Cohen's book or latest opinion piece:

- In January 1939, Churchill urged Albania to accept Jews fleeing Germany and Austria. Unfortunately, promising developments in this effort were abruptly ended by Mussolini's invasion and occupation of the country in April 1940.

- As First Lord of the Admiralty (1939-40), Churchill instructed Royal Navy vessels not to intercept ships suspected of bringing illegal Jewish immigrants to Palestine.

- In February 1942, Churchill argued successfully in the War Cabinet — and in the face of opposition from the new Colonial Secretary, Lord Moyne — to release from internment approximately 800 Jewish refugees from the *Darien II*, who had reached Palestine.

- That same year, Churchill overrode Foreign Office objections to a proposal for permitting 5,000 Bulgarian Jewish children to travel to Palestine. (The War Cabinet approved, but the move was blocked by German pressure applied on Bulgaria).

- In April 1943, Churchill pressured the Spanish ambassador to have the Franco regime reopen its border to Jewish refugees fleeing the Third Reich, something that occurred within a few days.

- In July 1943, in the War Cabinet, Churchill

vigorously opposed plans for British naval searches of ships to find illegal Jewish immigrants.

- After the War Cabinet overrode Churchill by deciding to discourage illegal Jewish immigration to Palestine, Churchill devised a policy that bypassed it, by permitting all Jews who might arrive in Palestine to stay there. One result was that, in early 1944, 6,000 Jews from Romania and Bessarabia were permitted to proceed to Palestine on British passports.

- In 1943, Churchill succeeded in having the War Cabinet approve continued Jewish immigration to Palestine beyond the 1939 White Paper's cut-off date March 1944 — up to the full limit of the 75,000 immigrants permitted by the White Paper. (Due to the Nazi success in cutting off escape routes, this quota was not filled until after the war ended).

- In early 1945, Churchill made abortive efforts to create a Jewish state within a larger Arab federation by unsuccessfully seeking to enlist — through financial inducements and other things — the support of Saudi King Saud.



Winston Churchill. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

In short, during the war, Churchill sought many avenues to provide refuge for Jews fleeing the Nazis, including in Palestine, despite great opposition from virtually all of his officials. It is true that the results of Churchill's record of persistent, often lone, activism on behalf of Jews and Zionism were relatively meager, but this was not for lack of effort.

Indeed, such was the perception of Churchill's solicitude for Jews among officials that, on at least two occasions, callous members of his own inner staff withheld from him Jewish requests out of fear that he would respond positively to them.

Some of the charges in Cohen's latest opinion piece go even further than those leveled in his book.

For example, Cohen convincingly demonstrated in his book that, while immediately authorizing the aerial bombing of the railway lines leading to Auschwitz in July 1944, Churchill failed to follow up and ensure that his directive was implemented. Now, however, Cohen insists that Churchill also "rejected the bombing project" — something not borne out by the Churchill letter he cites.

Without doubt, Professor Cohen's research on Churchill has produced some compelling evidence that attenuate Churchill's record. But Cohen's prosecutorial persistence in advocating his case, despite the contrary evidence that is so evident, remains a mystery.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: NRIA 423 THIRD MANAGER, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 12/12/2016. 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: Gabor & Marotta LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd, Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; Joao F. Camilo a/k/a Joao Camilo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 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 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 16, 2017 AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2010-2 ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff -against- PAMELA ELLIS-COOMBS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 3, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on March 30, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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 westerly side of East 49th Street, distant 90 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 49th Street with the southerly side of Avenue I; being a plot 100 feet by 18 feet by 100 feet by 18 feet. Block 7774 and Lot 51. Said premises known as 12-72 EAST 49TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$795,765.44 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 12567/2007. ANTHONY M. ABRAHAM, ESQ.,

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Referee Jeffrey A. Kosterich, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 68 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Tuckahoe, NY 10707 AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17

Notice of formation of Limited liability company LLC. Name: SQWAB LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/08/2017. Office location Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail process to: SQWAB LLC 190 72nd St., Apt. 198, Brooklyn, NY 11209. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 2/24; 3/3/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Jamal Williams, Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Jermaine Williams a/k/a Jermaine M. Williams a/k/a Jermaine Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Michael Williams a/k/a Jermain Williams; Marcel Florestal, Esq.; Sandy Martinez, as Co-Administratrix of Justin Michael Williams; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 17, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 6, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 647 East 103rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block: 8172 Lot: 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,031.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 21373/2012. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 16, 2017 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK, FSB, V. GEORGENE S. THOMPSON AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ERIC OSWALD NORMAN CAMERON A/K/A ERIC OSWALD CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. N. CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. CAMERON, DECEASED, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated July 28, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein CIT BANK, N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK N.A. F/K/A ONEWEST BANK, FSB, is the Plaintiff and GEORGENE S. THOMPSON AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF ERIC OSWALD NORMAN CAMERON A/K/A ERIC OSWALD CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. N. CAMERON A/K/A ERIC O. CAMERON, A/K/A ERIC O. CAMERON, DECEASED, 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 30, 2017 at 2:30pm, premises known as 383 BRADFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207: Block 3776 Lot 20: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN

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THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2506/2013. Matthew J. Kazansky, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Godfrey Jack, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/1/2016 and entered on 12/2/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 964 EAST 34TH STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 7561, LOT: 69. Approximate amount of judgment is \$816,041.62 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 010887/2009. Barry M. Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Certificate holders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-9, Plaintiff AGAINST Raja M. Javed a/k/a Raja M. Javid a/k/a Javed Raja, Khawar Latif Raja, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/3/2017 and entered on 1/24/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 2076 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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: 7807, LOT: 78. Approximate amount of judgment is \$594,467.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511373/2014. Richard Klass, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ; 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 January 12, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 6, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 293 POWELL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212-8136 Block: 3763 Lot: 111 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING

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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 \$850,185.63 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 21054-13 Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee AJ 3/3/10/17/24

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - ANTHONY FONTANA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 17, 2017. 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 6th Day of April, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1942 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11234. (Block: 8500 and Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$574,360.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500204/2014. Charles L. Emma, 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 23, 2017 AJ 3/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company. (LLC) Name: GRR PARTNERS, LLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/01/2016. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail process to the LLC c/o United states corporation agents Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/3/10/17/24/31; 4/7

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-11; Plaintiff(s) vs. ISAAC CHKOURI; ILIYA HONOVICH; 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 January 5, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 13, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1809 VOORHIES AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235 Block: 7463 Lot: 49 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,035.05 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20473-13 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee AJ 3/10/17/24/31;

Tradition.

The Sabbath: First Day Or Last?



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

In the immensely lengthy and detailed account of the making of the Tabernacle, the Torah tells the story twice: first (Ex. 25:1 – 31:17) as Divine instruction, then (Chs. 35 – 40) as human implementation. In both cases, the construction of the building is juxtaposed to the command of the Sabbath (31:12-17; 35:1-2).

There are halakhic and theological implications. First, according to Jewish tradition, the juxtaposition was intended to establish the rule that the Sabbath overrides the making of the Tabernacle. Not only is the seventh day a time when secular work comes to an end. It also brings rest from the holiest of labours: making a house for God. Indeed, the oral tradition defined 'work' – melakhah, that which is prohibited on the Sabbath – in terms of the thirty-nine activities involved in making the sanctuary.

At a more metaphysical level, the Sanctuary mirrors – is the human counterpart to – the Divine creation of the universe (for the precise linguistic parallels between Exodus and Genesis, see Covenant and Conversation, Terumah



5763/2003). Just as Divine creation culminates in the Sabbath, so too does human creation. The sanctity of place takes second position to the holiness of time (on this, see A. J. Heschel's famous book, *The Sabbath*).

However, there is one marked difference between the account of God's instruction to build the Sanctuary, and Moses instruction to the people. In the first case, the command of the Sabbath appears at the end, after the details of the construction. In the second, it appears at the beginning, before the

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143-145 PROSPECT LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/17/2017. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 15 Powell Lane, Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ 3/3/10/17/24/31; 4/7

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA MORTGAGE, FSB FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB; Plaintiff(s) vs. NANCY PROCH HENLE; JOHN HENLE A/K/A JOHN W. HENLE, III; 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 3, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 13, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1558 BROOKLYN AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11210 Block: 5010 Lot: 67 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 \$589,967.78 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20600/2013 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee AJ 3/10/17/24/31;

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Union Street capital 248, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2017. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served. SSNY Shall mail process to: Gabor & Marotta LLC 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314 Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: NRA 248 Union manager, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2017. Office location Richmond County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served. SSNY Shall Mail process to: Gabor & Marotta LLC. 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: NRA 140 Luquer, Manager LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on: 02/24/2017. Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to GABOR & MAROTTA LLC 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LUQUER STREET CAPITAL 140, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/24/2017 Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail process to GABOR & MAROTTA LLC 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

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Notice of formation of a limited liability company (LLC) Name: Best Spanish NYC, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/27/2016. Office location Kings County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail process to best Spanish NYC, LLC 101 Ocean Parkway #3c Brooklyn, NY 11218 purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 3211 CRUGER AVE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/03/2017. Office location Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail process to WANG & CO accounting LLC PO Box 103, Glen Cove, NY 11542 purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/10/17/24/31; 4/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT-COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, AGAINST LINWOOD ROBERTS, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered January 9, 2017 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 20, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 125 HALSEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11216 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 1838 and Lot 73 Approximate amount of judgment \$591,230.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #508270/2013 JANET LISA BROWN, ESQ, Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. JOYCE CARTER; VINCENT COLLINS; 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 January 26, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 20, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 4812 SNYDER AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11203 Block: 4720 Lot: 5 ALL that certain piece or parcel of land, together 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, designated as Lot 6 in Block 4720 on a certain map or plan of lots called Rugby surveyed by Wood Harmon and Co. in May 1900 and Fred L. Bartlett filed 08/04/04. 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 \$448,240.29 plus interest

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and costs. INDEX NO. 503281/2014 Marc M. Dittenhoefer, Esq., Referee AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN 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 20th day of April, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1252 58th Street Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219. Tax Account Number SBL #: 5704 – 28. Approximate amount of lien \$622,641.64 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 16371-11. Salvatore Scibetta, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 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 April 20, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST LISA COBHAM, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 03, 2017 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 April 20, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 128A COOPER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3440, LOT 23. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,880.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 505080/2015. Mark A. Longo Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

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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 April 20, 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. 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: March 2, 2017 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae") a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, Plaintiff AGAINST Karen Wood a/k/a Karen L. Wood; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 20, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 102-19 Seaview Avenue a/k/a 10219 Seaview Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block: 8305 Lot: 1. Approximate amount of judgment \$465,843.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 7831/2013. Jay D. Cohen, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 28, 2017 AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: GAO GE ZI LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/02/2017. Office location Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall Mail process to: Mingqin Ren 239 Little Clove Rd., Staten Island, NY 10301. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/14/21

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: GOODSCOMPANY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/13/2017. Office location in Kings County SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail process to Mauricio Orantes 135 Rogers Ave. 3L Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ 3/17/24/31; 4/7/14/21

Social.



Shabbat candles. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Vogue Touts Benefits of Keeping Shabbat, Even For Non-Jews: 'It's an Ancient Antidote to Our Modern Ailments'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Observing Shabbat is something everyone — even non-Jews — should do for their well-being, according to a recently published Vogue magazine article.

"It doesn't matter if you're Jewish, Hindu, Muslim, Buddhist, Catholic, Christian, agnostic, atheist. Shabbat — the concept of spending quality time with friends and family while taking a break from scrolling on Instagram — is for everyone," Ariel Friedman wrote last Thursday. "It is an ancient antidote to our modern ailments."

The article quoted Rabbi Benjamin Spratt — associate rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Sholom and rabbi-in-residence at Rodeph Sholom School in New York — who explained that many of the practices involved with keeping Shabbat help people become "more present and aware for the blessings in our lives."

Furthermore, the rabbi noted, "The custom is that the tone of the conversation [on Shabbat] should be different; it's a time where we focus only on gratitude. Many people look back on their weeks and highlight those good moments — even something as small as acknowledging the food or the drink we put in our mouths."

Leandra Medine — the Jewish founder of the

popular humorous fashion website Man Repeller — told Vogue about Shabbat, "It really nourishes the soul to step away from social media for a little bit. Kind of the way choosing a book over a movie does — hard at first, but you're always better for it."

Medine called her Friday evening subway rides to her Shabbat meals "the highlight of my weekend."

She explained, "I don't use my phone on Shabbat (even though I do turn on lights and use other forms of electricity), so this ride has sort of become emblematic of the beginning of my weekly technology cleanse. Once we're seated at the table, we speak briefly and superficially about our weeks and then get to the guts of whatever is on our minds."

"I actually don't think you have to be Jewish to install this sort of boundary in your week; you just have to stick to it and set expectations so people know when they can and can't reach you," Medine further said.

The Vogue article concluded by listing five ways people can integrate "acts of mindfulness and gratitude" into their Friday-night meals.

This was not the first time Vogue has published an article about Shabbat. As reported by *The Algemeiner*, Ivanka Trump and her husband, Jared Kushner, praised the benefits of keeping the day of rest in the magazine's March 2015 issue.

Team Israel Suffers First Loss at World Baseball Classic, Likely Needs Win Over Japan on Wednesday to Advance to Championship Round

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Team Israel, the Cinderella story of the 2017 World Baseball Classic so far, suffered its first loss of the tournament on Monday, falling 12-2 to the Netherlands at the Tokyo Dome.

In its third and final second round game on Wednesday, Israel will square off against heavily-favored Japan.

A victory for Israel will likely be necessary for it to move on to the championship round in Los Angeles on March 20-22.



Team Israel pitcher Danny Burawa turns and watches a Didi Gregorius three-run homer sail out of the park on Monday. Photo: Screenshot.

Israel's loss to the Netherlands came a day after it upset Cuba 4-1. The team swept its first round matches last week against Korea, Chinese Taipei and the Netherlands at the Gocheok Sky Dome in Seoul.

Only two of the players on Israel's roster are citizens of the Jewish state. World Baseball Classic rules allow players to compete for any countries in which they qualify for citizenship. This enables Israel to draw on the talent of non-native Jewish athletes who are eligible for Israeli citizenship under the Law of Return.

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* in January, Team Israel pitcher Josh Zeid — who played in the Major Leagues for the Houston Astros in 2013 and 2014 — said the squad was setting its sights high for the quadrennial tournament.

"Our goal is to win all our games," Zeid stated. "We hope Israelis notice the effort we're giving and that they're proud of us."

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