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Nikki Haley at AIPAC: Days of Israel-Bashing at UN Are Over



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley speaks at the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY

"The days of Israel-bashing are over," US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley vowed on Monday. "For anyone who says you can't get anything done at the UN, they need to know there is a new sheriff in town."

Haley's remarks at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual policy confer-

ence were interrupted several times by enthusiastic standing ovations from the thousands-strong crowd at the Verizon Center in Washington, DC.

"I'm not there to play games and what I wanted to make sure of is that the United States started leading again," Haley said of her UN role.

The Trump administration, Haley stated, is "putting everyone on notice" at the UN.

"I wear heels, it's not for a

fashion statement, it's because if I see something wrong we're gonna kick 'em every time," she said.

Referring to the UN's anti-Israel bias, Haley noted, "I knew they said it was bad, but until you hear it and you see it, you just can't comprehend."

Haley called the Obama administration's abstention from the December 2016 UN Security Council vote on the anti-Israeli

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Poll: Support Among Israeli Jews for West Bank Pullout Decreasing

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Support among the Israeli Jewish public for a withdrawal from the West Bank and the establishment of a Palestinian state is decreasing, a new poll published on Monday revealed.

The poll — conducted by Mina Tzemach on behalf of the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA) think tank — found that only 36 percent of Israeli Jews back a pullout from the West Bank as part of a peace agreement with the



An Israeli settlement in the West Bank. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Palestinians, compared to 60% in 2005.

Also, support for the "Clinton Parameters" — described by the JCPA as a "demilitarized Palestinian state without settlement blocs, full Palestinian security control of the West Bank, Jerusalem divided and the capital of both states, the Temple Mount in the hands of the Palestinians, while Israel receives the Western Wall" — has dropped to 29%, from 59% in 2005.

When it comes to the question of the future status of Jerusalem, 79% of Israeli Jews believe it is "important to

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Opinion.

Ahlam Tamimi — Free to Commit Jihad Against the Jews

RUTHIE BLUM
TEL AVIV

In October, 2011, a female Palestinian terrorist named Ahlam Tamimi – who had assisted in the bombing of the Sbarro pizzeria in Jerusalem 10 years earlier – was released from an Israeli prison and shortly thereafter immigrated to Jordan.

Though, in 2003, she received 16 consecutive life sentences for her accompanying Izz al-Din Shuheil al-Masri to the bustling fast-food restaurant in the center of Israel's capital – where he blew himself up, killing 15 innocent Israelis and tourists (among them seven children and a pregnant woman) and wounding another 130 – Tamimi was freed in what came to be called the “Schalit deal.”

For more than five years, beginning in 2006, Israel had been engaged in fruitless diplomatic and military efforts to force the terrorist organization Hamas to return abducted IDF Cpl. Gilad Schalit from captivity in Gaza. Fearing that the young man's time was running out – and helpless in the face of mass public pressure by Schalit's parents and the public, the Israeli government ultimately agreed to the demand of the jihadists calling the shots. This involved exchanging 1,027 mostly Palestinian terrorists for the single soldier.

Two hundred and eighty of these terrorist prisoners had been incarcerated for

carrying out deadly attacks against Israelis; Hamas operative Tamimi was prominent among them. Nor was she notorious in Israel alone. Since two American citizens had been victims of the Sbarro carnage, Tamimi was also known in the United States.

Earlier this month, on March 14, the world was reminded of Tamimi, when the FBI announced that it had placed her on its list of “Most Wanted Terrorists” and the US Justice Department requested that Jordan extradite her to the United States to stand trial for conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction against American nationals on foreign soil, resulting in their death.

On March 19 – as the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reported – Tamimi tweeted: “IF USA afraid about its citizens, mustn't sending them to Palestine [sic].”

On March 20, the Amman Court of Cassation – akin to the Supreme Court – rejected the US's extradition request.

On March 22, a buoyed Tamimi gave an interview to the Muslim Brotherhood-affiliated weekly newspaper Assabeel, in which she said – according to a MEMRI translation from the Arabic – “...After my release as part of the released-prisoner deal, I lived my life normally, with my released-prisoner husband Nizar Al-Tamimi [also freed in the prisoner exchange]. We started a family, completed our studies, and then began [looking] for work. We led the normal life that was denied us when we were in the Zionist prisons... When the Americans demanded to arrest me, I was surprised, because I didn't know that the victims [of the Sbarro bombing] included two

Americans. I know that the Zionists came [to Israel] from all over the world and they had no [other] place, but I did not know the victims' nationalities...”

However, she went on, “We released prisoners do not complain, because we know that the path of jihad has many obstacles and many rewards, [but also] many tests. I placed my trust in Allah, but it was a shock and was accompanied by great rage, because I hate injustice and will not agree to be rearrested after incarceration in the Zionist enemy's prisons. I then launched my legal jihad, which is a different form of jihad, after the jihad in Palestine...”

Tamimi also rejected being classified as a terrorist, calling it a “sick thought” induced by the attempt on the part of the “Zionist entity... to exert ideological influence, through organizations that believe in normalization, the rights of the other, and freedom of speech.”

Finally, Tamimi offered her advice to Palestinian and Jordanian women. “Our war with the Zionist enemy is an ideological war, from the days of the Prophet Muhammad to this day.... Believe in your idea and believe that your children are part of the generation of the coming liberation [of Palestine]...a word or idea that you plant in your son could be the cause of real change in the future...Jordan is a vein of Palestine, and once you know that you wish to be a martyr on the land of Al-Ribat [the frontier zone of the war between Muslims and non-Muslims], you will have to struggle [to gain] this martyrdom. You must view all of your actions, whether in or out of the house, [as an act] for Allah...”



Ahlam Tamimi. Photo: Screenshot via YouTube.

Tamimi was a 20-year-old student and part-time journalist at the time of the Sbarro bombing. In the immediate aftermath of the bloodbath, she recounted smiling broadly when she heard news of the Jewish death toll continue to rise. Upon her arrival in Jordan, she told a Hamas website that she “would do it all over again. It was a calculated action that was conducted out of persuasion and faith in Allah.”

Thanks to the “Zionist enemy” – which does not have the death penalty and so values the life of each of its citizens that it exchanged more than 1,000 murderers for Schalit – Tamimi has been a free woman since the age of 30. And thanks to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which signed a peace treaty with the “Zionist entity” in 1994, Tamimi will continue to enjoy state protection to preach jihad and martyrdom against the Jews.

Let her story, and that of Israeli policy, be a lesson – and a warning.

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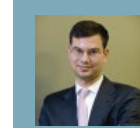
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New York Times Writes Jews Out of
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The *New York Times* has finally achieved what not even the Crown Heights riot could accomplish: eradicating all trace of Jews or Judaism from that Brooklyn neighborhood.

A front-page *New York Times* news article about Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan to open more homeless shelters in the city reports:

According to the lawsuit, the city is “foisting yet another” shelter on Crown Heights, a largely West Indian and African-American community, in order to avoid “the vocal criticism of the affluent and largely white citizenry” in other neighborhoods. The matter is to be heard before Justice Katherine A. Levine on Tuesday.

Though gentrifying, Crown Heights remains one of the city's poorer neighborhoods...

The *New York Times* itself had accurately reported in its real estate section less than two years ago that the neighborhood “has a populous Lubavitcher Hasidic section.”

That same article, from 2015, also reported, “Single-family homes typically sell for around \$800,000 to \$1.5 million; two-family homes for \$1.2 million to \$1.7 million; three-family homes for \$1.6 million to \$2 million.” One of the city's “poorer” neighborhoods, indeed.

The *New York Jewish Week* reported in a

2016 article about Crown Heights that there were approximately “23,800 Jews living there, according to UJA-Federation of New York's 2011 population study.”

The *Times* article today doesn't come right out and call the Jews of Crown Heights interlopers. It doesn't acknowledge their presence at all. But it's not difficult to draw that implication. Maybe it's the lawsuit, not the *Times*, making the demographic characterization of the neighborhood, but if that is so, the distinction isn't clear from the sentence in the

Times. In any case, if it is the lawsuit making that false characterization, there is no reason for the *Times* to pass it along uncorrected.

It may seem like a small point. But consider the history of the violent antisemitic riot in the neighborhood in 1991 – a riot that, as former *New York Times* reporter Ari Goldman wrote, the *Times* itself failed to cover accurately. Is it really too much to ask today's *New York Times* not to omit the Jewish presence from its description of the neighborhood?

Apparently, and unfortunately, it is.



Crown Heights, Brooklyn. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

World News.

Walid Phares: President Envisions Resolution to Palestinian-Israeli Conflict Through 'Moderate Arabs'

BY RUTHIE BLUM

A terrorism expert and long-time Fox News analyst who served as the new US leader's Mideast adviser during the election campaign told the London-based Saudi daily Al-Sharq Al-Awsat about the way in which President Donald Trump envisions a successful resolution to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) reported on Friday.

According to the report, in an interview with the news outlet last week, Walid Phares, an American scholar born in Lebanon, said that Trump "told [him] personally, when [they] met in late 2015... 'I want the moderate Arabs to help us, meaning that they talk to the moderate Palestinians while I talk to Israel.' That is why I believe it is his personal and strategic goal to solve this matter in a just way."

Phares also noted America's concern about Iran's deployment of missile systems across the Middle East, saying, "This problem does not only concern Israel, but rather the entire region. Iran is trying to become the regional Soviet Union, and to spread its radical ideology under the pretext of fighting Israel. The Iranian regime is fighting the people in Syria, Iraq, and Yemen, and is oppressing Lebanese, and all this under the banner of 'liberating Jerusalem'..."

He went on to say he believes that if the Iranian people were to rebel against the mullah-led regime, as they attempted to do in 2009, the Trump administration would back the effort.

As The Algemeiner reported on Friday, hints of a shift away from the way in which the Obama administration handled the rebellion across the Islamic Republic, which was put to a violent end by the leadership in Tehran, were

underway last week, when Trump extended greetings to the Iranian people – as opposed to their rulers – for the Persian new year, Nowruz.

Phares also alluded to threats issued by Iranian proxy group Hezbollah, the Lebanon-based terrorist organization, to attack Israeli facilities – including the ammonia plant in Haifa. According to MEMRI, Phares warned,

Any terrorist actions by anyone anywhere in the world against any nuclear reactor, or any action that causes a radiation leak that damages the region and the world, will be considered international terrorist acts requiring an appropriate response. If Hezbollah wishes to anger the international community, including Arab and Muslim countries, and other countries, chiefly the US, this would be unprecedentedly reckless. Hezbollah knows this, and [nevertheless] threatens such attacks. The results [of these attacks] would be devastating, mostly for Hezbollah itself. I am not saying they would be devastating for Lebanon. Perhaps the Lebanese are worried and fear the response of Israel and the international community, or of [Arab] countries in the Middle East. No. There is a clear understanding, at least here in Washington, that if this happens, the response will specifically target Hezbollah and its institutions if it threatens international security.



Walid Phares. Photo: Screenshot.

Ambassador Dermer at AIPAC: For First Time in Many Years, There Is No Daylight Between US and Israeli Governments

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

"When it comes to the great challenges facing Israel and the United States, for the first time in many years, perhaps in many decades, there is no daylight between our two governments," the Jewish state's top diplomat in Washington declared on Sunday.

Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer was speaking at the opening session of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual policy conference at the Washington Convention Center.

According to Dermer, "there was a meeting of the minds" when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu met with US President Donald Trump last month at the White House.

"That has made me even more confident that our alliance will be considerably stronger in the years ahead," Dermer went on to say.

The greatest regional threat facing Israel and the US in the Middle East, Dermer stated, remains Iran. "We both recognize that the [July 2015] nuclear deal does not block Iran's path to the bomb and that Iran's appetite for

Following VP Pence's AIPAC Speech, Iran Slams US Over Support for 'Zionist Regime'



Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi. Photo: Isna - Amin Khosroshahi via Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israel, not Iran, is to blame for instability across the Middle East, a Tehran regime official claimed on Tuesday.

Responding to US Vice President Mike Pence's Sunday address at AIPAC's annual policy conference in Washington, DC — in which Pence said the Islamic Republic was destabilizing the Middle East and jeopardizing Israel's security — Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qassemi stated, "Unfortunately, the United States' policies in support of the Zionist regime's aggressive measures against the people of the region and also daily crimes committed by America's partners against the defenseless people

of Yemen have worsened insecurity in the Middle East."

Qassemi's remarks were reported by the regime-aligned Tasnim news agency.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman also vowed that Iran would continue its missile-development program.

"In bolstering our indigenized defense power and defending our country, we will neither accept recommendations from anyone nor will allow others' interference," he said.

On Sunday, Pence promised, "Under President Donald Trump, the United States of America will not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. This is a solemn promise to you, to Israel and to the world."

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retain a unified Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty," according to the poll.

Just over a quarter of Israeli Jews (26%) would support a unilateral withdrawal from the West Bank without a peace agreement with the Palestinians, while 61% oppose such a scenario, the poll showed.

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settlement Resolution 2334 "embarrassing" and "hurtful."

"Everyone at the United Nations is scared to talk to me about Resolution 2334," she said. "That happened, but it will never happen again."

The former South Carolina governor pledged there would be "no more freebies" for the Palestinian Authority until it returned to the negotiating table.

The ambassador also criticized the July 2015 Iran nuclear deal, saying all it did was "empower" the Tehran regime. "Why that was ever passed is beyond me," she added.

aggression and terror has only grown since that deal was signed and sanctions were removed," Dermer said.

"We also recognize," Dermer continued, "that the worst outcome that could emerge from the horrific violence in Syria would be to effectively cede parts of Syria to Iran and Hezbollah."

Furthermore, Dermer noted, "the rising tide of militant Islam which has engulfed the Middle East has also enabled a rare moment of opportunity to bring Israel and many in the Arab world closer together. In working together to thwart common dangers, there is a real prospect of building a genuine path towards reconciliation in the region — a path

not based on empty hopes and dangerous illusions, but a path based on a clear-eyed understanding of shared threats as well as a common desire for a safer, more prosperous and more peaceful future."



Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer speaks at the 2017 AIPAC policy conference in Washington, DC on Sunday. Photo: Screenshot.

World News.



The bridge over the Valley of Ayalon, a landmark of the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem rail project set for completion in 2018. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

New High-Speed Tel Aviv-Jerusalem Rail Nears Completion

BY JNS.ORG

A new high-speed rail line connecting Israel's holy city to its leading metropolis — Jerusalem to Tel Aviv — is set to revolutionize transportation in the Jewish state when it becomes operational at the beginning of 2018.

The ambitious 10-year effort to construct a high-speed rail link between the two cities is the largest project undertaken by Israel Railways in the past decade, and is also one of the largest infrastructure projects ever undertaken in Israel's history.

Shahar Wiesman, head of communications for Israel Railways, said that "everything in this project was never done in Israel before,

so each part was done in collaboration with an experienced foreign company," Israel21C reported March 22.

Upon completion, the \$1.9 billion project will enable commuters to travel between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv in less than 30 minutes, significantly reducing the current hour-long commute when driving the 60-kilometer (37-mile) route.

The train will operate from a new transportation center in Jerusalem and will feature scenic routes through the hills surrounding the capital city. The new train line will also include stops at Ben Gurion International Airport and Tel Aviv's existing four railway stations.

New Video Reveals UK Students Voicing Support for Terrorism, Calling for Israel's Destruction

BY RACHEL FROMMER

A new video — obtained exclusively in the US by The Algemeiner on Monday — reveals UK university students openly expressing support for terror groups Hamas and Hezbollah, and calling for the destruction of the Jewish state.

In the footage, produced by global Jewish YouTube channel J-TV, students at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) — whose acronym some in the Jewish community wryly say stands for "School Of Anti-Semitism" — are asked questions about their political views on Israel, with one answering that he advocates for "resistance against occupation and against apartheid, at all costs."

One student wearing a kaffiyeh tells J-TV that Zionism "has nothing to do with Judaism at all," and claims Palestinians were there "before they [Zionists] had ever even entered the country."

"[Zionism] only came to wipe us [Palestinians] out," the student added.

Others defined Zionism as an "extremist ideology born out of hate" and described Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as worse than both Hitler and Mussolini.

Oliver Anisfeld — the founder of J-TV — told The Algemeiner that what he found at SOAS was "chilling."

"We didn't tell SOAS students we were from J-TV, so they felt they could be honest

about their opinions with us," said Anisfeld. "The moment someone suspected that we might be trying to expose them, he told our presenter that he would 'track him down.'"

He said the J-TV crew left the campus immediately after being threatened.

"We hope this video will be a wake-up call," he said.

According to the presenter, the video was recorded during SOAS's Israeli Apartheid Week, an annual event held on campuses around the world in February and March.

The video's release comes weeks after SOAS Director Baroness Valerie Amos appeared on the BBC's "Sunday Politics" program and said the university does not allow racism or antisemitism on campus, and fosters a culture of respect and tolerance.



SOAS. Photo: WikipediaSunday.

Exiled Hamas Leader Threatens Israel After Top Commander's Assassination

BY JNS.ORG

Hamas's exiled leader, Khaled Maashal, said Israel had changed "the rules of the game" after the killing of a top terrorist commander in the Gaza Strip last week. Israel has neither confirmed nor denied that it was behind the death of the commander, Mazen Faqha.

"Israel decided to change the rules of the game, and we accept the challenge," Mashaal said in a speech broadcast during a memorial service for Faqha, killed last Friday in an incident that Hamas has blamed on Israel.

"The Zionist occupier took from us a great hero, and for this we will not sit quietly," he said.

Israel is not the only possible culprit for the assassination, as Salafi jihadist groups in Gaza have also targeted Hamas leaders.

Mashaal claimed Faqha had planned to carry out an attack on Israel right before his death.

"Faqha told me five hours before he was murdered that he was about to carry out a large project in the West Bank," he said.

Faqha was responsible for master-

mind terror attacks throughout Judea and Samaria. He was arrested by Israel in 2002 and later sentenced to nine life sentences for his role in coordinating a suicide bombing that killed nine people on a bus near the Israeli city of Safed.

But Faqha was released from prison and deported to Gaza as part of the controversial 2011 Gilad Shalit prisoner exchange deal with Hamas. After his release, Faqha resumed his terror activities and founded Hamas's West Bank headquarters.



Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

2,000-Year-old Jewish Community Unearthed Near Beit Shemesh

BY JNS.ORG

During a weeklong excavation project near Beit Shemesh, 240 Israeli students from Jerusalem's Boyer High School uncovered the remains of an ancient Jewish community dating back to Israel's Second Temple period.

The archaeological dig was launched prior to the construction of a new residential neighborhood in the area and, according to the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) district archaeologist for Judah, Dr. Amit Shadman, "the excavations will be followed by the site's preservation and development as an archaeological site in the heart of the new neighborhood."

Discoveries at the site included "eight ritual baths, cisterns and hiding refuges, along with rock-hewn industrial installations," the IAA said.

The IAA directors leading the excavation added, "The settlement's extraordinary significance lies in its imposing array of private ritual baths, which were incorporated in the residential buildings. Each household had its own ritual bath and a cistern...Underneath the dwellings and rock-hewn installations, another surprising discovery was unearthed, dating to the time of the Bar Kokhba Revolt (2nd century CE)—a winding labyrinth of hiding refuges connected to sophisticated and elaborate complexes."

The Israeli students' excavation work served as a means of supplementing the expenses of an upcoming student delegation to Poland. Funding from Israel's Ministry of Construction and Housing supported the initiative, which was directed by the IAA and also involved pre-army course cadets.

Report: Hamas Develops High-Powered Rocket Similar to Hezbollah Missiles

BY JNS.ORG

The Palestinian terror organization Hamas has developed a new high-powered rocket similar to those utilized by the Lebanese terror group Hezbollah, Israel's Army Radio reported.

The report described the new Hamas rocket as being "completely different than any weaponry we know from the direction of the [Gaza] Strip—as concerns the weight of the explosive carried in the head of the rocket."

In response to the IDF-affiliated radio network's report, Ashkelon Coast Regional Council head Yair Farjoun, whose home city shares a border with Gaza, stated, "We are

prepared for every scenario and if we need to evacuate, we will evacuate. Civilians do not need to be on the front lines."

Since the 50-day war in Gaza in 2014, during which Hamas indiscriminately fired thousands of rockets on Israel's civilian population, the Palestinian terror group has significantly expanded its efforts to develop its rocket capabilities.

The Army Radio report comes amid heightened tensions along the Israel-Gaza border following the assassination of high-ranking Hamas terrorist Mazen Faqha last Friday. Hamas has accused Israel of carrying out the assassination, but the Jewish state has neither confirmed nor denied involvement.

U.S. News.

California High School Students Behind 'Toasted Jew' Graffiti Identified, Disciplined, Principal Says

BY RACHEL FROMMER

The California high school students behind "Toasted Jew" and other antisemitic graffiti and other antisemitic messages have been disciplined, NBC Bay Area news reported Thursday.

According to the report, Carlmont High School Principal Ralph Crame said the school had identified and taken action against the perpetrators of two recent incidents involving swastikas and messages targeting the Jewish community written in chalk on the campus, though he would not elaborate on the nature of the disciplinary measures.

The school has removed the messages and cautioned students that any further such action could be determined a hate crime.

"They had some education involved in the consequences, and we also sent the message out that it is against our school respect policy," Crame told NBC.

"I think it's horrible that students would think that it was OK to have any type of vandalism or graffiti, especially anything that was demeaning towards another group, another student," he added.

According to northern California Jewish news site JWeekly, other incidents have occurred at Carlmont in recent weeks, including chants of "kill the Jews" inside the school's stadium (which Crame refuted), and one mother's report that students shouted, "Here's a Jew; let's burn her," as she walked by with her daughter.

JWeekly reported that some 20 parents met with Crame to air their concerns on March 15, and according to NBC, there is an open police investigation into the reports.

As The Algemeiner reported, a Minnesota public high school has been rented out for an upcoming event whose organizers and speakers have expressed support for terrorism against Israel.



Graffiti at Carlmont High School. Photo: Screenshot.

Pence at AIPAC: President Trump and I Stand Without Apology for Israel and We Always Will

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

"Under President Donald Trump, if the world knows nothing else, the world will know this — America stands with Israel," US Vice President Mike Pence declared on Sunday.

In an address at the American Israel Public Affairs Committee's annual policy conference in Washington, DC, Pence stated, "President Trump and I stand with Israel for the same reason every freedom-loving American stands with Israel — because her cause is our cause, her values are our values and her fight is our fight."

"I say with confidence, to all gathered here, President Trump and I stand without apology for Israel and we always will," Pence continued.

Trump, according to Pence, is giving "serious consideration" to moving the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Furthermore, Pence said, "Under President Trump, the United States will no longer allow the United Nations to be used as a forum for invective against Israel."

At the same time, the vice president noted, Trump is "invested in finding an equitable and just solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict" and "committed to forging a lasting peace in the Middle East."

"And while there will undoubtedly have to be compromises, I can assure you all — President Trump will never compromise the safety and security of the Jewish State of Israel," Pence went on to say.

Regarding Iran, Pence vowed the US would "no longer tolerate" the Tehran regime's "efforts to destabilize the region and jeopardize Israel's security."

"Let me clear," Pence emphasized. "Under President Donald Trump, the United States of America will not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon. This is a solemn promise to you, to Israel and to the world."



US Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC on Sunday. Photo: Screenshot.

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Opinion.

Once Again, NGOs Are at the Center of a UN Blunder



BECCA WERTMAN
NEW YORK

The close alliance between United Nations frameworks that demonize Israel and politicized non-governmental organizations (NGOs) keeps coming to the surface. The latest case materialized on March 15, 2017, when a little known agency — the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) — published a report alleging that beyond “reasonable doubt” Israel is an apartheid regime. The report, authored by the notoriously anti-Israel Richard Falk (also a 9/11 conspiracy theorist) and Virginia Tilley (author of *The One State Solution*), was subsequently revoked by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, prompting the resignation of the head of UNESCWA.

The decision by Guterres showed more moral spine than the UN is accustomed to, but significant damage was already done. Indeed, the infamous 1975 UN “Zionism is racism” resolution, revoked in a motion supported by 111 member states in 1991, is still cited today

as if it were international writ. Groups like “Students for Justice in Palestine” and “Jewish Voice for Peace” at Columbia University, for example, hosted a February event this year entitled “Zionists are Racists” referring to the revoked 1975 UN resolution.

The ESCWA report is the latest example of how anti-Israel activists exploit UN frameworks and rely on biased NGOs to invent “legal” accusations against Israel.

Many of the 90 citations in the ESCWA document reference Tilley’s own book, *Beyond Occupation: Apartheid, Colonialism and International Law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories*. (So much for the pretense of objectivity.) One footnote acknowledges that an entire section of the UN report, “Apartheid through fragmentation,” is largely a cut and paste from Chapter 4 of her book, titled “Review of Israeli Practices Relative to the Prohibition of Apartheid.”

In that chapter, 167 of the footnotes (~25%) rely on claims from well known anti-Israel political advocacy NGOs, including Al-Haq, Addameer, Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), and Defense for Children International – Palestine (DCI-P). These four organizations have direct or indirect ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization – designated as

such by the US, EU, Canada, and Israel. Their propaganda, repeated by Tilley and then Falk, are ideological – not factual, even in the loosest sense of the word.

Examining the NGOs sourced in both documents further demonstrates that the ESCWA’s conclusions are pure political farce. For example, the report demonizes Israeli laws as comprising “a regime of systematic racial discrimination that imposes second-class citizenship on Palestinian citizens of Israel.” Falk and Tilley cite the Israeli NGO Adalah’s “Discriminatory Laws Database,” an online “resource” that does not distinguish between actual laws and long-dead legislative proposals, while also referring to Zionism pejoratively. Tilley’s chapter similarly cites Adalah 13 times, referring to various articles that attack Israeli legislation.

Furthermore, one of the criteria set out by the authors of the ESCWA report is whether “discrete inhuman acts...serve the core purpose of racial domination.” Annex 1 notes that this “evidence” comes from Tilley’s book, where she cites Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI) 13 times in Chapter 4 alone. NGO Monitor research has shown that PCATI’s claims and allegations are unverifiable, thus making Tilley’s evidence of “torture in Israel” being “carried out in an



Virginia Tilley. Photo: SIU Carbondale faculty picture.

orderly and institutional fashion” similarly questionable at best.

Finally, a biased UN report could not be complete without a reference to Human Rights Watch (HRW). Tilley references a 2005 report by HRW that is typical of the organization’s regular accusations of Israeli human rights violations that omit the context of terror under which Israeli military action takes place.

Guterres should be applauded for his swift action in disowning this vituperative report. However, this incident again highlights the lack of oversight that allowed this document to be published in the first place. The authors’ personal biases should have rendered them incapable from the start. Tilley’s extensive self-reference and reliance on political NGOs for much of the text created another huge embarrassment for the UN.

Until the UN is able to select less biased authors and prevent reliance on politicized NGO sources, then we will continue to witness the same delegitimization campaigns taking place with ease against Israel on the international stage.

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Sedar I	8:30 pm	Ancient Secrets of Judaism
4/11	1:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	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
	2:00 pm	7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation
	9:00 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:30 pm	Defending The Faith
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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
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	9:15 pm	Post Holocaust – 2 Million
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Impressions.

Talking 'Intersectionality' at NYU

BY MARA SCHIFFREN

During the event, Erakat said that the "solidarity" between blacks and Palestinians began in 2014, with the nightly riots in Ferguson, Missouri, following the police shooting of Michael Brown. Signs there could be seen reading "From Palestine to Ferguson," a sentiment that soon became ubiquitous among boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) activists. Last summer, Black Lives Matter (BLM) returned the favor by publishing a platform accusing Israel of apartheid and genocide, which was endorsed by Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP).

Relying heavily on neo-Marxist jargon, Erakat proposed that the mission of "solidarity" extend beyond "Palestinian liberation" to "working to dismantle [the] white supremacy" that allegedly "affects us all," including Jews, "who are also battling against white supremacy. ... Zionism, rather than combat white supremacy head on, internalizes some of those Orientalizing tropes that exclude Jews from humanity, as well."

Although she claimed to reject a binary view of the black-Palestinian alliance by alluding to the existence of black or Jewish Palestinians, her hypotheses about Jews indicated otherwise — good Jews avoid "Orientalizing tropes," while bad Jews are pro-Israel Zionists.

Above all, Erakat sought to inspire the audience to do "the work" of social activism. She was particularly pleased with the BDS movement's successful "work" in spoiling Israeli efforts to forge relations with prominent American institutions, and of disrupting an NFL junket to Israel



Noura Erakat. Photo: Twitter.

and excluding Israeli swag bags at the Oscars. She blithely dismissed such outreach as "propaganda."

In response to an audience member's question about whether "it was productive to tease out differences to strengthen the bonds of solidarity," Erakat began by asking, "How many here identify as activists? ... You shape the future and the past." As if there were any doubt, she then added proudly, "I'm an activist."

The night's final question was from a self-described pro-Israel student who asked if the panelists supported SJP's policy of anti-normalization and non-engagement with students like herself. Obviously, she noted, this "prevents people from having dialogue."

A visibly outraged Erakat turned the question on its head by highlighting Fordham University's decision to prevent SJP from forming a campus chapter due to its polarizing rhetoric and tactics: "Fordham is going to ban the [SJP] and refuse to let it talk to other groups. Are you serious? ... [I]f you do believe in dialogue, shouldn't you create a larger platform for SJP?"

SJP demonizes Israel as an apartheid, Nazi-like state, while intimidating pro-Israel students and

AIPAC Policy Conference Adapts to the World of Trump

BY JACOB KAMARAS /
JNS.org

In recent years, AIPAC's policy conferences have centered on hot-button issues such as the Iran nuclear deal, tension between the Obama administration and Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's controversial speech to Congress, and the surprising rise of candidate, and now president, Donald Trump.

The 2017 conference, however, focused on adjusting to new realities. The Iran deal and a Trump presidency have become facts of life, albeit highly contested ones — and the Obama era has come and gone.

'Meeting of the minds'

Although the AIPAC conference sought to foster an environment of bipartisanship and respect of others' views (the conference's tagline was "Many Voices, One Mission") Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer did not hold back in criticizing Barack Obama, and praising Trump.

"For the first time in many years, perhaps even many decades, there is no daylight between our two governments," Dermer said at the conference's opening session on Sunday.

Dermer described February's White House meeting between Netanyahu and Trump as a "meeting of the minds," while praising the Trump administration for "finally bringing some moral clarity" to the United Nations.

'Call our enemies by their name'

Trump's presence at last year's AIPAC conference prompted protests before he uttered a word, and his eventual speech drew condemnation from AIPAC after he attacked President Obama. In 2017, Trump's top representative at the conference, Vice President Mike Pence, did not elicit similar controversy.

Pence told the conference's 18,000 attendees on Sunday that under Trump, "If the world knows nothing else, the world will know this: America stands with Israel." He then explained that the Trump administration stands with Israel because "her cause is our cause, her values are our values and her fight is our fight."

Pence told those in attendance that Trump is "giving serious consideration" to moving the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, is committed to finding an "equitable and just solution" to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and "will call our enemies by their name" — referring

to radical Islamic terrorists.

The vice president also vowed that the administration would "hunt down and destroy ISIS at its source" and "stand strong in the face of the leading state sponsor of terrorism," Iran. "This administration has put Iran on notice. ... Under President Donald Trump, the United States of America will not allow Iran to develop a nuclear weapon," he added.

Advice for Trump

During a conference breakout session featuring former US officials from Republican and Democratic administrations, Michael Singh — the managing director at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and George W. Bush's senior director for Middle East Affairs at the National Security Council — had three pieces of advice for Trump: counter Iran; rebuild America's relationships with allies like Israel, Egypt and Jordan; and pay attention to political and economic reform in the region.

At the same session, Obama's former ambassador to Israel, Dan Shapiro, said that Trump needs to define his policies on Syria, Iraq and Iran. Shapiro also warned that Trump's proposed cuts to foreign aid could damage relations with the Arab world, and promote instability in countries



US Vice President Mike Pence speaks at the AIPAC conference in Washington, DC on Sunday. Photo: Screenshot.

like Egypt and Jordan.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who has also served as a special envoy to the Middle East Quarter, said that a better future for the Middle East means setting priorities not just based on the regional players' specific interests, but also on broader human values. He also warned that Iran was the major source of regional instability, saying "[if] you had a benign regime in Iran, all of the problems in the Middle East would be easier to resolve."

shouting down pro-Israel speakers — hardly the basis of dialogue. Yet Erakat launched an extended rant alleging that SJP, which she hailed as among the most "educative engines" for promulgating BDS in American universities, is being victimized. A lawfare enthusiast, Erakat hypocritically complained about lawyers who resist SJP with hardball legal tactics. She finished by declaring: "The criminalization of this kind of protest, by the way, is not just about Palestinians. It's going to be about everybody. It's all of us or none of us."

The University of New Mexico's Alex Lubin — the panel moderator — then concluded eloquently, "That was, like, the perfect answer," as the audience erupted with loud and extended applause.

Erakat and her anti-Israel, anti-Western colleagues have abandoned rigorous scholarship and teaching for agitprop based on blatant bigotry. They prefer demonization to dialogue because, as with all ideologues, their intellectual impoverishment compliments their hate-filled activism. That her ilk has overtaken Middle East studies departments in academia demonstrates the urgent need for thorough reform.

Mara Schiffren, who has a Ph.D. from Harvard University in the Study of Religion, is currently working on a book about historical Israel. This essay was sponsored by Campus Watch, a project of the Middle East Forum. A version of this article was originally published by The Daily Caller.

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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/

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,

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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; 4/7/14/

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. SEAN O. SEATON AKA SEAN SEATON; 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 3, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On April 27, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 678 PENNSYLVANIA AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-6944 Block: 4298 Lot: 27 LL that certain lot, parcel or tract of land, situate and lying in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings 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 \$459,953.94 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 10654-13 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee
AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

Notice of Qualification of RED HOOK INDUSTRIAL CENTER, LLC Appl. for Atrial. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/07/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/23/17. Princ. office of LLC: 68 Ferris St., Brooklyn, NY 11231. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington,

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DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Structured Asset Investment Loan Trust Mortgage Pass- Through Certificates, Series 2005-4, Plaintiff AGAINST Renee Belmar; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 26, 2017 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 27, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1355 Saint Marks, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1357 Lot 70. Approximate amount of judgment \$884,029.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511225/2014. Shmuel Taub, 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 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant Wine Liquor License for beer and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to permit the sale of beer and wine at retail rates for on-premises consumption at Chuck E. Cheese's #523 located at 1816 Gunhill Road, Bronx, NY 10469 under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. CEC Entertainment, Inc.
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Notice is hereby given that a Restaurant Wine Liquor License for beer and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to permit the sale of beer and wine at retail rates for on-premises consumption at Chuck E. Cheese's #641 located at Terminal Marketplace, 700 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY 10451 under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law. CEC Entertainment, Inc.
AJ 3/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 500644/2015 H. RICHARD ADELMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 2/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 4/27/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1146 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218, 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 5585 and Lot 26. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$890,086.65 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500644/2015.

Gregory Cerchione, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 2/23/2017 File Number: 27393 MNB
AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MCA FUNDING LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/04/2017. 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 Joshua Golomb 2559 Nostrand Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff -against- PETRONILLA HUNT, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PETRA DOUGLAS Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated JULY 21, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on April 27, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 713 ESSEX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-4407. 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: 4316 Lot: 56 Approximate amount of lien \$482,628.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 11924/2010 STEVEN Z. NAIMAN, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: March 17, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69038
AJ 3/24/31; 4/7/14/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Mortgageit Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Patsy Carter; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 3, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 4, 2017 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 388 East 57th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. 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 4767 Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,692.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6390/2013. Steven David Cohn, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 1, 2017
AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc. Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-FS1, Plaintiff AGAINST Leonie Beresford Peters a/k/a Leonie S. Peters, Fitzroy Peters, 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 April 27, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 301 East 91st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. 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: 4646, LOT: 74. Approximate amount of judgment is \$463,426.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504490/2015. Steven Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Sharifa Small, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2016 and entered on 9/27/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 27, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 166 Stuyvesant Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221. 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: 1620, LOT: 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$973,919.86 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012554/2009. Jerome D. Cohen, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC; Plaintiff(s) vs. OSCAR CORDNER; ROSETTA CORDNER; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about August 10, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On May 4, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 36 OAKLAND PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11226 Block: 5127 Lot: 61 All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$812,122.62 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20542/09 Sylvia E. DiPietro, Esq., Referee
AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, Green Tree Servicing LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Alicia Dick, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 02, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 04, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 443 Miller Avenue, 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 4041 and Lot 23. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 13700/14. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against JUDY FRIEDMAN; CHAYA FRIEDMAN; JACQUE FRIEDMAN; AARON FRIEDMAN, 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 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 4th day of May, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: 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. Said premises known as 1774 50th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11204. Tax account number: SBL #: 5460-37. Approximate amount of lien # 225,790.72 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 502947/14. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, N.Y. 14614 (585) 232-7400
AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS YUNG CHING LAU, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 511939/2014 ANGELLA CRAIG A/K/A ANGELLA JEFFERSON A/K/A ANGELLA CRAIG JEFFERSON et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 3/16/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 5/4/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 4515 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY 11203, 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 4962 and Lot 44. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$865,286.19 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 511939/2014. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 35-37 36th Street, 2nd Fl., Astoria, NY 11106 Dated: 3/20/2017 PB
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A Water-Gen large-scale water generator. Photo: Water-Gen.

At AIPAC Conference, Alan Dershowitz Helps Unveil Israeli Water-Making Machine; Says ‘You Can’t Boycott Products You Cannot Live Without’

BY JNS.ORG

In a showcase of cutting-edge Israeli innovation at a Sunday session of the AIPAC Policy Conference, renowned lawyer Alan Dershowitz assisted in the unveiling of a machine that extracts and purifies water from air.

The Water-Gen machine, which can produce between 15 and 20 liters of drinking water per day, can be a boon for regions lacking portable drinking water, Dershowitz noted.

“There is no weapon more powerful in the fight against BDS than for Israel to develop technologies that the world cannot live without,” he added. “You cannot boycott products that you can’t live without.”

During the presentation at a Washington, DC convention center, AIPAC National Managing Director Elliot Brandt recalled Zionist leader Theodor Herzl’s dreams of Israeli innovation.

The annual AIPAC Policy Conference ends Tuesday.

Widower of Israeli Mother-of-Six Slain During Palestinian Terror Surge Announces Engagement to ‘Soul’s Love’

BY RUTHIE BLUM

The Israeli widower who became a key symbol of the surge of Palestinian terrorism that began at

the end of 2015 announced on social media that he is remarrying, the Hebrew news site Walla reported on Tuesday.

Natan Meir, husband of Dafna – a 38-year-old

nurse and mother-of-six (two of whom are foster children) who was stabbed to death at the entrance to the family home in the West Bank settlement of Otniel just over a year ago – announced his engagement on Facebook on Monday, the report said.

His announcement – which came a mere month after his daughter, Renana, 18, who witnessed and tried to prevent a teenage terrorist from murdering her mother, got engaged – was accompanied by a photo with his betrothed, Zohar Morgenstern, an educator from Jerusalem. The couple is photographed with the Western Wall and Temple Mount in the background.

“Among life’s paths we found what our souls love,” he wrote, borrowing a phrase from the biblical Song of Solomon.

In an interview with The Algemeiner last April – while he and Renana were on a sponsored tour of the US, which included presenting his case during an open meeting of the UN Security Council – Natan Meir said, “I have been walking around with a very



Natan Meir with betrothed Zohar Morgenstern. Photo: Facebook.

broken heart. I don’t initiate political activities or speeches or anything. But I was raised and educated that when the state of Israel summons me, I come; I don’t ask too many questions.”

Natan added, “We’re not acting out of strength, but rather out of a lack of it; that is how we are living now. But, as someone told me one day, God is also the god of broken hearts. So that is the source of the strength.”

Dafna Meir was killed on January 17, 2016. Her Palestinian assailant entered her home, where her kids were present, and began to stab her repeatedly. While bleeding to death, she – and then-17-year-old Renana – tried to beat off the terrorist. By fighting to keep him from removing the knife at one point when it entered her body, she prevented him from murdering her children.



Dafna Meir, in an undated picture posted on Facebook. Photo: Facebook

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The Sin Offering



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON, UK

Vayikra is about sacrifices, and though these laws have been inoperative for almost 2000 years since the destruction of the Temple, the moral principles they embody are still challenging.

One set of sacrifices, set out in detail in this week's sedra, warrants particular attention: chattat, the 'sin offering'. Four different cases are considered: the anointed priest (the High Priest), the assembly (the Sanhedrin or supreme court), the Prince (the King), and an ordinary individual. Because their roles in the community were different, so too was the form of their atonement.

The sin offering was to be brought only for major sins, those that carried the penalty of karet, 'being cut off'; and only if they were committed unintentionally or inadvertently (be-shogeg). This could happen in one of two ways, either [a] because the person concerned did not know the law (for example, that cooking is forbidden on the Sabbath) or [b] he or she did not know the facts (for instance, that today is the Sabbath).

Unintentional sins stand midway between intentional sins (where you knew what you were doing was wrong) and involuntary action (ones, where you were not acting freely at all: it was a reflex action, or someone was pointing a gun at your head). Intentional sins cannot be atoned for by sacrifice. Involuntary actions do not need atonement. Thus, the sin offering is confined to a middle range of cases, where you did wrong, but you didn't know you were doing wrong.

The question is obvious: Why should unintentional sins require atonement at all? What guilt is involved? The sinner did not mean to sin. The requisite intent (mens rea) was lacking. Had the offender known the facts and the law at the time, he would not have done what he did. Why then does he have to undergo a process of atonement? To this, the commentators gave a variety of answers.

R. Samson Raphael Hirsch and R. David Zvi Hoffman give the most straightforward explanation. Ignorance – whether of the facts or the law – is a form of negligence. We should know the law, especially in the most serious cases. We should also exercise vigilance: we should know what we are doing. That is a fundamental obligation, especially in relation to the most serious areas of conduct.

The Abarbanel argues that the sin offering was less a punishment for what had been done, than a solemn warning against sin in the future. The bringing of a sacrifice, involving considerable effort and expense, was a vivid reminder to the individual to be more careful in the future.

Nahmanides suggests that the sin offering was brought not because of what led to the act, but rather because of what followed from it. Sin, even without intention, defiles. "The reason for the offerings for the erring soul is that all sins [even if committed unwittingly] produce a "stain" on the soul and constitute a blemish in it, and the soul is only worthy to be received by its Creator when it is pure of all sin."

The late Lubavitcher Rebbe, following midrashic tradition, offered a fourth interpretation. Even inadvertent sins testify to something wrong on the part of the person concerned. Bad things do not come about through good people. The Sages said that God does not allow even the animals of the righteous to do wrong; how much more so does He protect the righteous

themselves from error and mishap (see Yevamot 99b; Ketubot 28b). There must therefore have been something wrong with the individual for the mishap to have taken place.

This view – characteristic of the Chabad approach, with its emphasis on the psychology of the religious life – shares more than a passing similarity with Sigmund Freud's analysis of the unconscious, which gave rise to the phrase, 'a Freudian slip'. Remarks or acts that seem unintentional often betray unconscious desires or motives. Indeed, we can often glimpse the unconscious more readily at such moments than when the person is acting in full knowledge and deliberation. Inadvertent sins suggest something amiss in the soul of the sinner. It is this fault which may lie beneath the threshold of consciousness, which is atoned for by the chattat.



Whichever explanation we follow, the chattat represents an idea familiar in law but strangely unfamiliar in Western ethics. Our acts make a difference to the world.

Under the influence of Immanuel Kant, we have come to think that all that matters as far as morality is concerned is the will. If our will is good, then we are good, regardless of what we actually do. We are judged by our intentions, not our deeds. Judaism does recognise the difference between good will and bad. That is why deliberate sins cannot be atoned for by a sacrifice, whereas unintentional ones can.

Yet the very fact that unintentional sins require atonement tells us that we cannot dissociate ourselves from our actions by saying: 'I didn't mean to do it.' Wrong was done – and it was done by us. Therefore we must perform an act that signals our contrition. We cannot just walk away as if the act had nothing to do with us.

Many years ago a secular Jewish novelist said to me: 'Isn't Judaism full of guilt?' To which I replied, 'Yes, but it is also full of forgiveness.' The entire institution of the sin offering is about forgiveness. However, Judaism makes a serious moral statement when it refuses to split the human person into two entities – body and soul, act and intention, objective and subjective, the world 'out there' and the world 'in here'. Kant did just that. All that matters morally, he argued, is what happens 'in here', in the soul.

Is it entirely accidental that the culture most influenced by Kant was also the one that gave rise to the Holocaust? I do not mean – Heaven forbid – that the sage of Konigsberg was in any way responsible for that tragedy. Yet it remains the case that many good and decent people did nothing to protest the single greatest crime of man against man while it was taking place. Many of them surely thought that it had nothing to do with them. If they bore the Jews no particular ill will, why should they feel guilty? Yet the result of their action or inaction had real consequences in the physical world. A culture that confines morality to the mind is one that lacks an adequate defence against harmful behaviour.

The sin offering reminds us that the wrong we do, or let happen, even if we did not intend it, still requires atonement. Unfashionable though this is, a morality that speaks about action, not just intention – about what happens through us even if we didn't mean to do it – is more compelling, more true to the human situation, than one that speaks of intention alone.

Are Syrian Kurds the Key to Defeating ISIS?

ARIEL BEN SOLOMON/
JNS.ORG

What steps can the West take to defeat the Islamic State? According to leading experts, the US and Israel should work to push the Syrian Kurds away from the Iran-Shia axis and Russia, and toward an alliance with the Western world.

"The US and Israel could win Rojava [the Kurdish region of Syria] as a loyal Western satellite if they are willing to guarantee its sovereignty and sign a defense agreement," said Joshua Landis, a Syria expert and director of the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Oklahoma. Rojava is also commonly known as Western Kurdistan or Syrian Kurdistan.

"But [the US and Israel] must be willing to escalate their defense of the Kurds against possible Turkish, Iranian, Syrian and Russian attacks," he said. Yet currently, he argues, the US and Israel do not value the self-governing regions of Syria as a real priority. "This was the same problem that the Syrian-Sunni rebels faced," he explained, noting that Western nations instead prioritized keeping Turkey as an ally and pivoting to East Asia.

Landis' comments come as Chagai Tzurriel,



Kurdish fighters in Syria. Photo: Wiki Commons.

the director general of Israel's Intelligence Ministry, told Reuters that Russia and other world powers should work to curb Iran's growing military presence in Syria. Meanwhile, the US military is likely to send up to 1,000 additional ground troops to Syria as part of a future offensive in the Islamic State-occupied city of Raqqa, according to the Washington Post. Raqqa serves as ISIS' Syrian headquarters.

Turkey wants to send its own troops into Raqqa, but is unlikely to do so given its unwillingness to cooperate with the People's Protection Units (YPG), a Kurdish militia that the Turks view as supportive of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK). Some people call the PKK a terrorist organization; it has been at war with Turkey for decades. Reuters reported that the YPG plans on expanding to more than 100,000 troops, from its current level of about 60,000.

But it isn't only Israel and the US who seek greater influence with the Kurds. As Reuters also reported this week, Russia is moving to train Kurdish fighters in northwestern Syria in what YPG spokesman Redur Xelil called "the first [agreement] of its kind."

Dr. Sherkoh Abbas, president of the Kurdistan National Assembly of Syria (KNAS) umbrella organization, told JNS.org that he has shared his ideas about the region with Trump administra-

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Aftab Ahmed; Arshad Ahmed a/k/a Arshad Ahmad; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 9, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 4, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 17 Brighton 3rd Lane, 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Section 26 Block 8663 Lot 296. Approximate amount of judgment \$515,145.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 507531/2014. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 22, 2017 AJ 3/31; 4/7/14/21

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF8 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against GLENDA BENT A/K/A GLENDER BENT; LEELA BENT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 6, 2017. 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 4th day of May, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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. Said premises known as 1349 Brooklyn Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. Block: 4970, Lot: 70). Approximate amount of lien \$ 458,901.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 502674-13. Philip Kamaras, 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 3/31; 4/7/14/21

tion officials. Abbas said that he urged Trump officials to implement safe zones in Syria, and told Trump staffers that the Kurds are more reliable allies than other resistance fighters in Syria.

Abbas said that his organization has been trying to recruit a delegation of Syrian Kurds to visit the West, or even Israel, for meetings in order to forge an alliance. Regarding Israeli support for Syrian Kurds, he said that Israel "is reluctant because of Iran-PYD connections and its efforts to remain on good terms with the Arabs and Turks."

Yet Abbas argued that the US and Israel should prioritize supporting the Kurds, because they could help break up the Iran-Hezbollah land corridor that stretches from Iran to Lebanon, and now reaches Israel's borders.

"The Kurds," he said, "are the natural allies for America and Israel."