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Indian PM Hails Israeli Heroes as 'Inspiration'



Indian PM Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu at Ben-Gurion International Airport. Photo: Modi's Twitter account.

**BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY**

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was warmly greeted in Israel on Tuesday, as he arrived at Ben-Gurion International Airport to kick off a historic three-day visit to the Jewish state.

"A strong and resilient relationship with Israel will be my intent and focus," Modi said at a

welcome ceremony attended by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and other dignitaries.

"Alongside building a partnership of shared economic prosperity, we are also cooperating to secure our societies against common threats, such as terrorism," Modi — the first sitting Indian prime minister to travel to Israel — noted.

"Today is July 4," Modi said. "Exactly 41 years ago, since Opera-

tion Entebbe. The day, when your prime minister and my friend Bibi lost his elder brother Yonatan while saving the lives of so many Israeli hostages. Your heroes are an inspiration for the younger generations."

In his own remarks at the ceremony, Netanyahu said to Modi, "We receive you with open arms. We love India. We admire your culture, we admire your

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Joint Modi-Netanyahu Op-Ed Hails 'Natural Partnership'

BY BEN COHEN

As Narendra Modi arrived in Israel on Tuesday for the historic first-ever official visit by a sitting Indian prime minister to the Jewish state, India's most venerable newspaper published an opinion piece jointly authored by Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu in which they hailed the alliance between their two countries.

"The natural partnership between India and Israel, formally elevated 25 years ago to full diplomatic relations, has grown stronger from year to year," the two premiers



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu greets his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi at Ben-Gurion International Airport on Tuesday. Photo: Screenshot.

wrote in *The Times of India* (ToI). "The deep connection between our peoples reflects our many similarities in spirit, if not in size. Ours are two modern, vibrant democracies that draw on our rich historical traditions while striving to seize the promise of the future for our peoples."

India's emergence as an independent state on the global stage has paralleled that of Israel — both nations liberated themselves from British imperial rule within a year of each other, in 1947-48. But during the Cold War, India was broadly

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Opinion.

A Historical Perspective on Modi's Visit to Israel



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This week's historic visit to Israel by India's prime minister has revived memories of my previous associations with Indian leaders and the Indian Jewish community during the 1980s.

At that time, India was still a leader of the Non-Aligned Movement, and dependent upon Arab oil and expatriate income from the Gulf states. India also had to accommodate a population of more than 140 million Muslims.

I will never forget my unpleasant meeting with the country's late prime minister, Indira Gandhi, at her home in New Delhi on December 21, 1981. She bitterly claimed that American Jews had turned the US government and media against her, because they opposed her policies toward Israel. The discussion became hostile, and — despite her claim to like Jews — she came close to becoming antisemitic.

I reminded her, to no avail, that during her childhood in the United Kingdom, Anglo Jews such as the late Harold Laski — a leading professor of political science at the London School of Economics — were among the most fervent supporters of Indian independence. That meeting left me deeply distressed and pessimistic about prospects for the future of

Indian-Israeli relations.

India's policy during the Six-Day War and Yom Kippur War basically echoed the Soviet line on Israel. During her years in power, Mrs. Gandhi sought to strengthen Indian support for the Arab world and intensified her hostility against Israel. When her son Rajiv became prime minister following her assassination in 1984, he maintained her anti-Israel policies; if anything, he even intensified them.

Yet India is also one country that never had a record of antisemitism, and — unlike Muslims and Christians — Hindus never saw themselves as triumphant over Judaism.

Although the bulk of the Indian Jewish community made aliyah, they did so freely, and the remnant of the ancient Jewish community of Bene Israel — which claims ancestry back to the Lost Tribes of Israel — still maintain their synagogues and community centers.

For many years, I continued to advocate for a change in Indian policy toward Israel. This did not happen. But the collapse of the Soviet Union in the 1990s had global implications.

In November 1991, at the request of Dr. Moshe Yegar of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, I sought a meeting with the newly elected Indian prime minister, P. V. Narasimha Rao. Yegar had met him in July 1991 following the kidnapping of Israeli tourists in Kashmir, but the meeting deteriorated into a diatribe against Israel on Palestinian rights.

The timing for my requested meeting was problematic, because Rao had just been elected a few months earlier — in June 1991.

However, thanks to the combined intervention of US Congressman Stephen Solarz, then head of the House Asian and Pacific Affairs Subcommittee, and then-Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans, my request for an audience was reluctantly granted.

The meeting between Rao and myself was the first in many years between an Indian prime minister and a global Jewish representative. And it became clear very quickly that Rao was far more receptive to my message than his predecessors.

At the time, I reported — on behalf of the World Jewish Congress — that the situation in India was “much more promising” for Indian-Israeli relations. I said that there was “no personal, irrational impediment to improved ties with Israel. ... The fact that Rao agreed to the meeting at a highly inconvenient time for himself ... indicates the seriousness he attaches to improved ties with world Jewry as an important element in India's orientation in the post-Cold War era. This, in itself, is highly encouraging and augurs well for the future.”

But in the years that followed, there were only minor changes and no substantive improvement to India's policies. While agreeing to expand the Israeli consulates in Kerala and Mumbai, the deputy foreign minister stressed that India would not even contemplate full diplomatic relations with Israel until substantial progress was achieved in the peace process with the Palestinians.

In early 1992, again through the intervention of Evans and Solarz, Rao granted me



India Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (left) with Shah Reza Pahlavi of Iran (center) and Farah Pahlavi (right) in 1970. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

another interview. This took place two weeks prior to a critical visit that he was to make to the United States. The dialogue was extremely tense and Rao clearly sought to conclude his meeting with me.

I then took one of the greatest political gambles of my life, and told Rao that I was no longer conveying a formal message — neither from the World Jewish Congress nor the Israeli government — but spoke as a private citizen. I told him that I was confident that if diplomatic relations were to be postponed prior to his arrival in the US, he would find himself treated like Saddam Hussein, and as an utter pariah. I will never forget the sudden silence that my outburst provoked.

The Australian ambassador, whom I had urged not to participate in the meeting, sat there paralyzed. Rao, after a few moments, responded to my impertinence. Although

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New York Times Video Touts Iran's 'Counterterrorism' Strategy



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The *New York Times* is trying to save its troubled business by expanding both internationally and into video.

If a recent *Times* video about what the newspaper calls Iranian “counterterrorism” is any example, though, both moves risk backfiring.

The print *Times* isn't exactly a paragon of journalistic excellence. But even by the low standards of the *Times* in print, the Iran video, which was getting big promotional play on the *Times* online homepage, seems way off base.

The video lists a variety of what it calls Iranian “counterterrorism” tactics, among them “backing Shi'ite militant groups like Hezbollah,” “working with al Qaeda extremists,” and “internal monitoring” to “arrest and interrogate” political opponents.

To American or Israeli ears, this sounds strange, to say the least, and maybe there is some kind of story there, a story like “Iran tries to whitewash its support for terrorism under the guise of ‘counterterrorism.’”

At moments in the video, the *Times* seems hazily cognizant of this irony. The video is headlined “How Iran Fights — and Aligns With — Terrorists,” and some additional text says, “Iran's leaders use elaborate anti-terror methods to thwart its enemies, from backing militant groups like Hezbollah to working

with Al Qaeda — when it's convenient. We explain their unconventional strategy.”

One expert interviewed about the Quds Force, a subdivision of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, says, “The Quds Force is one of the most active counterterrorism groups and units in Iran but ironically it is also one of the units that is in charge of helping terrorist groups like Hezbollah beyond Iran's borders.”

“Ironically,” indeed, though the *Times* itself seems to prefer describing Hezbollah as a “militant” group rather than the terrorists they are.

The video also notes, about the “internal monitoring,” “critics say this intelligence is a double edged sword and has been used to monitor political dissidents and crush opposition to the government.”



Iranian Quds Force Commander Qassem Soleimani. Photo: Twitter

That's true. The *Times* should be able to say so in its own voice without the cowardly dodge of hiding behind the phrase “critics say.”

The video concludes by portraying Iran primarily as a victim of terrorism rather than as a perpetrator. “Iran has been and very much remains a target,” the video says.

The *New York Times* journalist who produced the video, Nilo Trabrizy, is a Canadian who was born in Iran, according to her Twitter feed. According to her LinkedIn bio, she graduated from the University of British Columbia in 2011 and worked afterward at *Al Jazeera* and at Vice News.

In her Twitter feed, Tabrizy also claims credit for pronouncing the country “Qatar” “like a Persian” in this other *Times* video, a highly sympathetic look at *Al Jazeera*. She isn't credited in the video, which doesn't disclose that she used to work there.

Maybe the *Times* thinks it can grow its audience with video content sympathetic to Iran or *Al Jazeera*. And perhaps it can. But it also risks alienating its traditional audience of American readers. It is, after all, the *New York Times*, not the *Tehran Times*. While the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, took place long enough ago that they were ten years before this *Times* video producer even graduated from college, they are nonetheless remembered well enough in the hometown of the *New York Times* that at least some viewers will be justifiably unsettled by this video that describes “working with al Qaeda extremists” as an “anti-terror” tactic.

World News.

Hezbollah Chief Nasrallah Invites Iran-Backed Shia Terrorist Groups Into Lebanon

BY BEN COHEN

Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah – the leader of the Shia Islamist Hezbollah organization in Lebanon – has dropped any pretense of independence from his paymasters in Iran with his offer to open Lebanese borders to Shia fighters from around the region, a leading Israeli national security analyst said on Monday.

In a briefing published by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs (JCPA), former IDF officer Brig-Gen. (ret.) Dr. Shimon Shapira said that Iran had “received an open invitation to fight Israel with the ‘Shi’ite Legion’ which was established under the command of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards’ Corps Quds Force commander, Qassem Soleimani, who is now fighting in Iraq and Syria.”

In a recent speech marking “Al Quds Day,”

Nasrallah “threatened that during the next war with Israel he would open the borders of Lebanon to tens of thousands of fighters from Yemen, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq,” Shapira said.

Nasrallah is again “threatening to violate Lebanon’s border once again toward Israel in the south, and he is inviting foreign, non-Lebanese, forces to take part in the war with Israel,” Shapira said.

Already, Shapira noted, Iran has established in Lebanon “an extensive military industry based on missile manufacturing and production of other weapons.”

On Monday, the head of the IDF’s Military Intelligence Directorate, Maj. Gen. Herzi Halevi, confirmed reports leaked to a Kuwaiti newspaper, Al Jarida, that an Iranian weapons factory in Lebanon was established on the instructions of the IRGC, and not Hezbollah.

Israel’s Efforts to Join US Visa Waiver Program Hit Snag

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli efforts to be included in the US Visa Waiver Program have hit a snag, Israel Hayom reported Tuesday.

The Visa Waiver Program enables nationals of 38 participating countries to travel to the US for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without first obtaining entry visas. Israel has tried to join the program for years, throughout the tenures of several US presidents, but has always been turned down.

Israel’s Foreign Ministry was hopeful that the Trump administration would grant Israelis the coveted waivers, but the process stalled over the American demand to include Israeli citizens in the US fingerprints database. This means allowing Israel’s

national fingerprint database to be fully accessible to the FBI’s Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System — a matter that raises privacy issues.

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely, who is spearheading the effort to include Israel in the waiver program, said acceding to the American demand would require a legislative change in Israel. She said a special team within the Foreign Ministry was trying to find a solution.

“The addition of Israel to the list of countries included in the Visa Waiver Program would be an important achievement for the deep friendship between Israel and the United States,” Hotovely said. “Under the Trump administration, I believe there is a great chance that we can make progress on this issue.”

partner with, to advance to the next level of growth and development in terms of agriculture, water, tech, higher education and defense.”

Israel and India were even cooperating “in Bollywood and films,” Sharma noted.

The supply of clean water in India will be a major issue during Modi’s three-day visit.

“Israel’s extreme water crises in the past place it in a unique position to understand India’s quest for efficient water solutions,” Modi and Netanyahu wrote. “The cost effective adaptation of Israeli technology to India’s needs could create new solutions that we could use to help address the water challenges of other developing nations across the globe.”

Sharma said there was little evidence of nostalgia in India for the country’s previous harsh attitude toward Israel.

“Under Modi, growth, development and nationalism have overtaken the concerns of the political left” in India, he observed.

Veteran Jewish Journalist Expresses Concern Over Antisemitism in Hungary



Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban (right) shares a slice of cake with antisemitic journalist Zsolt Bayer. Photo: Screenshot

BY BEN COHEN

A prominent Jewish journalist who survived Nazi rule in both Austria and Hungary has expressed strong concern over Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s forthcoming visit to Budapest, following recent inflammatory statements by Hungary’s right-wing nationalist Prime Minister Viktor Orban linked to the ongoing rehabilitation of wartime dictator Miklos Horthy.

“It is worrying to me that Prime Minister Netanyahu will visit Hungary,” Karl Pfeifer – author of several exposes of right and left-wing antisemitism in Austria, Germany and Hungary – told The Algemeiner on Monday. The Israeli prime minister is scheduled to arrive in Budapest on July 18.

Pfeifer noted that Israel’s Ambassador in Budapest, Yossi Armani, was compelled to vent his frustrations on national television after receiving no response from Hungarian officials regarding his concerns about Orban’s speech on June 21, in which he praised Horthy, a nationalist conservative who took power in 1919 and allied Hungary with Adolf Hitler’s regime in 1938.

“That history did not bury us after World War I is down to a few exceptional statesmen like Miklos Horthy,” Orban declared. “That fact cannot be negated by Hungary’s mournful role in World War II.” Only after Armani warned that the speech might impact the meeting between Netanyahu and Orban did he receive a call from Hungary’s foreign minister, Peter Szijjarto. Israel then accepted Szijjarto’s reassurances that Hungary had “zero tolerance” for antisemitism, despite his description of Horthy during the same conversation as having had “positive periods but also very negative periods.”

Pfeifer argued that Orban’s enthusiasm for Horthy is an integral part of what he sees as the Hungarian Prime Minister’s xenophobic world view. In one oft-cited example of this, when speaking to business leaders in February, Orban repeated the phrase “It is very important to preserve our ethnic homogeneity” several times.

“Orban, who is propagating ‘ethnic purity,’ embraced a few days ago (Turkish President

Recep Tayyip) Erdogan, when these two isolated politicians met in Ankara,” Pfeifer observed.

While Erdogan has not shied away from explicit antisemitism, Orban has been more cautious when it comes to making statements that are uncomplicatedly antisemitic. However, some of his closest friends and allies, among them leading Hungarian journalist Zsolt Bayer, have made viciously antisemitic statements without any response from Orban.

In a speech last year, Bayer asked, “Why are we surprised that the simple peasant whose experience was that the Jews broke into his village, beat his priest to death, threatened to convert his church into a movie theater – why do we find it shocking that twenty years later he watched without pity as the gendarmes dragged the Jews away from his village?”

“Will Netanyahu now give Orban a teudat kashrut (kosher certificate)?” pointedly asked Pfeifer, who survived Nazi occupation both in his native Vienna and later on in Budapest, before breaking the British immigration blockade to reach Mandate Palestine in 1943 and going on to serve in the Palmach during Israel’s War of Independence.

The issue of Horthy’s relationship with the Nazis and his role in the Holocaust has been the subject of bitter debate among historians. While Horthy was never a Nazi, he presided over the “White Terror” of 1919 and 1920 that followed the defeat of a communist revolution, during which 5,000 Jews were murdered and many thousands more injured and left destitute by the violence.

A self-declared antisemite, Horthy’s anti-communism made him a natural ally for Hitler. As a client state of Nazi Germany, Horthy’s Hungary introduced more than 300 pieces of antisemitic legislation while resisting German entreaties to deport Hungarian Jews to the Nazi concentration camps. In March 1944, Horthy – who had realized that Hitler was losing the war and had been reaching out to the Allies – was overthrown in a Nazi-sponsored coup. Nearly 500,000 Hungarian Jews were deported to Auschwitz between May and July 1944, during the Nazi occupation that followed.

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aligned with the Soviet bloc and the Arab states, and complete diplomatic relations with Israel were not established until 1992.

Of all of India’s recent leaders, Modi has been the most committed to strategic partnership with Israel.

“Under Prime Minister Modi, I see India and Israel getting closer due to the enduring set of shared values and interests, as Israel has with the United States,” Prof. Dinesh Sharma – an expert on India-Israel relations based at the Institute of Global Cultural Studies at SUNY-Binghamton – told The Algemeiner on Tuesday. “Modi has worked with Israel going back to when he was chief minister of the [Indian state of] Gujarat and visited Israel in 2006.”

“India is maturing as an economy and society; it is a rising power in Asia and beyond,” Sharma said. “So it needs allies like Israel to

World News.



A view of Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

European Medical Society Recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

BY JNS.ORG

The Israel Heart Society (IHS) has successfully petitioned the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The recognition came through ESC's approval of an official document that also included an apology from the organization for previously referring to Tel Aviv as the capital of Israel.

At an ESC conference next month in Barcelona, the medical association will acknowledge its recognition of Jerusalem in the "parade of capitals" of its member states, and will also designate one of the conference's lecture venues as "Jerusalem Hall." About 30,000 people are expected to participate in the event.

"We are happy that we succeeded in

raising the prestige of Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, in the minds of the ESC and correcting this 'political' injustice that has no place in medicine or any other international arena," said IHS President Prof. Ran Kornowski, Yedioth Ahronoth reported.

The medical society's move comes as a growing number of nations are recognizing Jerusalem, which Israel reunified during the 1967 Six-Day War, as the Jewish state's capital. Recent recognitions of Jerusalem's capital status have been made by the government of Vanuatu, the Czech Parliament and the Russian Foreign Ministry. Russia's move only applied to western Jerusalem, rather than the portion of the city Israel captured in 1967. The US does not recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital.

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Rao kept his cool and responded courteously, I left the meeting shaken, believing that I had crossed a red line and would have to bear the consequences.

To my astonishment and joy, weeks later — just prior to Rao's departure for the United States — India announced full diplomatic relations with Israel. Yegar at the Israeli Foreign Ministry subsequently wrote that he felt my meeting had played a critical role in consolidating Rao's decision to upgrade India's relationship with Israel to full ambassadorial level.

I subsequently flew again to India, met Rao — who had enjoyed a successful visit to the US — thanked him for his support, and conveyed to him Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's appreciation for India's vote in the UN for the repeal of the Resolution 3379, which determined that "Zionism is a form of racism and racial discrimination."

Now, a quarter of a century later, Israel can be proud of an excellent relationship with India — a country with a population of 1.3 billion and with one of the world's fastest expanding economies. India will inevitably

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history, your democracy, your commitment to progress. We view you as kindred spirits in our common quest to provide a better future for our peoples and for our world."

Netanyahu, the Hebrew news site *Walla* reported, had ordered his staff to give Modi

become a superpower.

Upon completion of their military service, many Israelis have enjoyed prolonged visits to India and built up people-to-people relationships. Israel and India have developed a very powerful defense relationship, and our countries have also become major trading partners. Politically, India is also beginning to publicly demonstrate its affinity toward Israel.

Nothing highlights this progress more than the historic first visit to Israel of an Indian prime minister — Narendra Modi, who proudly and openly declares his friendship with Israel and emphasizes the importance of our mutual ties. When critics and doomsday prophets remonstrate that Israel is facing political isolation, one need only look at the rapidly improving relations between Israel and nations in Africa and the Asia-Pacific region. Among these countries, the first and foremost is India. Those of us who were involved in promoting relations between the countries in the 1980s and 1990s never dreamed how strong and important those ties would become in just a few decades.

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the same red-carpet treatment US President Donald Trump received when he stopped in Israel in May during his first overseas trip since taking office.

Later on Tuesday, in Jerusalem, Modi and Netanyahu visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and the grave of Zionist visionary Theodor Herzl.

UN Ambassador Haley Slams Upcoming UNESCO Hebron Vote as 'Wasted Symbolic Action,' Urges Focus on 'Precious Sites Under Real Threat of Destruction'

BY BEN COHEN

The US Ambassador to the UN, Nikki Haley, has strongly criticized the Palestinian campaign for the Tomb of the Patriarchs and the Old City in the West Bank town of Hebron to be recognized as "Endangered World Heritage Sites" by UNESCO, the UN's global cultural agency.

The Palestinian proposal is scheduled to be put to a vote on Friday, during the 41st meeting of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee which began last Sunday in the Polish city of Krakow.

In a letter addressed to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova — a copy of which was seen by *The Algemeiner* — Haley stated the Tomb of Patriarchs, which is "sacred to three faiths, is under no immediate threat." To designate it as an "endangered" site, Haley said, risks "undermining the seriousness such an assessment by UNESCO should have."

"Many precious sites — from the Democratic Republic of Congo to Libya to Iraq to Syria — are under real and imminent threat of destruction today," Haley said. "They urgently demand UNESCO's full and immediate attention, which should not be wasted on this sort of symbolic action."

A key holy site for the Jewish faith under Israeli control since 1967, the Tomb of the

Patriarchs — known as the Machpelah Cave in Hebrew — houses the tombs of Abraham and his wife Sarah, their son Isaac, and their grandson Jacob and his wife Leah.

Since 2009, when the "State of Palestine" gained entry to UNESCO, the Palestinian strategy has been to force UNESCO to consider Jewish holy sites such as the Cave of the Patriarchs and the Western Wall in Jerusalem — which they refer to as the "Al-Buraq Wall" — as Palestinian world heritage sites.

In May, as Israel celebrated its 69th Independence anniversary, UNESCO approved a resolution that condemned what it called Israel's "illegal" presence in Jerusalem.

That resolution stated that "all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, the occupying Power, which have altered or purport to alter the character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and in particular the 'basic law' on Jerusalem, are null and void and must be rescinded forthwith."

Holy sites outside Jerusalem were also included in the resolution. Two shrines sacred to Jews — the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron and Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem — were defined by the resolution as the "two Palestinian sites of *Al-Haram Al-Ibrahimi/Tomb of the Patriarchs* in Al-Khalil/Hebron and the *Bilal Ibn Rabah Mosque/Rachel's Tomb* in Bethlehem." Both, the resolution said, "are an integral part of the Occupied Palestinian Territory."

As Modi Visits Israel, Indian Media Stresses Jewish State's Role in Developing Clean Water Supply

BY BEN COHEN

Helping India to secure a reliable and efficient supply of clean water is one of the major goals of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic 3-day official visit to Israel, which began on Tuesday.

"An arid country that has managed to turn into a horticultural wonderland, Israel is known for its cutting-edge irrigation technology," The Economic Times of India noted in one of several reports and features in the Indian media on Israeli water technology. "And PM Modi is likely to bring that technology and expertise to India."

The article emphasized the difference that Israeli technology can make to India's rural areas. "Israel is already helping Indian farmers grow better produce with cost-efficient means," it said. "Under the India-Israel Agriculture Project, Israel has been setting up centres of excellence in agriculture since 2008. Out of the proposed 26 such centres, 15 have already been set up."

"This technology can help water-starved regions in India, especially Marathwada in Maharashtra and Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh," the article continued.

The Times of India noted: "Agriculture

and water will be the dominant themes for Modi's first visit to Israel. The two countries will sign a strategic partnership for water and agriculture, as India works to pull its own agriculture and water sector out of a historical quagmire. Israel is a good place to start — this water-scarce nation is now a global leader in water technologies."

Last week, the Indian cabinet approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Israel on water conservation.

"As part of the MoU, the governments intend to achieve several objectives such as putting water conservation on the national agenda in India, encouraging each citizen to save water in everyday life, promoting its re-use, recharge and recycling," a statement announcing the agreement stated.



NETANYAHU WELCOMES HIS 'FRIEND'

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Israel. Photo: Screenshot

U.S. News.

Top ACLU Official: Israel 'Exploiting' Antisemitism to 'Encourage' Jewish Immigration

BY BEN COHEN

A high-level official at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has accused the Israeli government of exploiting antisemitism so as to secure greater Jewish immigration to Israel – leading one senior Jewish human rights advocate to counter that the veteran civil rights organization is actively compromising the fight against anti-Jewish prejudice.

"He has an important position within the ACLU and one would hope he would use that platform to fight antisemitism, rather than making it harder for those of us who are trying to do so," antisemitism expert Kenneth Marcus told The Algemeiner on Monday, following a tweet on Sunday from Jamal Dakwar – the director of the ACLU's Human Rights Program – that "Israeli leaders exploit horrible acts of anti-Semitism to encourage Jews to move to Israel."

Dakwar added, "Judaism ≠ [does not equal] Zionism, Anti-Zionism ≠ [does not equal] Anti-Semitism."

The tweet was a comment attached to a short video on the nature of antisemitism by the British pundit, Mehdi Hasan, that was broadcast by the Qatari-funded Al Jazeera network. Acknowledging that antisemitism is a form of racism – "no ifs, no buts" – Hasan then presented the problem as largely concerned with the far right, tying it heavily to the election of US President Donald Trump last November. Antisemitism on the left was mentioned in passing, while antisemitism among European Muslims was not discussed at all, with Hasan describing the terror attack on the Hypercacher supermarket in January 2015 as "the attack on a Jewish supermarket in Paris," without mentioning that the perpetrators were Islamist terrorists.

Antisemitic Banner Posted at New Jersey Holocaust Memorial

BY JNS.ORG

Vandals posted an antisemitic banner over the weekend on a Holocaust memorial outside a synagogue in Lakewood, N.J.

The Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) New Jersey chapter published photos of the banner, which read, "(((HEEB))) WILL NOT DIVIDE US."

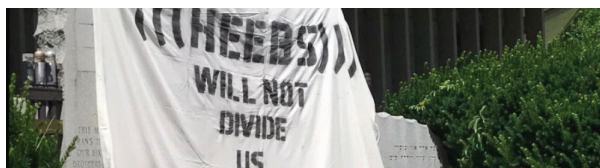
"Residents, elected officials, community/religious leaders must offer full-throated condemnation of this antisemitic attack in #Lakewood," the ADL tweeted Sunday. New Jersey Attorney General Christopher Porrino called the vandalism "sickening," and the state's authorities announced a \$10,000 reward for anyone who submitted information leading to the conviction of the culprits.

The banner appeared just days after seven Jewish couples from Lakewood, including a rabbi and his wife, were charged with misrepresenting their incomes to receive a combined \$2 million in welfare benefits. The couples were arrested in Lakewood last week, and were released without bail after appearing in court.

In another recent antisemitic incident in Lakewood, fliers referring to the arrests of the Jewish couples were placed on dozens of cars. The pamphlets read, "Thieving Jews near you \$2 million stolen."

It has not been determined if the two incidents are connected, but both the banner and fliers contained links to a website operated by a white nationalist group known for racist campaigns.

According to the ADL's annual audit of antisemitic incidents, the first quarter of this year saw an 86-percent increase in antisemitic incidents across the US from the same period in 2016.



The anti-Semitic banner posted on a Holocaust memorial in Lakewood, NJ. Photo: ADL New Jersey.

Breaking the Silence Faces Wave of Event Cancellations in Israel

BY JNS.ORG

An event featuring Breaking the Silence, an organization that promotes criticism of the IDF, was canceled at Kibbutz Neve Ur in northern Israel Monday due to pressure from kibbutz residents.

The decision follows a wave of similar cancellations of events featuring the controversial group in kibbutzim and other small communities. Breaking the Silence collects testimonies from former Israeli soldiers on

alleged human rights violations against Palestinians in the disputed territories.

All of the canceled Breaking the Silence events were initially planned to be held in public buildings. Faced with fierce resistance from residents, some of the meetings were forced to move to private homes or rented auditoriums. In one kibbutz, event planners rented an auditorium in a nearby hotel, and in another, the conference was moved from the kibbutz meeting hall to another facility sponsored by the area's regional council.

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Opinion.

Where Are the Moderate Muslims?

MICHAEL L. WISE
NEW YORK

Many people claim that Islam is a religion of peace. And we all know that many Muslims are peace-loving, productive members of society, who don't want Shariah law to take precedence over secular law.

But, unfortunately, in recent years, these "moderate" Muslims have taken a back-seat to organizations led by strict Wahhabis, Salafi jihadists, Shia ayatollahs and leaders of terror groups that want to topple the West, impose Sharia law on the world and establish an Islamic caliphate.

The world of Islam is in the midst of a violent storm, which has its roots in Islam's 7th century violent expansion from Mecca to the Middle East, northern Africa to Spain, southern France to the gates of Vienna, and to central India and western China. Internal Muslim violence goes back almost 1,400 years — to the battle for succession after Muhammad's death. The growth and spread of Islam is one of the bloodiest chronicles in world history.

Today, Muslims are slaughtering each other and their neighbors in 50 countries

around the world. Shiites are massacring Sunnis. Turks are killing Kurds. ISIS is beheading Yazidis and killing Bedouins, and the Muslim Brotherhood is blowing up Coptic churches. Civil wars have flared-up in Libya, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Kashmir, Sudan, South Sudan, Turkey, Mali, Chad, Algeria, Morocco, Bahrain and Egypt. Suicide bombers are committing atrocities in Syria, Pakistan, India, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia, Bangladesh and all over the world.

Boko Haram in Nigeria and groups in southern Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines and Indonesia are rioting or attempting to overthrow regimes. The stability of Jordan, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States is always in question. "Lone-wolf" Muslim terrorists are active in the US, Canada, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Russia and Scandinavian countries. One of the most violent, untold massacres in human history is the millions of Hindus murdered by Muslims in India over the past millennia. The Hindus have not forgotten.

Many of today's 50 Muslim countries deny the most fundamental rights to minorities, women, non-Muslims and LGBT communities. Yet the UN and other international bodies, countries and NGOs ignore all of these crimes, and continue to make apologies for people who are committing



The cover of a Koran. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

these grave offenses in the name of Islam. In contrast, Israel — a tiny country of 8.6 million people, where the 20% minority Muslim population has full civil and religious rights — is continuously condemned by the UN and other international organizations as a violent and racist state.

To many Muslims — especially radical Islamists — Jewish sovereignty in any part of the Holy Land is a red line that cannot be crossed. The mere existence of a Jewish State in the Middle East is totally unacceptable to their Islamic doctrine. As a consequence, Jews in Israel have been subjected to violence, murder and destruction. And until that doctrine undergoes reformation, the "religion of peace" will view the Jewish state as an

unacceptable intruder in the Middle East.

This is the true heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was very prescient to demand that any peace agreement include the formal recognition of Israel as a Jewish state — because violence and war by internal and external Muslim terrorist organizations and by neighboring Muslim countries have remained an inescapable barrier to a final status peace agreement.

Israel has no choice but to protect its existence as the Jewish homeland, against all those who wish to destroy it. Genuine peace can only come after hostility from Islamists ends. Violence, incitement and anti-Jewish diatribes preached by Muslim and Palestinian leaders must stop.

Ultimately, the transition of Islam to a true religion of peace will end conflicts in Muslim societies, the Middle East and elsewhere. Shias and Sunnis will stop killing each other, and civil wars will end. ISIS will be defeated. And the Muslim world and local Arab leaders will formally accept the reality of the Jewish state of Israel.

We can hope that — in the near future — the influence of global communications, the internet and social networks can help trigger a 21st century Islamic reformation. In past centuries and millennia, Islam's elder brethren — Judaism and Christianity — underwent significant reforms that helped lay the foundation of the modern world. The time has now come for Islam to become a genuine religion of peace.

New Documentary Tells the Truth About Gaza

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AUSTRALIA

The Gaza Strip has been a flashpoint between Israelis and Palestinian Arabs for many years — but especially since 2005, when Israel unilaterally withdrew its military and civilians from the territory it had conquered in the Six-Day War. The Israeli withdrawal — calculated at once to divest Israel of the headache of ruling a tinderbox and as an earnest gesture of goodwill — actually proved a fillip for Hamas, the radical Islamic movement that is committed in its charter to destroy Israel, and murder the country's Jews.

As a history lesson, it's important to know that since its founding in 1988, Hamas has been a challenger to Fatah — a party founded by Yasser Arafat, and the dominant power within the Palestinian Authority. Indeed, in 2007, Hamas seized control of Gaza, ejecting Fatah forces and throwing their officials and loyalists from the tops of buildings. After the coup, rocket fire into Israel increased exponentially, leading to three major Israeli military incursions into Gaza since then. The latest, the Gaza War of 2014 and the issues arising from it, are the subject of a new documentary produced by Robert Magid.

Eyeless in Gaza investigates how the outside world and mainstream media outlets arrive at the popular perceptions that have prevailed over the Gaza conflict. At its basic core, the prevalent international perception of Gaza is of a dominant Israeli power, unwilling to grant independence to stateless Palestinian

Arabs, who have taken up arms as a result. As a corollary, there is much sympathy for the residents of Gaza, who have found themselves in the midst of Israeli-Palestinian firefights. There is also much anger against any Israeli military action, which results in dead and shattered Gazan lives. It is the contention of *Eyeless in Gaza* that this version of events is the product, in large part, of profoundly and systemically flawed international reportage and media bias.

Eyeless in Gaza opens with a flourish of footage from protest rallies against Israel during the 2014 war, seeking the origin of the passions that the conflict unleashed. The film then embarks on a journey through news footage; interviews with journalists, researchers and participants, both local and foreign; an examination of the methodology of reportage; and telling excerpts of Arabic language interviews with Hamas officials that undermine the prevalent international perception of Gaza.

There is a good deal of footage that may be familiar — of Hamas terror tunnels dug into Israel for mass-casualty attacks, mayhem on Gaza streets during fighting and injured Palestinian youth. But there is also much footage that will be new to many viewers, such as the lines of hundreds of trucks entering Gaza daily from Israel, filled with food and medicine.

No less interesting is the footage we do not tend to see — such as Hamas launching missiles from hospitals and schools, thereby endangering all non-combatants around them. Still more uncommon footage shows Israelis scrambling for bomb shelters as Hamas fires rocket barrages into Israeli towns. Equally rare are interviews and footage of Israel blanketing Gaza suburbs with leaflets



A Hamas terror tunnel that extends from the Gaza Strip into Israel. Photo: IDF Spokesperson.

informing residents of impending attacks on Hamas installations — showing that Israel takes all manner of measures to minimize civilian casualties.

Interviews with foreign reporters also show a good deal of censorship and self-censorship is at work; these reporters are clearly under Hamas intimidation. The little of what we do see of Hamas rockets launched from civilian neighborhoods and the like, emerge from reports filed only after the foreign journalists had left Gaza — and felt safe to share them with the world. Furthermore, much of the breaking news footage we tend to see, while presented by foreign media outlets, is not actually produced by them: it is Palestinian media sources who report the stories. Often times, they are already critical of Israel — or must, in any case, continue to live in the Hamas-controlled enclave of Gaza.

Hamas officials tend to be sufficiently savvy in foreign interviews, reliably reproducing a litany of Israeli sins and avoiding the more blood-curdling statements that emerge at their rallies — although the odd refusal to accept Israel's existence when pressed emerges from time to time. However, Hamas interviews with Arabic language media outlets shown here tell a different story — of unbridled hatred and antisemitic hallucinations of world Jewish control. Hamas figures speak of the Holocaust as simply an exaggerated episode in history, the product of a

stupendous Jewish conspiracy to frighten Jews into leaving Europe and taking over Palestine. They also tell stories of evil Jews having no *raison d'être* other than controlling the world through finance and vice.

That this thinking also infects Hamas' overseas supporters becomes evident in the case of Lauren Booth. Booth, sister-in-law of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and a convert to Islam — whom we see stridently supporting the "resistance" at a pro-Hamas rally in London at the start of the documentary — insists with calm certitude in an interview that BBC editorial policy on Israel is determined by the Israeli embassy.

It is to the documentary's credit that it seeks not only to expose that a systemic bias against Israel is at work in the international media, but to probe its origins. Here, the results are unnerving. The journalists concerned do not share the relative ignorance of the public they misinform. Therefore, one is obliged to conclude — as researcher Matt Friedman does when interviewed — that the media is not merely conforming to Hamas' wishes and directives in Gaza. Rather, it is predisposed to cooperating with Hamas in promoting a false narrative of Jewish moral failure in a conflict that is actually devoid of resolution so long as Palestinians insist on Israel's removal from the map.

The Jews as examples of moral failure has been a preoccupation of non-Jews for centuries. The late Irish statesman and scholar, Conor Cruise O'Brien, once wrote that the West tends to perceive Jews through the eyes of Christian antisemitism, which posits that the Jews were once holy people, who are now very unholy. *Eyeless in Gaza* shows that this thinking — what Friedman calls a "deep thought pattern" — often prevails when it comes to how stories about Israel are reported to the world.

As a corrective to a bias that poisons as it misinforms, *Eyeless in Gaza* is overdue — and has much to offer to viewers who are willing to keep an open mind.

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Opinion.

A Different Take on the Western Wall Controversy



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The headlines of the Jewish press this week were filled with stories about angry American Jews denouncing the Israeli government's decision regarding egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall.

Jerry Silverman, head of the Jewish Federations of North America, called the Israeli government's decision "a direct insult" to Diaspora Jewry, and vowed to launch a "campaign" to "fight back." Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the president of the Union for Reform Judaism, said that the battle to reverse the decision was "worth fighting for." And a statement issued by the top institutions of Conservative Judaism declared that "the rising influence of an intolerant religious establishment" — as exemplified by the Western Wall decision — was "an existential threat to [Israel's] future."

This week's other headlines, however, reported about threats to Israel that are genuinely existential — not merely a rhetorical flourish.

Mortar shells fired from Syria recently struck the Golan Heights on three consecutive days. A Hamas rocket hit the Sha'ar HaNegev region of southern Israel. There are new warnings of possible attacks on Israel's northern towns from southern Lebanon, where the Iranian proxy Hezbollah has positioned more than 100,000 missiles.

I understand that the Western Wall developments have ignited strong feelings in both camps. And I do not doubt the sincerity of those sentiments. I am not taking a position or advocating any particular proposal. I am merely asking everyone to keep a little perspective.

Jerry Silverman does not live on the Golan Heights, Rick Jacobs does not reside in Sha'ar HaNegev and the American leaders of Conservative Judaism do not live in towns along the Israel-Lebanon border.

They are talking a lot about "fighting." I admire their passion; something that is lacking in many American Jews. But Israeli Jews who could be hit by Syrian mortars or Hamas rockets are the ones doing the real fighting — for their lives.

Worrying every day about a rocket crashing into your child's kindergarten, or



The Western Wall in Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia

mortar fire sending your family racing to a bomb shelter, is very different from worrying about traffic on the Long Island Expressway or the difficulty of getting tickets to that hot new Broadway show.

I would have a lot more respect for Diaspora Jewish leaders if, in addition to launching a "campaign" over prayer regulations at the Western Wall, they would also launch a campaign against the international pressure on Israel to allow concrete into Gaza (where it is used to build terror tunnels). Or maybe if they launched a campaign for funds to build more bomb shelters to protect Israelis against Hezbollah missile strikes.

I am not one of those who say that the only people who have a right to express their views on Israel are those who live there. Nor am I minimizing the significance of the status of the Western Wall or the hurt feelings of some American Jews. I believe that Israel is a mature enough society to have a full and open discussion about issues such as the Western Wall controversy at the same time that it deals with national security threats.

But I also believe that Jews who live in the comfort and security of lush American suburbs should be mature enough to always keep in mind that our brothers and sisters (and, indeed, our children and grandchildren) in Israel are the ones whose fight should come first. Their lives are at stake.

So by all means, write and speak and argue about the Western Wall. But cool the rhetoric. Keep some perspective. Don't delude yourself into thinking that your quarrels are a battle over Israel's existence. There are genuine threats to Israel, and they have nothing to do with who prays where or when. Those Arab rockets, missiles and mortars are not aimed at one Jewish faction or another. They have all of our names on them.

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Palestinian Authority Falsely Blames Israel for Gaza Baby Deaths



ELDER OF ZION
NEW YORK

In response to a recent *Haaretz* article

showing that the Palestinian Authority (PA) has nearly stopped paying for Gaza medical patients to receive treatment in Israel, the PA responded exactly how one would expect:

It blamed Israel.

The PA claims that it is Israel — not the Palestinian government — that is preventing patients from being treated in Israel. A spokesman for the PA health department

Lawsuit Brings Day of Reckoning to Leading BDS Professor



CINNAMON STILLWELL-
LOS ANGELES

Rabab Abdulhadi, the director of San Francisco State University (SFSU)'s Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diaspora Initiative (AMED) — and a founding member of the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel — is feeling the heat.

The Lawfare Project is filing a lawsuit — in which Abdulhadi is named — against SFSU, alleging "a long and extensive history of cultivating anti-Semitism and overt discrimination against Jewish students" at the school.

At the same time, the joint Middle East Forum/Campus Watch (MEF/CW) campaign to end SFSU's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a terror-promoting Palestinian university is also moving forward. That MOU was brokered by Abdulhadi.

Meanwhile, a Launch Good campaign is underway to raise money for Abdulhadi's "legal defense fund." Abdulhadi's supporters claim that she has "filed several grievances" against SFSU due to a "hostile and unsafe work and study environment for Palestinians, Muslims, and Arabs on campus." Donations will allegedly go towards fighting "Islamophobia, anti-Arab discrimination, and hostility to Palestinians at SFSU campus [sic] and to supporting the AMED Studies program against destruction."

AMED, it should be noted, offers courses titled, "Islamophobia: Roots, Development, and Contestation of Hatred," "Comparative Border Studies: Palestine and Mexico," and "Colonialism, Imperialism, and Resistance," among others. The initiative also offers a scholarship named after the late Columbia University (and anti-Israel) professor, Edward Said.

Predictably, the Abdulhadi fundraising campaign accuses CW and MEF, among other "right-wing pro-Israel groups," of engaging in "relentless bullying" of the SFSU professor. Moreover, the accompanying video on the page makes the oft-repeated error of describing Freedom Center president David Horowitz as a co-founder of MEF. In fact, MEF president Daniel Pipes was the sole founder of

the MEF, and neither MEF nor CW's missions include being "right-wing" or "pro-Israel." MEF promotes American interests in the Middle East and tries to safeguard Western values, while Campus Watch critiques shoddy, politicized scholarship in the field of Middle East studies. Campus Watch's goal is not to be pro-Israel; it is to make sure that the truth is being told on college campuses.

This is not the first time that Abdulhadi's cohorts have responded to the legitimate questions about her activities with hysteria and smears — and it's unlikely to be the last. This time, however, Abdulhadi's chief complaint appears to be with her one-time ally, SFSU President (and MOU-facilitator) Leslie Wong.

According to the pro-Abdulhadi fundraising drive, she filed a grievance with SFSU in March 2017 that "will soon move into the hearing phase." Coming at the same time as the Lawfare Project's lawsuit, Wong must be feeling the pressure from both sides. Given Wong's dismissiveness towards the long-documented concerns about anti-Israel policies at SFSU, it couldn't happen to a more deserving individual.

Abdulhadi, meanwhile, can't escape the consequences of her role in SFSU's decline. Her false claims of victimhood and persecution have come full circle.

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San Francisco State University.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

explicitly denied that there was any change in their own policies.

But the *Haaretz* article was well-sourced. For example, Physicians for Human Rights — Israel documented that some 90% of Palestinian requests to the PA for medical treatment in Israel were being ignored. The article also featured interviews with a number of family members of sick children who spoke about their frustration regarding the sudden change in PA policy.

It is, of course, no coincidence that the PA's new policy towards patients in Gaza coincides with its policy limiting medicines, anesthesia and electricity in Gaza's hospitals.

The Palestinian Authority is literally complicit in killing its own people. But it is embarrassed when that fact is publicized.



A view of Gaza City. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Impressions.

New Leader of Campus Program Seeks to Highlight Israel's Diversity

BY ADAM ABRAMS /
JNS.ORG

The Israel Fellows program is a pro-Israel initiative that is active on more than 120 North American college campuses, and its new leader is seeking to raise awareness about the Jewish state's diversity.

"Israel is often stereotyped, but every Israeli is unique and together, they are a diverse people," said Michelle Rojas-Tal, the newly appointed director of the Israel Fellows program; the project is a joint initiative of the Jewish Agency for Israel and Hillel International.

"As someone who grew up in an interfaith family in inner-city New York, I genuinely relate to Israelis and the Israeli story. As a Jew, I am inspired to help other young people appreciate and build the connections they have to Israel."

The Israel Fellows program, which aims to help students make positive connections to Israel, currently deploys a network of 75 Israeli young profes-



Muhlenberg College students leaving for a Birthright Israel trip.
Photo: Facebook via Hillel: Taglit-Birthright Israel.

sionals who work at campus Hillel branches, support pro-Israel student groups, educate students about the Jewish state, and strive to protect campuses from anti-Israel activity and associated antisemitism. The fellows — who come from Ethiopian, Middle Eastern, Indian, European and central Asian backgrounds — also work to build pro-Israel coalitions with diverse allies.

Born to a Jewish mother and a Hispanic father, Rojas-Tal is an internationally acclaimed presenter and speaker; she previously spent the last decade as the diaspora education director for the pro-Israel group, StandWithUs International. In 2013, she was chosen as one of the *Jerusalem Post's* six "women to watch" in global Jewish leadership circles. Yahal Porat will serve alongside Rojas-Tal as the Israel Fellows program's new assistant director.

In her position with StandWithUs, Rojas-Tal advocated for Israel in South Africa, Australia, North America and Europe, where she said that she "taught and learned from so many people."

"The Israeli people are my motivation," Rojas-Tal told *JNS.org*. "I wasn't taught to love Israel as a child. I fell in love with Israel as a young adult at Hillel, when I learned about Israel as a real and complex place."

Rojas-Tal said that her first priority is "to empower the 75 Israel Fellows," who cultivate relationships with more than 17,000 students and recruit thousands of young Jews to participate in Birthright Israel trips, as well as other immersive programs involving travel to Israel. The fellows serve for up to three years.

Israel Fellows also organize campus events in which students from different cultures can discover shared values with the Jewish state, fostering a climate of mutual respect. For instance, Shachar Levi, an Israel

Why Netanyahu Did It: The Brutal Truth on Israel and the Diaspora

BY JONATHAN S. TOBIN/JNS.org

Non-Orthodox Jews are angry about the Israeli government's decision to go back on its word, and reject the idea of a new egalitarian prayer space at the Western Wall. Reform and Conservative Jewish leaders says that the move by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his cabinet will damage Jewish unity and undermine support for Israel in the US.

But while those affiliated with the Reform and Conservative movements have every right to be upset, what most of them don't understand is why Netanyahu did it. It's not because he doesn't care about the diaspora. Rather, the decision was the result of a cynical political struggle in which one side has power and the other does not.

As critics of Netanyahu's decision attempt to make their voices heard in Israel, they need to understand the context of this controversy and other religious pluralism issues that are further widening the divide between American Jews and Israel.

Those Israelis who wish to rationalize the government's decision may think that Israel should actively ignore and disdain the views of the overwhelming majority of religiously affiliated American Jews, who identify as non-Orthodox. Many Israelis, especially those on the right — who see liberal Americans as sympathetic to the Israeli left — wrongly link pluralism to the debate about the conflict with the Palestinians. Others think that the non-Orthodox are rapidly assimilating into American society, and should be written off.

Both of these excuses don't stand up to scrutiny. Netanyahu and the Israeli right are unpopular among American Jews. But even those Jews who oppose Netanyahu and the Israeli right still represent the backbone of pro-Israel groups like AIPAC. Though support for Israel from conservative Christians is very important, ignoring all American Jews except the Orthodox minority undermines support for Israel in the US.

Concerns about the demographic implosion of American Jewry are entirely justified. But those who think that the Orthodox community will soon dominate American Judaism don't understand that it will still take many years for that reversal to come about; and even if this happens, it will still create problems for American support for Israel. Rather than ignoring Reform and Conservative Judaism, Israelis should be thinking about how to reinforce efforts to keep those movements viable.

Moreover, Israelis also need to connect their own justified concerns about the impact that the haredi monopoly on religious issues is having on the Jewish state with their pluralistic concerns. The Kotel is a place that belongs to all of the Jewish people. Accommodations for the non-Orthodox are

neither a provocation, nor an insult to the Orthodox.

But American Jews need to understand something else. Israel is a country where there is no separation between religion and state. In such a place, debates on religion are political, not religious. Israel's political system allows parties like those of the haredi community to obtain a disproportionate amount of power. One can't be surprised when they exercise that power, both to undermine a historic compromise at the Kotel that was first proposed by Jewish Agency Chairman Natan Sharansky, and to exclude other rabbis, including the modern Orthodox, from control of conversions and other policies.

Netanyahu explained his decision to go back on his word by saying that any of his rivals would have done the same. It's no excuse, but it's true; it has happened before with Israeli governments on the left, as well as the right. Netanyahu's left-wing opponents would also sell the non-Orthodox out if they had the chance. No prime minister would let his government fall in order to satisfy the Reform and Conservative movements in America.

An Israeli government truly willing to live up to



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Amos Ben-Gershom/GPO.

its mandate to safeguard the interests of the entire Jewish people wouldn't let this happen. But until a day in which the political stars are aligned to make this a reality, don't be surprised when similar situations repeat themselves — both on the Kotel and with respect to other pluralism issues.

The challenge for non-Orthodox Jews is obvious. Until their message is heard and understood by more Israelis — and translated into political power — nothing is likely to change. The message that Netanyahu sent them last week hurts, but whatever their views about the Israeli government might be, Reform and Conservative Jews must not let their frustration cause them to give up engaging with the Jewish state — regardless of politics.

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Fellow at the University of Texas at Austin, told *JNS.org* that in 2016, he brought together Indian students celebrating Diwali and Jewish students celebrating Hanukkah. Levi also organized a "Pride Shabbat" to bring together Jewish students and the LGBT community; an immigration-themed Passover held jointly with a Hispanic student group; and a block party in which 5,000 to 7,000 students learned about

the IDF as well as Israeli culture, politics, minority rights, food and music.

Natan Sharansky, the chairman of the Jewish Agency, has called the Israel Fellows program "one of our flagship initiatives."

"It was created with the goal of encouraging Jewish students to create meaningful and lasting

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Notice of formation of Limited liability company(LLC) Name: AM Movers,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/22/2017 . 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 copy of the process to the LLC 1200 Leland avenue Bronx, NY 10472 purpose : all lawful activity
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National

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Association, as Trustee for SG Mortgage Securities Trust 2006-FRE2, Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FRE2, Plaintiff AGAINST Judith Chin a/k/a Judith Chin-Gooding a/k/a Judith C. Chin a/k/a Judith M. Chin-Gooding, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/24/2017and entered on 5/11/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 27, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1585 Bergen Street, Brooklyn, NY 11213. 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: 1348, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$869,694.40 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507999/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrelle Johnson a/k/a Tyrelle K. Johnson; Andrew Adams; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 24, 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 July 27, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 10 Pleasant Place, 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 1568 Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$418,417.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 505826/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 24, 2017 46228
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/

LEGAL NOTICE Notice of Application for Authority of CONCARLO HOLDINGS, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/13/16. The LLC was formed in DE 6/24/10. Office loc.: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to c/o Corporation Service Company, 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. The required office address to be maintained in DE is 2711 Centerville Rd., Ste. 400, Wilmington, DE 19808-1645. Cert. of formation filed with Secy. of State, John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

A Notice of Formation of 365 Happy Realty LLC, Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/25/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 618 54 St, Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: any lawful activity.
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT

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- COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff -against-Rockie Ojomu-Kayoos a/k/a Rockie Ojomu Kayoos a/k/a R. Ojomu Kayoos, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Leroy Williams Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated April 25, 2017 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 July 27, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1050 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8037 Lot: 172 Approximate amount of lien \$731,132.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 505895/2015 Joel E. Abramson, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: June 15, 2017 FILE #: BAYVIEW 68274
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. ANDREA DANCE A/K/A ANDREA L. DANCE; LINDA GREEN; 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 March 15, 2017, 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 July 27, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1099 STANLEY AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208 Block: 04506 Lot: 0031 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 \$927,403.41 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 511630/2014 Jeffrey Miller, Esq., Referee
AJ; 6/23/30; 7/7/14/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DIG IT SUSTAINABLE LANDSCAPE DESIGN,LLC. articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 05/16/2017. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to the LLC C/O United states corporation agents,Inc 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/28; 8/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, MTGLQ INvestors, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. Merley Alleyne a/k/a Merley C. Alleyne, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 01, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street,

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Brooklyn, NY on August 03, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 9101 Avenue N, 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 8275 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$365,355.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510655/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Tanya Tesler, Lev Yakubovich, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2017and entered on 6/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 03, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 55 Oceana Drive East Unit 5E Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8720, LOT: 2884. Approximate amount of judgment is \$446,608.68 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503809/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdrame, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston 2006-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Shira Frank, Avraham Frank, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 4/24/2017and entered on 5/11/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 03, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 799 East 8th Street Brooklyn, NY 11230. 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: 6496, LOT: 53. Approximate amount of judgment is \$573,284.05 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 3261/2009. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 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 August 3, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th 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

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Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and City & State of New York, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 16, 2017 46238 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF FORMATION 2715 CLAFLIN AVENUE REALTY, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/18/17. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 2715 CLAFLIN AVENUE REALTY, LLC, 2715 Claffin Ave., 1-A, Bronx, NY 10468. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff - against - GALO MONTESDECO A/K/A GALO MONTESDECOA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 3rd Day of August, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: June 16, 2017 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LNV Corporation, Plaintiff -against- Leonard Hatter a/k/a Leonard Hamer, Joyce Hatter, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, City of New York Environmental Control Board, Miss Hatter Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated May 4, 2017 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 August 3, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1873 Strauss Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York. Block: 3516 Lot: 27 Approximate amount of lien \$442,570.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 12692-2013 Leo Salzman, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE

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OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: June 26, 2017 FILE #: DOVEN 62016 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff against JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICIEN JEAN PIERRE, EMMA JEAN PIERRE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 26, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 3rd day of August, 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, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street, distant three hundred and fifty (350) feet Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Avenue G with the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Running thence Easterly parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4) inches; Thence Northerly parallel with East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet; Thence Westerly and again parallel with Avenue G one hundred and one (101) feet, six and three-quarter (6 3/4) inches to the Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street; Thence southerly along the said Easterly side of East Nineteenth Street fifty (50) feet to the point or place of beginning. Avenue G is now Glenwood Road. Subject to covenants and restrictions as contained in former instruments of record affecting the said premises, and to an easement granted to the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company, by agreement recorded in the Office of the Register of the County of Kings. Together with all right, title and interest of the party of the first part in and to any land lying in the bed of East Nineteenth Street in front of said premises to the center line thereof. Said premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11230. (Block: 5240, Lot: 80). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 6953-09. Elena Makau, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

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 August 3, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 713 ESSEX

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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: June 23, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69038 AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/

File No 2017-1284 PROBATE citation SURROGATE'S COURT - New York COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Alex Byron, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator of the County of New York Attorney General of the State of New York A petition having been duly filed by EVA FOGELMAN, who is domiciled at 211 West 56th Street, #7K, New York, NY. 10019 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, New York County, at Rm 509; 31 Chambers St. New York, New York, on August 16, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Sonia Nusenbaum, lately domiciled at 417 East 78th Street, Apt 2C, New York NY 10075 admitting to probate a Will dated January 29, 2017 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of SONIA NUSENBAUM deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that letters Testamentary issue to: EVA FOGELMAN Dated, Attested and Sealed June 2017 HON. Nora S Anderson Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk Eva Fogelman Petitioner 211 West 56th Street #7K, New York, NY 10019 (212) 315-5872 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ; 6/30; 7/7/14/21/28; 8/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 916 56 Street BK , L.L.C. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 06/19/2017 . Office location kings county SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY Shall Mail copy of process to: The LLC 916 56th St. 2R Brooklyn, NY 11219. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 7/7/14/21/28; 8/4/11

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS RETAINED REALTY, INC., Plaintiff -against- YVETTE E. JOHNSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on May 11, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on August 10, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings,

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Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4688 and Lot 52. Said premises known as 462 EAST 92ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Index Number 21632/2013. CHARLES M. SPORN, ESQ., Referee STAGG, TEREZNI, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

PROBATE CITATION File No. 2015/231 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Alex Byron, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributes, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence, Evelyn Kalenscher, Marilyn Kalenscher and Public Administrator - Queens County. A petition having been duly filed by Frederick Kalenscher, who is domiciled at 222 Bay Drive, Massapequa, NY 11758 and by David Rosenzweig, who is domiciled at 485 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10022. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Courtroom 62, 6th Floor, Jamaica, New York, 11435 on August 3, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the Estate of ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ a/k/a AL BYRON, lately domiciled at 62-60 99th Street, Rego Park, New York, admitting to probate a Will dated October 27, 2008, a copy of which is attached, (a Codicil N.A.) as the Will of ALEXANDER SCHWARTZ a/k/a AL BYRON, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to: Frederick Kalenscher and David Rosenzweig. Dated, Attested and Sealed June 22, 2017. Hon. Peter J. Kelly, Surrogate. Lee Coulman, Acting Chief Clerk. Leslie H. Ben-Zvi, Esq. (212) 666-6656 / (917) 836-9485 1700 Broadway - 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10019 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.] AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee, for the certificate holders of Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WCW3, Plaintiff AGAINST Joseph Douglas a/k/a Joseph D. Douglas; Lisamae Haynes a/k/a Lisamae H. Haynes; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 6, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St. Brooklyn NY 11201 on August 10, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 772 Elton Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block:

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4336 Lot: 120. Approximate amount of judgment \$525,474.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20850/2013. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 14, 2017 46676 AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 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 August 10, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 13, 2017 46600 AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, US Bank, National Association, not in its Individual Capacity, but Solely as Trustee for the RMAC Trust Series 2012-IT, Plaintiff, vs. Simha Mizrahi, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, Order to Amend Caption and Request for Nunc Pro Tunc Relief and the Addendum to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on May 30, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 10, 2017 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1774 Madison Place, 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 7711 and Lot 61. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,085,745.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 13911/08. Martin Wolf, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 7/7/14/21/28;

Probate Citation File No. 2014-2143 SURROGATE'S COURT, New York COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Monique Jutrin, Sonia Brauner, Lucy Zoltak, Sonia Levy, Kitty Tepperman, as sole heir at law of post deceased distributee Erna Josie Peretz a/k/a Josie Peretz, Public Administrator of New York, New York Attorney General To the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of SIMON TAYLOR, deceased, If living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors,

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Liora Itzhak. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

Israeli-Indian Singer, Set to Perform National Anthem for PM Modi, Gave Up Blossoming Bollywood Career to Return to Jewish State

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The Indian-Israeli singer expected to sing the countries' national anthems when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visits the Jewish state this week reportedly gave up a blossoming Bollywood career in order to be in Israel.

Liora Itzhak, who was born to Indian immigrant parents from Mumbai, told the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) that she gave up her music career in India because of homesickness. She had traveled to India at the age of 15 to study music and soon after saw a breakthrough when she was asked to sing in an Indian movie, and later alongside well-known Indian singers. But after eight years living apart from her parents, Itzhak felt

compelled to return to her family in Israel. She declined other music industry offers and instead returned home to the Jewish state.

"I was 23 and terribly homesick having spent eight years away in difficult conditions from my parents and siblings. I love India but I just could not bear this separation anymore," Itzhak — who has previously collaborated with Israeli singer Idan Raichel — told PTI.

Itzhak will sing at a dinner hosted by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on July 4 in honor of Modi, who will be the first ever Indian prime minister to visit Israel. The musician previously sang at a banquet hosted by Israeli President Rivlin in 2015 in honor of Indian President Pranab Mukherjee during his visit to Israel, according to PTI.

Israeli 'Wonder Woman' Star Gal Gadot Is Among Newest Members of Academy of Motion Pictures

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Israeli actress and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot is one of the newest members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The academy announced on Wednesday it had invited a record 744 new members from 57 countries to join its body, which issued only 683 invitations in 2016. The new class is composed of 39 percent women and

30 percent people of color. The academy has over 7,000 members, according to its website.

Other invitees include Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Wanda Sykes, Betty White, Debbie Allen, Priyanka Chopra, Naomie Harris, Rebel Wilson, Barry Jenkins, Bryce Dallas Howard, Ruth Negga, Zoe Kravitz, Leslie Jones, Kate McKinnon, Chris Evans and Chris Hemsworth.

Prince William and Duchess Kate Set to Visit Holocaust Sites During Upcoming Tour of Poland, Germany

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Prince William and Duchess Kate will visit Holocaust memorials and the site of a former Nazi concentration camp during their trip to Poland and Germany later this month, according to *the Jewish Chronicle*.

Kensington Palace announced that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will tour the former Stutthof concentration camp in Poland, the Warsaw



Prince William and Duchess Kate in 2011. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Rising Museum and the Berlin Holocaust Memorial. They will meet Holocaust survivors at the latter two locations and also have a meeting with German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Their five-day trip, which will begin on July 17 in Warsaw, is taking place at the request of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported. Prince George and Princess Charlotte will also travel with the Duke and Duchess.

Kensington Palace said that Prince William and Duchess Kate will "pay special attention to getting to know the young people of Poland and Germany," such as entrepreneurs. The Palace added that the couple "look forward to a busy and impactful tour, and are grateful that they will have the opportunity to meet the Polish and German people — such important friends of the United Kingdom — as a family."



Gal Gadot. Photo: Facebook.

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A Jewish Version of Intersectionality



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Whatever else is said these days about antisemitism, it remains the case that being accused of it is a surefire way of gaining name recognition among thousands, if not millions, of people who would otherwise never have heard of you.

Had a group of Jewish women waving gay pride rainbow flags embossed with the Star of David not been ejected from a recent LGBT parade in Chicago, I doubt the "Chicago Dyke Collective" would have made headlines.

All the condemnation this group of fanatics justifiably received was internalized in the only way that makes sense to them: by lashing out once again at Zionism as a form of "racism," and by justifying a nasty instance of racist exclusion as an act of "resistance"—in much the same way that racial segregation was trumpeted in the Old South as a defense of "civilized" values.

Inevitably, the scandal of antisemitism on display at the LGBT parade in Chicago has generated a slew of articles about "intersectionality"—the idea that all forms of social oppression are linked, but with the caveat that what counts as "oppression" can only be determined by those who are "oppressed."

Therein lies the trick. Among the evangelists of intersectionality — whose tone, to my mind, has more in common with Scientology than with a rationalist politics of left or right — the idea that Jews can be oppressed even in theory is dismissed with contempt, because Jews are regarded as bearers of racial and social "privilege." If someone is accused of "antisemitism," the logic proceeds, it's because that person has dared to criticize expressions of Jewish privilege — for example, by visibly identifying with a state built upon the cardinal sin of "Zionism."

In my view, arguing with someone who sees the world through the prism of intersectionality is a waste of time, because intersectionality is a device to prevent authentic debate from occurring the first place. Here's a good example: During a meeting at Dartmouth College in May, Palestinian-American BDS activist Linda Sarsour refused to answer a question about her stance on female genital mutilation, on the

grounds that the questioner was a "young white man" whose perspective was by definition offensive to her.

This sort of dumbed-down totalitarianism isn't amenable to reasoned exchange. But there's a more important issue: For the intersectionality folks, argument is besides the point.

Leon Trotsky, the Communist leader exiled from the Soviet Union by Josef Stalin, was once asked why he had been defeated in their epic political struggle, when Stalin was clearly Trotsky's intellectual inferior. Trotsky gave a proper Marxist answer. "A political struggle is in its essence a struggle of interests and forces," he wrote, "not of arguments."

Even though Trotsky — who was fond of good cognac and hunting — would have had very little in common with the safe spaces and trigger warnings of intersectionality, his observation would probably resonate with the more thoughtful of its advocates. Arguments, this strongly materialist view holds, are simply reflections of the political forces advancing them; hence, an activist who is committed to the liberation of "Palestine" will not hear in a counter-argument from a Zionist merely an argument, but rather a dishonest rationalization of "Zionism" and "racism" that is paid for by the "apartheid regime" in "occupied Palestine."

How, then, to respond to this freeze on thought? One answer is to ignore it, or to at least put it in perspective by recognizing that certain things — like booting Jewish women out of a parade — infuriate us precisely because they are not the norm. Another response is to take on the whole edifice of intersectionality by highlighting the almost violent way that it shuts down independent, critical thinking, and by challenging its academic and media advocates to speak in propositions, not declarations.

A third approach — and the one I find most intriguing — is the suggestion that Jews, particularly those in progressive circles, should develop their own version of intersectionality. There are many peoples around the world with whom we share common links and mutual experiences of persecution: Roma gypsies in Eastern Europe, Kurds and Yazidis in Iraq and Syria, and pretty much every religious minority — from Christians to Baha'is — that lives under some form of Islamic rule.

The advantages of this kind

of advocacy should be obvious. Jews, who often feel alone in these contexts, will realize that they are not. The largely ignored struggles around the world against genocide and tyranny — all those examples we invoke when we talk about "double standards" — will start getting the attention they deserve. This combined force can begin the task of speaking truth to the growing power of intersectionality in our schools and universities.

Practically speaking, I can think of one great organization — UN Watch — that already works along these lines. Theirs is an example worth studying, because this problem is not going away.

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Make Iran Pay a Price for Regional Meddling

BY HESHMAT ALAVI

There is no doubt that the Middle East is in turmoil like never before. And this is highly due to the disastrous engagement/lead-from-behind policy adopted by the Obama administration, despite its claim it sought to lessen tensions.

Iran is taking advantage by expanding its sphere of influence through proxy groups in Iraq, propping the Assad regime in Syria by dispatching a conglomerate of militia shock troops and fueling the Yemen war by providing arms, money and logistical support to the Houthis. However, the days of Iran's advances are numbered.

As the Trump administration continues to place its crosshairs on ISIS in Syria, Tehran is busy in a land-grab campaign, already thinking about the post-ISIS Levant. Iran has also through the years ordered its offspring, Lebanese Hezbollah, to dispatch thousands of its members to Syria.

Washington must come to understand more action is needed against Iran's moves in Syria. Tehran is also seeking to raise the stakes for the US in the all-important region of southeastern Syria. A series of incidents all clearly indicate the escalating tensions on the ground and in the skies:

- US fighter jets targeting Iran-backed militias nearing a base of America-backed forces in al-Tanf on the Syria-Iraq border,

- US warplanes shooting down two Iranian-made drones and a Syrian Sukho-22 jet targeting allied Kurdish forces on the ground,

- Iran launching medium-range ballistic missiles from its soil to Deir Ezzur in eastern Syria.

The most recent White House warning to Assad not to resort to a chemical attack raised the temperature even higher. It is obvious Assad would need permission from Iran and Russia for such a move. Thus Washington was sending an "on notice" message to Damascus, Tehran and Moscow.

Iran's objective is clear: establishing a land corridor passing through Iraq, Syria and Lebanon, and reaching the Mediterranean shores. On both sides of the Syria-Iraq border, Tehran has militia proxies seeking to push ISIS out of the region and prevent any US-backed forces, be it the Kurds and Sunni Arabs advancing upon Raqqa, or the Free Syrian Army in the southeast, from gaining any further foothold in Syria after the fall of ISIS.

Iran seeks full control over the Syria-Iraq-Jordan borders and will not tolerate any US presence in the area. Iran has also ordered Hezbollah to stretch its activities to Daraa in southern Syria close to the Israeli border.

While the Trump administration has taken unprecedented military action to protect its interests, White House statements explaining US-led coalition forces do "not seek to fight" Iran-backed forces will be viewed by Tehran as a window of opportunity to continue their belligerence in a highly-hostile flashpoint area.

And while we are here, Russia declaring a freeze on deconfliction agreements with the US is nothing but a bluff considering the fact that Moscow has already accomplished more than its expectations in Syria: fortifying a naval and air base, and establishing a major foothold in the Middle East after decades of absence.

It is high time for Washington to begin defining and taking steps in the direction of its broader post-ISIS Middle East policy. It is imperative to understand Iran's threats will only further increase and the end of ISIS will not mean the end of violence or Tehran's destructive meddling.

Iran's actions in Iraq after 2003 should provide a very disturbing vision. Tehran dispatched its mullahs and flooded the country with money to launch "cultural centers." This was the beginning of Iran spreading its tentacles and injecting its disparaging mentality to fuel sectarian wars that continue to haunt Iraq and wreak havoc in the country.

Shiite militias have been harassing the Sunni minority for over a decade as Tehran seeks to change the complete social fabric of Mesopotamia. The Popular Mobilization Forces (PMF), known as the Hashid al-Sha'bi in Arabic, are a replica of the mullahs' Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and Iran's influence in Iraq has reached the point of this entity being legalized by the Iraqi Parliament.

As ISIS routed the classic Iraqi army thanks to the disastrous policies of former Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, Iran began justifying PMF presence in battles for Falluja, Ramadi, Salahaddin, Tikrit and now Mosul.

Firstly, it is a dire necessity for the US and its regional allies, including Saudi Arabia, Turkey and all Gulf Cooperation Council states, to quickly remedy the Qatar crisis and prevent Iran from taking advantage of such a rift.

Secondly, as ISIS is being eradicated, all attention must be focused on Iran and its devastating meddling in the region. One very imperative measure to curb Iran's influence and bring an end to its reach across the region is for the US, European Union and Arab nations to designate the IRGC as a foreign terrorist organization.

Finally, Sunni Arab states should be involved in rebuilding the devastated lands of Iraq, Syria and Yemen to prevent Iran from again taking advantage of such an initiative for its deceptive objectives.

Iran must come to learn that the days of meddling in the region without paying the price are over.

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ties with Israel and strengthen their Jewish identity," he said. "I am excited to welcome this incoming leadership and look forward to seeing them grow the program even further."

"Israel education and engagement are part of Hillel's core mission and vision, and Israel Fellows bring the country's people and society to life every day for Jewish students,"

said Eric Fingerhut, the president and CEO of Hillel International.

Each Israel Fellow "has a unique Israeli story to tell," said Rojas-Tal, who proceeded to quote the Jewish sage Hillel's "If not now, when?"

"The Israel Fellows are Israel's now," she said. "I want to help them share their stories to help American Jews build lasting connections to Israel."