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Houston Area Jews Receive Kosher Meals, Clean Water and Shelter



A view of the Houston flooding from a third-floor apartment at the intersection of North Braeswood Blvd. and Highway 610.
Photo: Jacob Kamaras.

BY JNS.ORG

Chabad-Lubavitch has announced it's aiding Jewish residents of Houston with kosher meals, clean water and shelter amid the biblical-style flood enveloping the region resulting from Tropical Storm Harvey.

More than 30 inches of rain has fallen on Houston and the surrounding area since last

Thursday as a result of Hurricane Harvey, now down-graded to a tropical storm. Up to 50 inches of rain is possible by the end of the week as Harvey continues to pelt the area with downpours. Texas authorities said on Monday afternoon that at least eight people have died as a result of the storm and 2,000 people have been rescued from flooded homes with tens of thousands fleeing.

According to Chabad, the

southwest Houston neighborhood of Meyerland, home to a number of synagogues, kosher restaurants and supermarkets, is nearly completely submerged, with almost nothing edible for Jewish residents there. The local Chabad chapter in Houston, Chabad of Uptown, launched an online registration form early Monday for people who've been evacuated and are in need of kosher meals.

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Report: In Meeting With Kushner, Abbas Vows to Continue Terror Payments

BY BEN COHEN

A leading Palestinian newspaper published an account on Monday of a tense encounter between Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and US President Donald Trump's senior adviser and son-in-law Jared Kushner in Ramallah last week.

Al-Quds, a Jerusalem-based newspaper that is close to the PA, reported that Kushner had raised the issue of the so-called "martyr payments" made to convicted terrorists



Senior Trump administration official Jared Kushner with PA President Mahmoud Abbas at a June 2017 meeting in Ramallah. Photo: File.

and their families — a policy dubbed "pay to slay" that costs the PA more than \$300 million annually. The Taylor Force Act, which is likely to be voted on during the upcoming session of the US Congress, would make American aid to the PA contingent on a wholesale abandonment of the "martyr payments."

Gal Berger, a leading Israeli journalist who covers Palestinian affairs, was quoted in the Al-Quds piece as saying that "Abbas informed Kushner that he would never stop paying these salaries until his dying day, even if this cost him the

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Opinion.

Are Rabbis Right to Skip Trump Phone Call?



JONATHAN S. TOBIN
JNS.ORG

There probably has never been an easier path to consensus for the three major non-Orthodox rabbinic associations.

The decision of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), the Rabbinical Assembly (Conservative) and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Assembly to boycott the annual High Holiday conference call with Donald Trump probably was completely unsurprising. Joined by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the political arm of the Reform movement, the groups said that they could not continue with the yearly tradition because of what they termed President Donald Trump's "lack of moral leadership."

The rabbis had good reasons to criticize the president for what he said about the outrage in Charlottesville, Virginia. But the curious thing about their boycott is that they gave up the chance to directly question Trump on the subject, and to give him a piece of their minds in the form of a Torah lesson. Though we know that Trump cannot tolerate criticism and might have stormed off the call, the rabbis would have been given license to explain to the president why his words were so wrong and hurtful.

The call would have given the rabbis a rare

chance to do exactly what so many religious figures like to talk about, but rarely actually do: speak truth to power. If they are half the teachers that most of them like to think they are, perhaps one of their questions might have gotten through to Trump and planted a seed that might have eventually borne fruit in some future crisis — when their wisdom might have made the difference between doing the right thing and, well, being Donald Trump.

Wouldn't that have been worth it? You might think so, but the rabbis disagreed. And the reason for their decision says more about contemporary American Jewry than it does about Trump.

I happen to agree with the statement issued by the groups with respect to the president's failure on Charlottesville. Trump's decision to speak of those who came to Charlottesville to vent antisemitism and racism — and ultimately for one of them to commit murder — as being on the same moral plane as those who protested their presence was deplorable. There were no "very fine people" among those taking part in a torchlight parade while shouting antisemitic slogans. While there is no reason to believe that the president is an antisemite, his refusal to speak with moral clarity on this issue did encourage the neo-Nazis, KKK members and alt-right groups that were there.

But the boycott won't help him see the light or, as the rabbinic associations condescendingly preached, point him toward repentance for his misdeeds that Jews believe is our obligation during the High Holidays

next month.

What, then, was their purpose? Politics.

The boycott reassures their overwhelmingly liberal congregations that they won't be contaminated by contact with Trump. But the symbolism of the boycott is primarily one that alerts the world to something painfully obvious: that much of the organized non-Orthodox Jewish community has enlisted in the "resistance" to Trump and wants everyone to know it.

Even if you agree that Trump is a terrible and even unfit president, for rabbinic groups to place him in what amounts to the Orthodox custom of *cherem* (shunning) is to assert that their synagogues are part of a political movement. It is nothing less than a declaration of war on a sitting president who, for all of his faults, is also a strong friend of Israel and still has the chance to play an important role in defending the security of the Jewish people.

Perhaps what Trump said is worse than the sins of all previous presidents, including Franklin Delano Roosevelt's indifference to the fate of the six million Jews who died in the Holocaust or Barack Obama's appeasement of Iran. While some defend both FDR and Obama on the merits, the truth is that many Jews did not openly oppose them because



President Donald Trump during a press conference, speaking about the Charlottesville neo-Nazi protest. Photo: Screenshot.

partisan political allegiances took precedence over principle.

Liberal Jews will forgive a liberal Democrat for just about anything, though to be fair, it appears many Trump supporters feel the same way about their man. While I believe that Trump deserves the most severe criticism for Charlottesville and much else, boycotting him in this manner is primarily a political statement, not a moral or religious one.

The rabbis had a chance to teach us all a lesson by engaging with Trump in a civil manner and teaching, rather than engaging in virtue signaling. Instead, all they have done is remind us that too many of them conceive of Judaism as a partisan faith.

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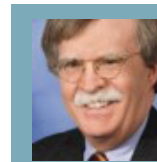
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If He Wants to, Donald Trump Can Get out of the Iran Nuclear Deal



JOHN BOLTON
NEW YORK

Here it is. It is only five pages long, but like instant coffee, it can be readily expanded to a comprehensive, hundred-page playbook if the administration were to decide to leave the Iran agreement. There is no need to wait for the next certification deadline in October. Trump can and should free America from this execrable deal at the earliest opportunity.

I offer the Iran "nonpaper" now as a public service, since staff changes at the White House have made presenting it to President Trump impossible. Although he was once kind enough to tell me to "come in and see me any time," those days are now over.

If the president is never to see this option, so be it. But let it never be said that the option didn't exist.

Abrogating the Iran Deal: The Way Forward

I. Background:

The Trump administration is required to certify to Congress every 90 days that Iran is complying with the July 2015 nuclear deal (the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action — JCPOA), and that this agreement is in the national-security interests of the United States.1

While a comprehensive Iranian policy review is currently underway, America's Iran policy should not be frozen. The JCPOA

is a threat to US national-security interests, growing more serious by the day. If the president decides to abrogate the JCPOA, a comprehensive plan must be developed and executed to build domestic and international support for the new policy.

Under the Iran Nuclear Agreement Review Act of 2015, the president must certify every 90 days that:

- (i) Iran is transparently, verifiably, and fully implementing the agreement, including all related technical or additional agreements;
- (ii) Iran has not committed a material breach with respect to the agreement — or, if Iran has committed a material breach, Iran has cured the material breach;
- (iii) Iran has not taken any action, including covert activities, that could significantly advance its nuclear weapons program; and
- (iv) Suspension of sanctions related to Iran pursuant to the agreement is:

- (I) appropriate and proportionate to the specific and verifiable measures taken by Iran with respect to terminating its illicit nuclear program; and
- (II) vital to the national-security interests of the United States.

US leadership here is critical, especially through a diplomatic and public education effort to explain a decision not to certify and to abrogate the JCPOA. Like any global campaign, it must be persuasive, thorough and accurate. Opponents, particularly those who participated in drafting and implementing the JCPOA, will argue strongly against such a decision, contending that it is reckless, ill-advised and will have negative economic and security consequences.

Accordingly, we must explain the grave threat that the deal poses to the US and our allies, particularly Israel. The JCPOA's vague and ambiguous wording; its manifest imbalance in Iran's direction; Iran's significant violations; and its continued, indeed, increas-

ingly, unacceptable conduct at the strategic level internationally demonstrate convincingly that the JCPOA is not in the national-security interests of the United States. We can bolster the case for abrogation by providing new, declassified information on Iran's unacceptable behavior around the world.

But as with prior presidential decisions, such as



US President Donald Trump. Photo: Screenshot.

World News.

Netanyahu Vows to Never Remove Israel's Settlements in West Bank

BY JNS.ORG

While attending a special ceremony Monday evening marking 50 years since the Six-Day War and Jewish settlement in the West Bank, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to never again “uproot” settlements.

The “Lights of the Jubilee” event, organized by the Samaria Regional Council, took place in the Barkan Industrial Park and was attended by thousands.

“This is the inheritance of our forefathers, this is our country,” Netanyahu said. “We came back here to stay forever. There will be no more uprooting of settlements in the land of Israel.”

“We uprooted settlements, and what did we get? We got missiles,” he said. “That will no longer be the case...In defiance of those who want us to uproot — we will deepen our roots, build, strengthen and settle.”

Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennett, the leader of the HaBayit HaYehudi party, said, “The prime minister spoke about

not uprooting settlements and I want to say — do not uproot the rooted, but if you did then replant that which you uprooted.” He added that the Israeli government must build “more neighborhoods and more new settlements.”

An official Israeli government ceremony marking the same events from 1967 will take place in the Kfar Etzion community on Sept. 13.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Photo: Screenshot.

Shia Imam in Orange County Offers Full Apology for Sermon Accusing Israel of Backing ISIS

BY BEN COHEN

A Shia imam in California who stated during a sermon that Israel “finances, arms and trains” the Sunni Islamist terror group ISIS has offered an unreserved apology for his remarks.

As The Algemeiner reported last week, a video distributed by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) showed the founder and director of the Islamic Education Center of Orange County, Dr. Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini, declaring to his congregation on June 23: “You know who paid for them, who financed them, who helped them, who purchased weapons for them, who even trained them, who protected them...ISIS is the production of the Israeli intelligence. Most of their officers were trained in Israel, including (terror group founder) Abu Bakr Al-Baghdadi.”

Al-Qazwini has now expressed regret for the comments, acknowledging that he had made an error in trusting claims from Iraqi intelligence — which has been heavily penetrated by Iran — that Israel supports ISIS.

“While I made these comments based on information that I had received from Iraqi political and military sources, after careful reflection on the reliability of these sources and on the realization of the extent to which these comments have offended and hurt members of the Jewish community, I have decided to rescind my comments,” al-Qazwini said in a statement on Friday.

“I appreciate the importance of engaging in genuine interfaith relations and solidarity with members of all faith traditions, based on mutual respect and trust,” al-Qazwini, who is well known in local interfaith circles, added. “I pray that all communities can come together in peace and solidarity to overcome the challenges of our time.”

Al-Qazwini’s apology was welcomed by a leading Los Angeles rabbi, David Wolpe, who last week called on Muslim leaders to denounce the imam.

“I’m glad he retracted his remarks, and if he continues by actively combatting antisemitic statements by his colleagues, I’ll be impressed,” Rabbi Wolpe told The Algemeiner.

However, Rabbi Wolpe counseled, “If he merely disavows hateful statements without actively seeking to combat hatred, his retraction is half-hearted.”



Shia imam Dr. Sayed Moustafa al-Qazwini has apologized for his June 23 sermon. Photo: IECOC.

UN Gives Gaza \$2.5 Million in Humanitarian Aid



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: Screenshot.

BY JNS.ORG

The United Nations has provided the Gaza Strip with some \$2.5 million in humanitarian aid to assist with relieving an ongoing electricity shortage.

The aid comes during the current crisis in Gaza, precipitated by the Palestinian Authority’s (PA) June decision to pay only 60 percent of the coastal territory’s monthly electricity bill, amidst an ongoing feud with Hamas, the terror group that rules Gaza.

The PA’s move aims to pressure the Palestinian terror group to relinquish some of its control of Gaza. The cut in electricity leaves 2 million residents of Gaza with two to three hours of electrical power per day.

The aid money came from Turkey and several European countries that contributed to the Humanitarian Fund run by the Office for Humanitarian Affairs in the disputed territories.

“I call on Palestinian leaders to address the destructive consequences of the divisions,” Miroslav Jenca, the UN’s assistant secretary-general, stated at the world body’s Security Council in New York last week.

“Hamas must also ensure that calm is maintained by stopping militant buildup against Israel and by doing its utmost to sustain security at the border with Egypt,” Jenca said.

He also called on Israel to lift its legal naval blockade of Gaza and to promote development in the territory.

News of the UN’s aid contribution to Gaza comes as the world body’s Secretary-General Antonio Guterres arrived in Israel on Sunday on his first visit to the Holy Land as the UN’s leader. Guterres was expected to discuss the situation in Gaza with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Hamas Leader Says Relations With Iran ‘Fantastic,’ Vows to Liberate ‘Palestine’

BY JNS.ORG

Yahya Sinwar, the Hamas terror group’s recently elected political leader in Gaza, said on Monday that his organization has fully restored relations with Iran and was making preparations for the next war with Israel.

Iran is now “the largest backer financially and militarily” of Hamas, Sinwar told reporters in his first meeting with the media since assuming his new position. Together with the Iranians, Hamas is building up its military capability and preparing for “the liberation of Palestine,” he said.

Sinwar also emphasized that the recently renewed relations with Iran are “fantastic,” and have returned to the “former era” of close ties between Hamas and the Islamic Republic.

The terror chief’s comments follow Iran’s hosting of a Hamas delegation in Tehran in August. The warming relations come as Hamas faces increasing international isolation and a dispute with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.

For years, Iran served as one of Hamas’s main patrons, providing the terror group with financing, training and weapons to attack Israel. When protests broke out against Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in 2011, exiled Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal voiced support for Syrian demonstrators. Mashaal eventually closed the terror group’s office in Damascus, relocating to Qatar. As a result, Iran, a strong supporter of the Syrian regime, had cut off its funding of Hamas.

World News.



Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (right) and President Donald Trump (left) with Jared Kushner (center) at a May 22 meeting in Jerusalem. Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO.

Report: US Delegation Discussed Moving Embassy to Jerusalem With Netanyahu

BY JNS.ORG

During Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's meeting last week with a high-level US diplomatic delegation, the issue of a moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem was reportedly addressed by both parties.

The US team, led by President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner, included Trump's international negotiations representative Jason Greenblatt, Deputy National Security Adviser Dina Powell and US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.

The embassy move "was brought up by both sides as part of a productive broad

conversation about a number of issues," a source purportedly told the Times of Israel.

A second unnamed source in the Prime Minister's Office also reportedly confirmed to the outlet the discussion took place.

Trump promised to relocate the embassy during his election campaign in 2016, but signed a six-month waiver June 1 to keep the embassy in Tel Aviv — in line with every president's actions since Congress passed legislation calling on the US to move the embassy in 1995.

Vice President Mike Pence said in July that relocating the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem is only a matter of time.

At Yad Vashem, UN Chief Vows to Fight Antisemitism 'in All Its Expressions'

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Amid his first visit to Israel since taking office at the start of this year, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stopped on Monday at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, where he pledged to "do everything possible to fight antisemitism in all its expressions."

"Antisemitism — my own country also lived it and I would recall the most tragic moment of them all with the expulsion of the Jews in the beginning of the 16th century," the Portuguese national said. "I believe that the horror of the Holocaust should be such that antisemitism should now be dead forever but, unfortunately, we see it alive and well."

Later on Monday, Guterres met with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at his office in the Israeli capital.

"I understand the security concerns of Israel, and I repeat that the idea or the intention or the will to destroy the State of Israel is something totally unacceptable from my perspective," Guterres stated.

Netanyahu told Guterres, "I think the time has come to restore moral clarity at the UN. I know that this is a tremendous task. I know that the secretary-general does not

have power over the members. I know also that the members don't always reflect their good relations with Israel that are expanding rapidly in the way that they vote in international bodies. Yet I believe that your leadership can make a difference. I believe that merely focusing on these changes that are so obvious, are so sensible, and are so necessary for the advancement of stability and security and peace, and ultimately prosperity, I believe that you can make an important difference."



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at Yad Vashem on Monday. Photo: Shlomi Amsalem.

Africa's Top University Risks Endangering US Partnerships Over Proposed Boycott of Israel, Leading American Law Professor Says

BY BEN COHEN

Africa's top university will be placing its partnerships with its US counterparts in jeopardy if it succumbs to pressure from BDS activists to adopt a full-scale academic boycott of Israel, a prominent American law professor told The Algemeiner on Tuesday.

The governing bodies of the University of Cape Town (UCT) — which is regularly ranked as Africa's number one university as well as among the world's top 200 universities — will be debating the adoption of an academic boycott resolution on September 15. If passed, UCT would be obliged to cut all ties with Israeli faculty and academic institutions — a move that would trigger outrage among US academics and their colleagues in other countries, Prof. David Bernstein of the Scalia Law School at George Mason University said.

"They are trying to isolate Israel, but they may find that the University of Cape Town is internationally isolated instead," Bernstein told The Algemeiner. "There would be a substantial number of professors like myself who would have nothing to do with UCT should they adopt an academic boycott of Israel."

UCT currently has partnership agreements with at least 44 American universities that facilitate student and faculty exchange programs and other joint projects — among them Columbia Business School, Ohio State, Vanderbilt University, the University of Chicago, Pennsylvania State and Arizona State.

Ohio, Pennsylvania and Arizona are among the 22 US states to have passed anti-BDS legislation, with all three having signed their bills into law in 2016. The bills typically prohibit state governments and agents from contracting with entities that actively boycott Israel — measures that may well impact state-funded universities in particular, Bernstein said, adding that there would be "justified pressure on all universities, private and state" to cease working relationships with UCT. More generally, academic boycott initiatives will face a potentially formidable legal obstacle in the form of the Israel Anti-Boycott Act — introduced in March by Sen. Ben Cardin (D-MD) — that is likely to be voted on by Congress during its upcoming session.

Bernstein said that UCT would also find it impossible to defend itself from retaliatory moves that a boycott would likely produce. "Once you endorse an academic boycott yourself, you don't have any standing when it comes to opposing people who then engage in a boycott of your institution," he remarked.

An analysis of the proposed UCT boycott by Sara Gon of the Institute of Race Relations — a veteran South African think tank that was in the forefront of domestic opposition

to apartheid — noted that four events on the UCT campus promoting the boycott are being held over the next month, with the first one having taken place last week. The UCT Senate is scheduled to hold its first debate on the boycott on September 15.

Gon observed that many of the academics pushing the academic boycott are prominent leaders of the country's BDS movement, which has energetically pushed the analogy between Israel and apartheid South Africa despite the offense this comparison generates among many South Africans. Among the group are Prof. Ran Greenstein, an Israeli anti-Zionist, and Farid Esack, a professor of Islamic Studies at Johannesburg University who responded to the November 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris, in which more than 120 people were murdered, by protesting, "I am not praying for Paris; I am not condemning anyone. Why the hell should I?"

Esack ended his comments by saying: "The logic is quite simple: When you eat, it's stupid to expect that no sh*t will ever come out from your body. Yes, I feel sorry for the victims on whom the sh*t falls. But, bloody hell, own it; it's yours!"

The UCT Senate's September deliberations will be strongly influenced by the current debate within the university's Academic Freedom Committee (AFC) on whether to adopt an academic boycott of Israel.

"It has been difficult to ascertain who the members of the current AFC are, but it is understood that some members of the AFC support [the] call for a boycott," Gon wrote in her analysis.

The template for the academic boycott was originally designed by Palestinian NGOs in 2004, in a statement that identified Israel's universities as "a key part of the ideological and institutional scaffolding of Israel's regime of occupation, colonialism and apartheid against the Palestinian people."

Clarifying the precise target for the boycott, the statement declared that "[A]ll Israeli academic institutions, unless proven otherwise, are subject to boycott because of their decades-old, deep and conscious complicity in maintaining the Israeli occupation and denial of basic Palestinian rights."

The first effort to introduce an academic boycott along these lines was narrowly defeated at the British Association of University Teachers (AUT) annual conference in 2005, but set in motion more than a decade of similar — and largely unsuccessful — campaigns at universities around the world. UCT would be the first major academic institution in a democratic country to adopt a boycott of Israeli academia.

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Aiding

Kosher breakfasts have already been delivered to Jewish residents at some local shelters or those in holed up in local hotels.

"I have a bunch of volunteers here and some people staying in the house, and we are preparing bagels, scrambled eggs, hash browns and vegetables for breakfast," said Chanie Lazaroff, co-director of Chabad of Uptown with her husband, Rabbi Chaim Lazaroff.

"I sent out a batch already and a few

more are going out, but we just got a flash-flood warning, and the challenge is to keep ourselves and our volunteers safe, even as we get out of the house to help others," she told Chabad.org.

Lazaroff said that Chabad houses from across Texas are preparing to bring in fresh meals and supplies of kosher meat, chicken, milk and bottled water as soon as the flood waters recede enough so that deliveries can reach the city.

U.S. News.

Major Jewish Group Names Former Homeland Security Official to Head Anti-Extremism Efforts

BY BEN COHEN

A former US government official who served across three administrations was announced on Monday as the new head of the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism – which tracks extremism on all fronts and works closely with law enforcement in the process.

George Selim, who becomes the ADL's Senior Vice President of Programs, has played a leadership role in US government programs to counter extremism since being appointed by President George W. Bush's administration to head up community outreach. Retained under President Barack Obama's administration, he served for four years at the White House on the National Security Council Staff as Director for Community Partnerships. Selim resigned from his government role on July 28, telling NPR that he saw his role "as now needing to step out and potentially be more of an asset from the outside."

Selim told The Algemeiner that he was "honored and proud" to be joining the ADL team. "I'm coming to ADL after



George Selim, ADL's new Senior Vice President of Programs. Photo: UK House of Commons

Steve Bannon Slated to Address Zionist Organization of America Gala in November

BY JNS.ORG

Former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon is scheduled to speak at the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) gala dinner in New York City on Nov. 12.

"All I can tell you is Steve Bannon is going to be at the dinner," ZOA President Morton Klein told The Atlantic.

"[Bannon] is one of the best friends that Israel has had in any administration," said ZOA policy adviser Arthur Schwartz.

Although the details of Bannon's appearance at the ZOA gala have yet to be finalized, unconfirmed reports state that he may introduce American business magnate and philanthropist Sheldon Adelson, a major backer of ZOA. Bannon was scheduled to attend the 2016 ZOA gala, but did not appear.

After Bannon was recently ousted from the Trump administration, reports detailing his views on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict started to emerge.

Bannon aggressively petitioned President Donald Trump to relocate the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, but was blocked by Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser Jared Kushner, Vanity Fair reported last week. Additionally, when Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas visited the White House in May, Bannon boycotted the meeting, sending a text message to a friend stating that he would not "breathe the same air as that terrorist," according to Vanity Fair.



Steve Bannon. Photo: Screenshot.

about twelve years in government," he said. "In all of my roles, I've focused on extremism in all its forms."

Selim said that his new role "would be to help lead these efforts from a civil society angle," identifying recruitment activities by jihadi organizations and the growth of "neo-Nazi, antisemitic, anti-immigrant" groups as two key threats.

ADL CEO and National Director Jonathan Greenblatt praised Selim for his "unparalleled expertise in engaging communities to stop the destructive extremism that comes from all sides of the ideological spectrum."

"Particularly in the aftermath of the events in Charlottesville, we look forward to the leadership he will bring to our fight against antisemitism and bigotry, and our work promoting justice and fair treatment for all," Greenblatt said.

Michael Chertoff, who served as George W. Bush's Secretary of Homeland Security, expressed strong approval of the appointment. "Through Republican and Democratic administrations, George has been steadfast in his efforts to fight extremism," Chertoff said in a statement. "As ADL is one of the foremost US non-profit authorities on extremism, terrorism, and hate, I am confident his leadership will further elevate the organization and the broader effort to make our country and our world a safer place."

Selim also won the praise of Acting DHS Secretary Elaine Duke, with whom he worked for the last seven months. "The Department could not function effectively without the selfless service of career leaders like George Selim," Kelly said. "He will be missed and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

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Opinion.

Hillel at the Crossroads: Who's Responsible for Hillel?



EDWIN BLACK
New York

When Hillel International CEO Eric Fingerhut stands at the window of his curved corner office at the organization's Washington, DC headquarters, he looks down on a streetscape dominated by Chinatown and its Friendship Arch. But Fingerhut's domain extends far beyond anything the eye can see — to the four corners of North America, and beyond.

With 550 North American campus affiliates and 56 affiliates overseas, Hillel International is arguably one of America's largest and most far-reaching Jewish organizations, dwarfing a combination of other major Jewish groups.

From its humble roots in 1920 at Texas A&M University, and then its formal creation in 1923 at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, Hillel has risen to become the tip of the spear in the battle for Jewry's future. That battle is now being waged at the frontline of the conflagration — the college campus, where the fractal of antisemitism and anti-Zionism morphs daily.

The name Hillel stands for one thing: the next generation. Yet, the organization, which sports a \$126.4 million-dollar budget and is staffed by approximately 1,000 employees, is greatly misunderstood.

Hillel International gets blamed for many things that happen at its local affiliates. Every time that a local Hillel hosts a controversial event — such as the screening of Nakba films in 2016 at the Brown University Hillel, or a Columbia University Hillel special presentation with Breaking the Silence (a group that the Israeli government has often criticized) — Hillel International contends with vociferous public and private complaints.

In truth, most people don't fully understand that Hillel International has not been a monolithic campus organization with carefully-controlled chapters at hundreds of colleges. Instead, its model has been closer to that of Marriott International, which licenses local hotels on the condition that the local branches maintain certain standards of service and quality.

Similarly, Hillel International licenses its name and logo, and provides certain services and programs to its various independent local chapters. These chapters are generally incorporated as separate local foundations, each with separate local boards. Each affiliate has a highly localized constituency and set of challenges. While local Hillels are networked together in one identity, they are, in fact, independent corporations that agree to agree ... until they don't.

So misunderstood is Hillel International's legal separateness from its local affiliates that many people don't even know the organization's real name. Official emails from Hillel staffers are commonly signed with the emblematic Hillel International logo, and sometimes with the name of the headquarters building — the Charles and Lynn Schusterman International Center.

While the organization's website abundantly speaks of Hillel International, its legal name is hard to find. Nowhere in its 2015 Annual Report did the legal name of

the organization appear, not even on page 38 above the financial data, where the legal name should be printed.

Instead, the legal name on page 38 was misidentified as "Charles and Lynn Schusterman International Center," which is the building's name. In mid-July 2016, repeated attempts to confirm the entity's true legal name with Hillel officials went unanswered, with one key official finally responding, "Let me get back to you."

Only days later — and after numerous requests — was the legal name finally confirmed in writing as "Hillel: The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life." That name matches the organization's IRS filings. Following last year's inquiries, the legal name was added back into the organization's 2016 annual report.

At the same time, a simple search of Charity Navigator reveals scores of other foundations with an identical or similar name — all local Hillels, from Staten Island to Los Angeles, and all points in between.

No wonder Hillel International gets blamed for every misstep of any local Hillel.

But make no mistake, each local Hillel answers to its own board and constituency, and functions in its own political climate.

Hillel International must walk a tightrope — and often, the organization can't win. As a home to Jews of all religious, cultural and political persuasions, Hillel must balance atop the pinhead between the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist, and "drifted-away" Jewish communities. It must try to balance between those who believe in a two-state, a one-state or a no state solution — as well as those who are straight and gay, rich and poor, kosher and non-kosher, and every permutation thereof. If the proverbial three Jews need five synagogues, how many Hillels are needed at each campus?

To cope with its impossible task, Hillel International has adopted some minimal standards, i.e., Guidelines, with regard to Israel.

The Jewish state is now the flashpoint at almost every synagogue, college and local Hillel. At their heart, Hillel International's Guidelines mandate that local chapters remain "steadfastly committed to the support of Israel as a Jewish and democratic state with secure and recognized borders as a member of the family of nations."

The Guidelines add, "Hillel will not partner with, house, or host organizations, groups, or speakers that as a matter of policy or practice: Deny the right of Israel to exist as a Jewish and democratic state with secure and recognized borders; Delegitimize, demonize, or apply a double standard to Israel; Support boycott of, divestment from, or sanctions against the State of Israel; Exhibit a pattern of disruptive behavior towards campus events or guest speakers, or foster an atmosphere of incivility."

In practice, Hillel International has had to enforce its trademark and standards by requiring local chapters adhere to these Guidelines. This has led to the so-called Open Hillel movement, where a few isolated former Hillels have gone their own way, collectively protesting: "We envision a future in which people of all views on Israel/Palestine can express themselves freely in Hillel."

This year, though, something has changed.

To ensure its standards are more closely observed, Hillel International has now



Hillel International CEO Eric Fingerhut. Photo: Hillel International.

injected itself more deeply into the hiring of local chapter executive directors, and into local operations.

In prior years, Hillel always helped recruit, vet and recommend local chapter directors, and even assisted in some mundane payroll activities. But now, empowered by a \$38 million grant from the Marcus Foundation (which was announced in December 2016), Hillel International can wield the money needed to attract and retain highly-qualified personnel.

Known as Hillel Talent Grants, the new program deploys big dollars to enhance the pre-existing process, whereby each new local executive director is personally vetted and approved by CEO Fingerhut, and conforms to Hillel International's vision. One April 2017 email to a local chapter from the Hillel International legal department explained: "The President/CEO of Hillel International must be given the opportunity to review, interview and approve the candidate before an offer is made. While every courtesy and consideration is given to a local board's recommendations, the President/CEO of Hillel has final authority."

With a vision backed by big dollars — and stricter adherence to terms and conditions — Fingerhut and Hillel International can now wield wider influence over who will be hired, and who will not be.

In some cases, this action by Hillel International can bring praiseworthy reform and community enhancement. But in other cases, Hillel International has been accused of heavy-

handed methods, with free-flowing accusations of intimidation, defamation, bullying and fear-inducing tactics levied against Fingerhut and the Hillel International staff.

In Boston, one of America's leading academic communities, several members of the Hillel community are living in fear or anger that Hillel will retaliate against them if they speak up too loudly or pursue independence.

In a widely circulated June 9, 2017, email, Northeastern Hillel board chairman Sheldon Goldman openly charged that Fingerhut and the staff of Hillel International have been "engaged in fear-based tactics, where fear, not any aspirational goal, is the principal motivation. We deserve better. If we are to be led, it should be by a new leader with moral courage, who can inspire others and who fearlessly cultivates a positive, dynamic environment."

In an August follow-up, Goldman argued that Fingerhut "must be replaced as the leader of Hillel. This cannot be done quick enough as his character is leaching away whatever moral fiber remains at SIC [Schusterman International Center]."

Goldman has hired lawyers. And Hillel International's legal department is paying attention.

Are Goldman's charges isolated? Several former members of local Hillels in Boston agree that Hillel International has used strong-arm tactics, including intimidation, retaliation, financial pressure against local chapters, and sheer bullying to enforce what one called "a reign of fear" — which some say can continue even after those critics leave college positions and seek jobs in Jewish organizations. Fingerhut and Hillel International staff staunchly deny that they have wielded any intimidation or bullying tactics in Boston. And other Hillel staffers around the country swear by the organization's — and Fingerhut's — calm and progressive nature.

But what has happened, and is now happening, in Boston may decide the future of Hillel International and its sometimes-stormy relationships with its local affiliates. And as Hillel goes, so goes the next generation of Jews.

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withdrawing from the 1972 ABM Treaty, a new "reality" will be created. We will need to assure the international community that the US decision will in fact enhance international peace and security, unlike the JCPOA — the provisions of which shield Iran's ongoing efforts to develop deliverable nuclear weapons. The administration should announce that it is abrogating the JCPOA due to significant Iranian violations, Iran's unacceptable international conduct more broadly, and because the JCPOA threatens American national-security interests.

The administration's explanation in a "white paper" should stress the many dangerous concessions made to reach this deal, such as allowing Iran to continue to enrich uranium; allowing Iran to operate a heavy-water reactor; and allowing Iran to operate and develop advanced centrifuges while the JCPOA is in effect. Utterly inadequate verification and enforcement mechanisms and Iran's refusal to allow inspections of military sites also provide important reasons for the administration's decision.

Even the previous administration knew the JCPOA was so disadvantageous to the

United States that it feared to submit the agreement for Senate ratification. Moreover, key American allies in the Middle East directly affected by this agreement, especially Israel and the Gulf states, did not have their legitimate interests adequately taken into account. Our explanation must also demonstrate the linkage between Iran and North Korea.

We must also highlight Iran's unacceptable behavior, such as its role as the world's central banker for international terrorism, including its directions and control over Hezbollah and its actions in Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. The reasons Ronald Reagan named Iran as a state sponsor of terrorism in 1984 remain fully applicable today.

II. Campaign Plan Components

There are four basic elements to the development and implementation of the campaign plan to decertify and abrogate the Iran nuclear deal:

1. Early, quiet consultations with key players such as the UK, France, Germany, Israel and Saudi Arabia, to tell them that we are going to abrogate the deal based on outright violations and other unacceptable Iranian behavior, and seek their input.
2. Prepare the documented strategic case

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for withdrawal through a detailed white paper (including declassified intelligence as appropriate) explaining why the deal is harmful to US national interests, how Iran has violated it and why Iran's behavior more broadly has only worsened since the deal was agreed to.

3. A greatly expanded diplomatic campaign should immediately follow the announcement, especially in Europe and the Middle East, and we should ensure continued emphasis on the Iran threat as a top diplomatic and strategic priority.

4. Develop and execute congressional and public diplomacy efforts to build domestic and foreign support.

III. Execution Concepts and Tactics

1. Early, quiet consultations with key players

It is critical that a worldwide effort be initiated to inform our allies, partners and others about Iran's unacceptable behavior. While this effort could well leak to the press, it is nonetheless critical that we inform and consult with our allies and partners at the earliest possible moment, and, where appropriate, build into our effort their concerns and suggestions.

This quiet effort will articulate the nature and details of the violations and the type of relationship that the US foresees in the future, thereby laying the foundation for imposing new sanctions barring the transfer of nuclear and missile technology or dual use technology to Iran. With Israel and selected others, we will discuss military options. With others in the Gulf region, we can also discuss means to address their concerns from Iran's menacing behavior.

The advance consultations could begin with private calls by the president, followed by more extensive discussions in capitals by senior administration envoys. Promptly elaborating a comprehensive tactical diplomatic plan should be a high priority.

2. Prepare the documented strategic case

The White House, coordinating with all other relevant federal agencies, must forcefully articulate the strong case regarding US national-security interests. The effort should produce a "white paper" that will be the starting point for the diplomatic and domestic discussion of the administration's decision to abrogate the JCPOA, and why Iran must be denied access to nuclear technology indefinitely. The white paper should be an unclassified, written statement of the administration's case, prepared faultlessly, with scrupulous attention to accuracy and candor. It should not be limited to the inadequacies of the JCPOA as written, or Iran's violations, but cover the entire range of Iran's continuing unacceptable international behavior.

Although the white paper will not be issued until the announcement of the decision to abrogate the JCPOA, initiating work on drafting the document is the highest priority, and its completion will dictate the timing of the abrogation announcement.

A thorough review and declassification strategy, including both US and foreign intelligence in our possession, should be initiated to ensure that the public has as much information as possible about Iranian behavior that is currently classified, consistent with protecting intelligence sources and methods. We should be prepared to "name names" and expose the underbelly of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard business activities and how they are central to the efforts that undermine American and allied national interests. In particular, we should consider declassifying information related to activities such as the Iran-North Korea partnership, and how both countries undermine fundamental interests

of our allies and partners.

3. Greatly expanded diplomatic campaign post-announcement

The administration, through the NSC process, should develop a tactical plan that uses all available diplomatic tools to build support for our decision, including what actions we recommend other countries to take. But America must provide leadership. This will take substantial time and effort, and will require a "full court press" by US embassies worldwide and officials in Washington to drive the process forward. We should ensure that US officials fully understand the decision, and its finality, to help ensure the most positive impact with their interlocutors.

Our embassies worldwide should demarche their host governments with talking points (tailored as may be necessary) and data to explain and justify abrogating the JCPOA. We will need parallel efforts at the United Nations and other appropriate multilateral organizations. Our embassies should not limit themselves to delivering the demarche, however, but should undertake extensive public diplomacy as well.

After explaining and justifying the decision to abrogate the deal, the next objective should be to recreate a new counter-proliferation coalition to replace the one squandered by the previous administration including our European allies, Israel and the Gulf states. In that regard, we should solicit suggestions for imposing new sanctions on Iran and other measures in response to its nuclear and ballistic-missile programs sponsorship of terrorism and generally belligerent behavior, including its meddling in Iraq and Syria.

Russia and China obviously warrant careful attention in the post-announcement campaign. They could be informed just prior to the public announcement as a courtesy, but should not be part of the pre-announcement diplomatic effort described above. We should welcome their full engagement to eliminate these threats, but we will move ahead with or without them.

Iran is not likely to seek further negotiations once the JCPOA is abrogated, but the administration may wish to consider rhetorically leaving that possibility open in order to demonstrate Iran's actual underlying intention to develop deliverable nuclear weapons — an intention that has never flagged.

In preparation for the diplomatic campaign, the NSC interagency process should review US foreign-assistance programs as they might assist our efforts. The DNI should prepare a comprehensive, worldwide list of companies and activities that aid Iran's terrorist activities.

4. Develop and execute Congressional and public diplomacy efforts

The administration should have a Capitol Hill plan to inform members of Congress already concerned about Iran, and develop momentum for imposing broad sanctions against Iran, far more comprehensive than the pinprick sanctions favored under prior administrations. Strong congressional support will be critical.

We should be prepared to link Iranian behavior around the world, including its relationship with North Korea, and its terrorist activities. And we should demonstrate the linkage between Iranian behavior and missile proliferation as part of the overall effort that justifies a national-security determination that US interests would not be furthered with the JCPOA.

Unilateral US sanctions should be imposed outside the framework of Security Council Resolution 2231 so that Iran's defenders cannot water them down; multilateral sanctions from others who support us can follow quickly.

The administration should also encourage discussions in Congress, and publicly debate further steps that might be taken to go beyond the abrogation decision. These further steps, advanced for discussion purposes and to stimulate debate, should collectively demonstrate our resolve to limit Iran's malicious activities and global adventurism. Some would relate directly to Iran; others would protect our allies and partners more broadly from the nuclear proliferation and terrorist threats, such as providing F-35s to Israel or THAAD resources to Japan. Other actions could include:

End all landing and docking rights for all Iranian aircraft and ships at key allied ports;

End all visas for Iranians, including so called "scholarly" ones for student, sports or other exchanges;

Demand payment with a set deadline on outstanding US Federal-court judgments against Iran for terrorism, including 9/11;

Announce US support for the democratic Iranian opposition;

Expedite delivery of bunker-buster bombs;

Announce US support for Kurdish

national aspirations, including Kurds in Iran, Iraq and Syria;

Provide assistance to Balochis, Khuzestan Arabs, Kurds and others — also to internal resistance among labor unions, students and women's groups;

Actively organize opposition to Iranian political objectives at the UN.

IV. Conclusion

This effort should be the administration's highest diplomatic priority, commanding all necessary time, attention and resources. We can no longer wait to eliminate the threat posed by Iran. The administration's justification of its decision will demonstrate to the world that we understand the threat to our civilization. We must act and encourage others to meet their responsibilities as well.

1. Although this paper will refer to "the JCPOA," the abrogation decision should also encompass the July 14, 2015, statement by the UN Security Council's five permanent members and Germany, attached as Annex B to Security Council Resolution 2231. The JCPOA is attached as Annex A to Resolution 2231.

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Added Berger — in a translation of the Al Quds article made available by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) — "Abbas's statements reflect a measure of the Palestinian anger over the focus of the US delegation on this topic and its disregard of core issues such as the two-state solution and the halting of the settlements."

During the same meeting, Abbas was reportedly infuriated by Kushner's refusal "to define the borders on the Palestinian state as the 1967 borders, but said that this would be a matter to be agreed upon by the Israeli and Palestinian sides." On the two-state solution specifically, Kushner was said to have shown "some openness" on the matter.

According to Berger, Abbas reiterated

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from xenophobia. It is the paradigm case of irrational hatred. In the Middle Ages Jews were accused of poisoning wells, spreading the plague, and in one of the most absurd claims ever — the Blood Libel — they were suspected of killing Christian children to use their blood to make matzot for Pesach. This was self-evidently impossible, but that did not stop people believing it.

The European Enlightenment, with its worship of science and reason, was expected to end all such hatred. Instead it gave rise to a new version of it, racial antisemitism. In the nineteenth century Jews were hated because they were rich and because they were poor; because they were capitalists and because they were communists; because they were exclusive and kept to themselves and because they infiltrated everywhere; because they were believers in an ancient, superstitious faith and because they were rootless cosmopolitans who believed nothing.

Antisemitism was the supreme irrationality of the age of reason.

It gave rise to a new myth, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, a literary forgery produced by members of the Czarist Russia secret police toward the end of the nineteenth century. It held that Jews had power over the whole of Europe — this at the time of the Russian pogroms of 1881 and the antisemitic May Laws of 1882, which sent some three million Jews, powerless and impoverished, into flight from Russia to the West.

The situation in which Jews found

his desire for the 2002 Arab Peace Initiative — which calls for a Palestinian state with its capital in eastern Jerusalem — to be used as the basis for any future negotiations with the Israeli government. If attempts to restart talks fail, Berger continued, Abbas was likely to lobby the UN Security Council for increased pressure upon Israel, as well as seeking the admission of an independent State of Palestine as a full UN member.

Following his meeting with Kushner, Abbas issued a statement through the PA's Facebook page underlining his unwavering support for the payments to terrorists. "I will never stop [paying] the allowances to the families of the prisoners and released prisoners, even if this costs me my position and my presidency," the PA president said. "I will pay them until my dying day."

themselves at the end of what was supposed to be the century of Enlightenment and emancipation was stated eloquently by Theodor Herzl, in 1897:

We have sincerely tried everywhere to merge with the national communities in which we live, seeking only to preserve the faith of our fathers. It is not permitted us. In vain are we loyal patriots, sometimes superloyal; in vain do we make the same sacrifices of life and property as our fellow citizens; in vain do we strive to enhance the fame of our native lands in the arts and sciences, or her wealth by trade and commerce. In our native lands where we have lived for centuries we are still decried as aliens, often by men whose ancestors had not yet come at a time when Jewish sighs had long been heard in the country... If we were left in peace... But I think we shall not be left in peace.

This was deeply shocking to Herzl. No less shocking has been the return of antisemitism to parts of the Middle East and even Europe today, within living memory of the Holocaust. Yet the Torah intimates why. Irrational hate does not die.

Not all hostility to Jews, or to Israel as a Jewish state, is irrational, and where it is not, it can be reasoned with. But some of it is irrational. Some of it, even today, is a repeat of the myths of the past, from the Blood Libel to the Protocols. All we can do is remember and not forget, confront it and defend ourselves against it.

Amalek does not die. But neither does the Jewish people. Attacked so many times over the centuries, it still lives, giving testimony to the victory of the God of love over the myths and madness of hate.

Impressions.

Abbas Proposes a Peace Plan — With Hamas

BY ELDER OF ZION

Mahmoud Abbas has finally come up with his own detailed peace plan. Instead of waiting for others to present him with plans that he invariably rejects, Abbas has taken the initiative and created a seven-point plan to finally bring peace to an intractable conflict.

Oh, not with Israel. Abbas' peace plan is with an internationally designated terror group: Hamas.

The PLO leader recently met with Turkish leader Erdogan, and presented him with a framework to unify Abbas' PLO and Hamas (yet again). The details of the plan aren't important, but they include Hamas dissolving its administrative committee that controls Gaza; the forming of a national unity govern-



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas.
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ment — including all terror groups like Hamas and Islamic Jihad; coming up with a solution to paying Gaza employees of the PA; allowing electricity and medicines to return to Gaza; and calling for new elections.

Abbas' strategy for peace with Israel, on the other hand, is the same as it has been for years: keep rejecting all offers, until one comes along that makes Abbas happy.



Tag Representing Hamas. Photo Soman via Wikimedia

USA Today's Orwellian Report on Anti-Jewish Violence

BY SEAN DURNS

In his dystopian novel 1984, the British author George Orwell famously wrote: "War is peace. Freedom is slavery. Ignorance is strength."

In a similar vein, a recent USA Today report that details anti-Jewish violence is headlined "Palestinians give peaceful protest a chance."

In reality, the August 3, 2017, dispatch, by special correspondent Noga Tarnoplsky, reported the complete opposite.

The article covered Palestinian Arab objections to Israeli efforts to increase security measures at the Al-Aqsa Mosque, which sits on the Temple Mount — Judaism's holiest site.

Israeli authorities sought to install metal detectors at the site after a July 14, 2017, terror attack in which three Arab Israelis murdered two Israeli policemen with weapons hidden in the mosque. Holy sites of all faiths around the world employ similar security measures.

Yet the Palestinians reacted to the announcement of measures designed to protect both them and Israelis from violence — with violence.

As the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) and others have detailed, Palestinian authorities employed the so-called "Al-Aqsa libel" — claiming that Jews held secret designs to "destroy" or "defile" the mosque — to incite anti-Jewish violence.

In the past, this lie has often preceded anti-Jewish massacres. This time was no different.

On July 21, 2017, a Palestinian terrorist named Omar al-Abed murdered three members of an Israeli family in Halamish, stabbing them to death at a Shabbat dinner. Prior to the murders, al-Abed posted a lengthy Facebook diatribe, calling Jews "monkeys and pigs," and proclaiming his intent to defend Al-Aqsa. The terrorist's father proudly told the Washington Post in a July 25 interview: "What he did was for al-Aqsa."

USA Today's own report noted, if not in full detail, this terror attack. It also claimed that "sporadic violence" occurred at "the fringes of the mass [Palestinian] demonstrations" against Israel's announcement of improved security measures. The violence, however, was more than "sporadic" as the dispatch itself pointed out:

The daily protests were not free of violence. In fact, several hundred Palestinians regularly threw rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli security personnel. But they were a minority compared to thousands of Palestinians who protested against the metal detectors that Israel installed around the al-Aqsa mosque through peaceful prayers in the streets.

Indeed, USA Today quoted Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld, who observed that Palestinians threw "rocks, explosive bottles and firecrackers aimed directly at police, endangering their lives."

"Israeli authorities," USA Today said, "take exception to descriptions of non-violent demonstrations." One doesn't have to wonder why.

The USA Today report also omitted some of the exhortations to anti-Jewish violence chanted by Palestinian rioters.

For example, as the Jerusalem Post (among

other outlets) noted on July 23, 2017, one of the common Palestinian chants was "Khaybar, Khaybar, ya yahud, Jaish Muhammad, sa yahud." Translated, this means, "Remember Khaybar, you Jews, the army of Muhammad is returning." As the Jerusalem Post highlighted, this is a reference to a battle and massacre of Jews in the seventh century — hardly a "peaceful" event or chant.

Additionally, USA Today's dispatch quotes, and treats as a credible source, Mustafa Barghouti, whom it calls "of the moderate Palestinian National Initiative party." Yet, Barghouti has openly supported violence, including the 2015 Palestinian stabbing intifada. Some highlights of this Palestinian terror spree included a baby being stabbed, and dozens more being murdered or wounded by Palestinian attackers. This is hardly a "moderate" action.

It's questionable to characterize — as USA Today does — "several hundred Palestinians" throwing "rocks and Molotov cocktails" as a "minority." It's even more questionable to draw the conclusion that, as the online version of the report was headlined: "Palestinians learn value of non-violent protests in mosque security standoff



The aftermath of a Palestinian terror attack at a Tel Aviv restaurant in June 2016. Photo: File.

with Israel."

That's certainly not the interpretation that Palestinian leaders seemed to have reached.

In several cartoons posted on its official Facebook page on July 27, 2017, Fatah — the movement that dominates the Palestinian Authority (PA) — portrayed Israel's July 26, 2017, decision to remove the metal detectors as one "made out of fear," according to translations by Palestinian Media Watch (PMW).

In an April 24, 2017, interview about "fake news," USA Today's standards editor, Brent Jones, said: "Our job is, in our quest for truth, to be as accurate as possible."

However, USA Today spurned repeated requests by CAMERA to change the article's headline to more accurately reflect its content, as well as some of the facts noted above.

"The very concept of objective truth is fading out of the world. Lies will pass into history," Orwell once wrote. If newspapers do, in fact, offer the "first draft" of history — and if USA Today's August 3, 2017, headline is a barometer — Orwell might be correct.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; Joao F. Camilo a/k/a Joao Camilo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 14, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 2, 2017 46517 AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: BROOKLYN 2 BACKCOUNTRY LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 07/19/2017. 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 Brooklyn 2 Backcountry LLC 1835 W. 7th St., Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose:all lawful activity AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, V. JASON FREDERICK, et al. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 24, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and JASON FREDERICK, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on September 14, 2017 at 2:30 PM, premises known as 630 CHAUNCEY ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. Block 3450 Lot 14: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511662/2014. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Sharifa Small, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2016 and entered on 9/27/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams

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Street, Brooklyn, NY on September 14, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 166 Stuyvesant Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1620, LOT: 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$973,919.86 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012554/2009. Jerome D. Cohen, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

IGLOO EMERSON LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/25/17. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Igloo NYC LLC, 184 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - LUIS BUSTAMANTE A/K/A LUIS ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 14, 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 14th Day of September, 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 1425 East 98th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. (Block: 8263, Lot: 21) Approximate amount of lien \$438,999.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11772/2013. Roger Siegel, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: AUGUST 18, 2017 AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR-IN-INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE, FOR JPMORGAN MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-A7, Plaintiff against RUBIN AMINOV; OCHER AMINOV A/K/A OSHER AMINOV, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 11, 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 14th day of September, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and State of New York. In the condominium known as "The Bella Vista Condominium." Together with an undivided 8.39 % interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 2517 East 13th Street, Unit 2C, Brooklyn, NY 11235. (Block: 7434, Lot: 1006) Approximate amount of lien \$ 533,698.52 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506391-14. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28

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East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1

Notice of Qualification of J SQUAD LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/27/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 05/02/17. NYS fictitious name: OFFICINA J LLC. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Tarter Krinsky & Drogin LLP, 1350 Broadway, 11th Fl., NY, NY 10018. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State of the State of DE, 401 Federal St. - Ste. 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 8/11/18/25; 9/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"); Plaintiff(s) vs. ILENE BENSOUAN; 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 April 19, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at Public Auction in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On September 21, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1450 EAST 65TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11234 Block: 8386 Lot: 67 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. 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 \$400,308.58 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 24572/12 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., REFEREE AJ; 8/18/25; 9/1/8

Notice of Formation of 176 WASHINGTON AVENUE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/03/17. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: c/o James P. Clark, 127 Nassau Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11222. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 8/18/25; 9/1/8/15/22

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA; BENJAMIN LOZADA; MRS. LOZADA, a woman who refused to Identify her first name, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 27, 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 28th day of September, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the building and improvements thereon

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erected, situate lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11208. (Block: 4129, Lot: 23) Approximate amount of lien \$ 328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400 AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. SANTOSH NATH; 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 May 8, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On September 28, 2017 at 2:00 pm. Premises known as 175 WARWICK ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-2711 Block: 3938 Lot: 5 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, 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 \$527,031.66 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20474-13 Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARCIA A. BECKFORD; 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 May 4, 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 September 28, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236 Block: 8064 Lot: 1 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, 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 \$572,311.16 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4029-13 Helene Blank, Esq., Referee AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE Index No. 17617-12 STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, -vs- RUTHIE SMOTHERS; VIOLA BECKETT; TYSHAWN CORBETT; QUANDEL SMOTHERS; QUMIAK SMOTHERS and VISHAL DANRAJ, Defendants. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted by this Court in the above entitled foreclosure action, dated

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Tradition.

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Two Types of Hate



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

It is by any standards a strange, almost incomprehensible law. Here it is in the form it appears in this week's parsha:

Remember what the Amalekites did to you along the way when you came out of Egypt. When you were weary and worn out, they met you on your journey and attacked all who were lagging behind; they had no fear of God. When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land He is giving you to possess as an inheritance, you shall blot out the name of Amalek from under the heaven. Do not forget. (Deut. 25:17-19)

The Israelites had two enemies in the days of Moses: the Egyptians and the Amalekites. The Egyptians enslaved the Israelites. They turned them into a forced labour colony. They oppressed them. Pharaoh commanded them to drown every male Israelite child. It was attempted genocide. Yet about them, Moses commands:

Do not despise an Egyptian, because you were strangers in his land. (Deut. 23:8)

The Amalekites did no more than attack the Israelites once[1], an attack that they successfully repelled (Ex. 17:13). Yet Moses



commands, "Remember." "Do not forget." "Blot out the name." In Exodus the Torah says that "God shall be at war with Amalek for all generations" (Deut. 17:16). Why the difference? Why did Moses tell the Israelites, in effect, to forgive the Egyptians but not the Amalekites?

The answer is to be found as a corollary of teaching in the Mishna, Avot (5:19):

Whenever love depends on a cause and the cause passes away, then the love passes away too. But if love does not depend on a cause then the love will never pass away. What is an example of the love which depended upon a cause? That of Amnon for Tamar. And what is an example of the love which did not depend on a cause? That of David and Jonathan.

When love is conditional, it lasts as long as the condition lasts but no longer. Amnon loved, or rather lusted, for Tamar because she was forbidden to him. She was his half-sister. Once he had had his way with her, "Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved

her." (2 Sam. 13:15). But when love is unconditional and irrational, it never ceases. In the words of Dylan Thomas: "Though lovers be lost, love shall not, and death shall have no dominion."

The same applies to hate. When hate is rational, based on some fear or disapproval that – justified or not – has some logic to it, then it can be reasoned with and brought to an end. But unconditional, irrational hatred cannot be reasoned with. There is nothing one can do to address it and end it. It persists.

That was the difference between the Amalekites and the Egyptians. The Egyptians' hatred and fear of the Israelites was not irrational. Pharaoh said to his people:

"The Israelites are becoming too numerous and strong for us. We must deal wisely with them. Otherwise, they may increase so much, that if there is war, they will join our enemies and fight against us, driving [us] from the land." (Ex. 1:9-10)

The Egyptians feared the Israelites because they were numerous. They constituted a potential threat to the native population. Historians tell us that this was not groundless. Egypt had already suffered from one invasion of outsiders, the Hyksos, an Asiatic people with Canaanite names and beliefs, who took over the Nile Delta during the Second Intermediate Period of the Egypt of the pharaohs. Eventually they were expelled from Egypt and all traces of their occupation were erased. But the memory persisted. It was not irrational for the Egyptians to fear that the Hebrews were another such population. They feared the Israelites because they were strong.

(Note that there is a difference between "rational" and "justified". The Egyptians' fear was in this case certainly unjustified. The Israelites did not want to take over Egypt. To the contrary, they would have preferred to leave. Not every rational emotion is justified. It is not irrational to feel fear of flying after the report of a major air disaster, despite the fact that statistically it is more dangerous to drive a car than to be a passenger in a plane. The point is simply that rational but unjustified emotion can, in principle, be cured through reasoning.)

Precisely the opposite was true of the Amalekites. They attacked the Israelites when they were "weary and weak". They focused their assault on those who were "lagging behind." Those who are weak and lagging behind pose no danger. This was irrational, groundless hate.

With rational hate it is possible to reason. Besides, there was no reason for the Egyptians to fear the Israelites any more. They had left. They were no longer a threat. But with irrational hate it is impossible to reason. It has no cause, no logic. Therefore it may never go away. Irrational hate is as durable and persistent as irrational love. The hatred symbolised by Amalek lasts

"for all generations." All one can do is to remember and not forget, to be constantly vigilant, and to fight it whenever and wherever it appears.

There is such a thing as rational xenophobia: fear and hate of the foreigner, the stranger, the one not like us. In the hunter-gatherer stage of humanity, it was vital to distinguish between members of your tribe and those of another tribe. There was competition for food and territory. It was not an age of liberalism and tolerance. The other tribe was likely to kill you or oust you, given the chance.

The ancient Greeks were xenophobic, regarding all non-Greeks as barbarians. So still are many native populations. Even people as tolerant as the British and Americans were historically distrustful of immigrants, be they Jews, Irish, Italian or Puerto Rican. What happens, though, is that within two or three generations the newcomers acculturate and integrate. They are seen as contributing to the national economy and adding richness and variety to its culture. When an emotion like fear of immigrants is rational but unjustified, eventually it declines and disappears.

Antisemitism is different

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March 1, 2017, and entered in the Kings Clerk's Office on April 10, 2017, Charles M. Sporn, the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder on September 28, 2017 in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale commonly known as 215 Berriman Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York, [Block 4022, Lot 5], Subject to and together with all covenants, easements, and restrictions of record affecting the above described premises as recorded in the Kings County Clerk's Office and subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. JUDGMENT AMOUNT: The Judgment amount is \$215,670.19, plus plaintiff's costs and disbursements in the amount of \$1,475.00, both with interest, plus advances made by the plaintiff until the date of the sale, pursuant to said judgment. DATED: August 14, 2017 Charles M. Sporn, Referee BARCLAY DAMON LLP J. Eric Charlton Attorney for Plaintiff Barclay Damon Tower 125 East Jefferson Street Syracuse, New York 13202 Direct all inquiries to: Ruth Stegner Phone no. 716-566-1452

AJ; 8/25; 9/1/8/15/

SUPPLEMENTAL CITATION File no. 2017-148 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent. TO Nathaniel Dash IV and Twayne Dash, if living or if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown, and if he died subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law and next of kin and distributees of NATHANIEL DASH,

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the decedent herein, whose names and places of address are unknown and cannot, after diligent Inquiry, be ascertained. Jerome Dash. Raymond Dash. A petition having been duly filed by Robert D. Dash who is/are domiciled at 105 Gray Street, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, Room 62 on September 28, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Nathaniel Dash, aka Nathaniel Raymond Dash lately domiciled at 108-54 217th Place, Queens Village, New York 11429, United States admitting to probate a Will dated March 18 2016 as the Will of Nathaniel Dash deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Robert D. Dash. Dated, Attested and Sealed, Aug. 3 2017 Hon. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate Lee J. Coulman Acting Chief Clerk Elisha Wellerstein, Esq. Wellerstein Law Group, P .C 60-45 Eliot Avenue, Maspeth, New York 11368 (718) 473-0699 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.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LPP Mortgage Ltd., Plaintiff -against- Ernest C. Blundell, Jacqueline Blundell, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Transit Adjudication Bureau, Citibank, N.A., Citimortgage, Inc., New York City Environmental Control Board, Ms. Blundell (First Name Refused) Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly dated May 5, 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 September 28, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 72 Dare Ct, Brooklyn, NY 11229. 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. Section: 26 Block: 8907 Lot: 704 Approximate amount of lien \$470,973.53 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 15382/2013 Leonard C. Spector, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: August 18, 2017 FILE #: DOVEN 64181

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Notice of qualification of LEAD FOOT ENTERPRISES,LLC. Authority filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 8/14/2017 Office location Richmond County LLC formed in Arizona on 06/07/2017. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail process to: Christina Talley CPA 1948 Woodlands Village Blvd. suite B Flagstaff AZ 86001 .Arts of Org. Filed with Arizona Corporation commission 1300 West Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 . Purpose all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS SRP 2013-10, LLC, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 507393/2014 JOSEPH SCHWARTZ A/K/A JOSEPH SCHWARZ, ALIZA SCHWARTZ, MALKE SCHWARTZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 7/27/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 10/5/2017 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 949 50th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 5638 and Lot 58. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$166,021.99 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 507393/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdirame, Esq., Referee. Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 35-37 36th Street, 2nd Floor, ASTORIA, NY 11106 Dated: 8/3/2017 PB AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 11 WATERFORD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/10/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 11 WATERFORD LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AJ; 9/1/8/15/22; 10/6

Notice of formation of 421 HOME LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 421 HOME LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of 18 IROQUOIS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 18 IROQUOIS LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of 105 MERSEREAU LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 105 MERSEREAU LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of 2910 RICHMOND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2910 RICHMOND LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

AJ; 9/1/8/15/22; 10/6

Social.



Conan O'Brien in Israel. Photo: Facebook.

Conan O'Brien Tries 'Amazing' Shakshuka, Jokes About Heat and Attends a Bar Mitzvah While Filming Travel Show in Israel

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Late night talk show host Conan O'Brien has been sharing with his social media followers all of his escapades during his ongoing week-long visit to Israel, where he is filming a travel show that will air in September.

In a Facebook live stream on Saturday from an overlook in Jaffa, O'Brien talked about the great food and drinks he had consumed thus far in Israel, including "amazing" shakshuka (a dish of eggs with tomatoes and spices), Goldstar beer and some "incredible" Thai offerings at a restaurant where he ate "some of the best food I've ever had." He also joked he had been dealing with the extreme summer heat in Israel by wearing a "very big" table cloth over his head everywhere he went.

O'Brien added, "I have a hat but I try not to wear that too much because I look like an older woman walking down the street. [And] I wear a sun-protective shirt, which is the most uncool thing you've ever seen. I'm like a vampire. When the sun comes up here I start shrieking and hissing, it's pretty horrific. But I get by, I sweated my body weight today and I'm feeling good."

O'Brien flew to Israel last week to film one of

his "Conan Without Borders" travel shows. So far he has visited the office of the Israeli navigation application Waze, celebrated what he claimed to be his own bar mitzvah and stopped by the beach in Tel Aviv. He described the people in the Israeli coastal metropolis by saying, "All the men are incredibly buff, the women are beautiful... [and there are] a lot of men in Speedos. I will not be in a Speedo, I promise you that. No one wants to see me in a Speedo."

O'Brien said in his Facebook live stream that he also planned on traveling to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. He quipped about the latter, "I hope I can get a room because Jesus had some trouble." The comedian also shared on social media a video he filmed inside the bathroom of his El Al flight to Israel, where he was brushing up on his Hebrew.

"You can see it says 'towel disposal,'" he said, pointing to Hebrew letters under the English translation. "I recognize the words from the Old Testament when Moses tells his people to listen to the commandments and, also, to dispose of their towels ... he almost made it into a commandment."

Gal Gadot Says Holocaust Survivor Grandfather Taught Her 'Wonder Woman' Values

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Israeli actress Gal Gadot had an easy time relating to what Wonder Woman — the superhero she plays on the big screen — stands for because of what her late Holocaust survivor grandfather taught her, she told Rolling Stone magazine in its latest issue.

Gadot's grandfather was 13 when Nazis invaded his native country of Czechoslovakia. His father died in the army while the rest of his family was sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp, where his mother and brother died in the gas chambers. After the war, Gadot's grandfather traveled alone to Israel.

"His entire family was murdered — it's unthinkable," Gadot told Rolling Stone. "He affected me a lot. After all the horrors he'd seen, he was like this damaged bird, but he was always hopeful and positive and full of love. If I was raised in a place where these values were not so strong, things would be different. It was very easy for me to relate to everything that Wonder Woman stands for."



Israeli actress Gal Gadot. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons.

She added that the Amazonian superhero represented "love and hope and acceptance and fighting evil."

Gadot shared a photo of her grandfather and a tribute to him on Instagram in April in honor of Holocaust Remembrance Day.

New Project Introduces Israel to Popular Bloggers Around the World

BY JNS.ORG

An innovative project seeks to change Israel's international image, one blogger at a time, as part of the StandWithUs organization's fellowship program.

As part of the initiative, 26 students at the Interdisciplinary Center in Herzliya have made it their mission to introducing seven popular bloggers from across the globe — and their millions of readers — to Israel as they've never seen it before.

The UploadEuro project is a continuation of the "Upload" project launched last summer, which had a similar focus on South American bloggers.

Ricci Cohen and Lihi Biton, two of the students involved in the project, told Israel Hayom the seven bloggers combined have over 9 million followers around the world on social media. Travel blogger Ruhi Cenet, for example, has the fourth most-followed blog in Turkey, with 2.4 million subscribers. Krzysztof Gonciarz, originally from Poland, now lives in Tokyo and

has nearly 600,000 subscribers on YouTube. Yarissa Rodriguez hails from the Dominican Republic and runs an English and Spanish language lifestyle blog with over 1.5 million subscribers.

Cohen and Biton said they want to change Israel's international image, a mission they believe can be best achieved by bringing social media opinion leaders to Israel, where they can experience all it has to offer first-hand and then share it with their fans to debunk preconceived perceptions.

"We want to show them Israel's multiculturalism," Cohen said. "We sat in a restaurant in Jaffa, and they didn't understand how it's possible for Arabs and Jews to sit together like that — they really didn't think it was like that. We'll show them the places holy to all religions in Jerusalem."

The seven bloggers will crisscross Israel's hot spots, visiting Jerusalem and the Dead Sea among other places.

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