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## Jewish Leaders Congratulate New Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz



An election rally held by Austria's far-right FPO party. Photo: File.

BY BEN COHEN

Jewish leaders have expressed alarm at the prospect of a governing coalition in Austria dominated by the far-right, following Sunday's strong showing in national elections by the ultra-nationalist Freedom Party (FPO).

The FPO was narrowly beaten in the poll by the mainstream conservative Austrian People's

Party (OVP) whose 31-year-old head, Sebastian Kurz, is now set to become Europe's youngest leader. Kurz's party won 30.2 percent of the vote, with the FPO winning 26.9 percent.

Officials of the European Jewish Congress (EJC) offered their congratulations to Kurz, but urged him not to form a government with the FPO.

"The right and the far-right have won the parliamentary

elections in Austria because of the refugee crisis and the opposition to political Islam," said EJC vice-president Dr. Ariel Muzicant. "For the Jewish community, it is also a major problem that the FPO will, with high probability, be in the next government."

Muzicant criticized those politicians abroad — "including some from Israel" — who believe that the FPO's overtures to

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## Iran's IRGC Playing Central Role in Assault on Kurdish City of Kirkuk

BY BEN COHEN

Iran opened a new front in its bid for regional domination on Monday, as Iraqi government forces and Shia militias backed by the Tehran regime's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) launched an attack on the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, in the wake of last month's Kurdish independence referendum.

Thousands of people began fleeing Kirkuk as Iraqi troops and Shia fighters entered the majority-Kurdish city,



Kurdish Peshmerga fighters at a checkpoint near Kirkuk. Photo: Screenshot.

which lies outside the area controlled by the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) but whose residents nevertheless participated in the September 25 referendum.

The Peshmerga General Command — the central military authority for Kurdish fighters — lambasted the attack as "a flagrant declaration of war against the nation of Kurdistan."

"This attack, waged by the Iraqi government, Hashd al-Shaabi and forces associated with the Headquarters of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards' Quds force, is in retaliation against the people of Kurdistan who have asked for

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## Opinion.

# Trump Did the Right Thing by Walking Away From UNESCO — for Now



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The State Department announced on Thursday that the United States would be withdrawing from the UN agency UNESCO, citing financial reasons, the need for reform and the body's "continuing anti-Israel bias."

President Donald Trump's decision to leave UNESCO — the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization — as of December 31, 2018, was an appropriate foreign policy decision that will hopefully prompt a much-needed rethink of the United Nations, its purpose and practices. It will also send a strong message to the Palestinians that statehood cannot be achieved on the basis of UN resolutions alone, and that the only way forward is to engage in direct negotiations with Israel where mutual sacrifices will be required.

In the aftermath of World War II, the intended goal of the Paris-based UN body was a noble one: to promote basic freedoms and security through international collaboration on education, science and cultural projects.

UNESCO-sponsored projects focused on literacy, vocational training, equal access to basic education and preservation of human rights and historical sites are indeed praiseworthy. However, in practice, the 195-member body — with its automatic anti-Israel majority that exists in every institution of the UN — has become a springboard for Jew hatred and the rewriting of history.

To be sure, UNESCO is far from the only UN agency to regularly single out Israel for reproach. Yet, its anti-Israel adoptions have been abhorrent even by the low standards established by the broader multilateral institution. Consider a resolution introduced in May, which denied Israel — and the Jewish people's — legal and historic ties to the city of Jerusalem, including its holiest sites. It called the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron — considered the resting place of the Jewish Patriarchs and Matriarchs — and Rachel's Tomb near Bethlehem "Palestinian sites." Shamefully, this vote was deliberately held on Israel's Independence Day. Only two months later, the cultural body convened in Krakow, Poland — a city soaked in Jewish blood — and declared the city of Hebron, holy to Jews, an endangered Palestinian heritage site.

Even for some of the harshest critics of Israel, this historical ignorance is sometimes too much to swallow. In October 2016, for example, when UNESCO passed a resolution denying Israel's connection to the Temple

Mount and the Western Wall — referring to them only by their Muslim names — UNESCO chief Irina Bokov (whose intentions and motivations are themselves often curious) questioned the text of the Arab-sponsored resolution on Jerusalem.

This egregious distortion of history is not particularly surprising when considering the antisemitic political culture that has come to underpin UNESCO, particularly since 2011, when it became the first UN agency to admit the Palestinians as a full member. Hillel Neuer of the watchdog organization, UN Watch, noted that between 2009-2014 the cultural body adopted 46 resolutions against Israel, yet only one on Syria and none on Iran, Sudan, North Korea, or any of the other known violators of human rights around the world. In fact, a representative of the regime of Syrian dictator and mass murderer Bashar al-Assad sits on a UNESCO human rights committee.

Neuer further highlights this double standard: "UNESCO paid tribute to mass murderer Che Guevara, elected Syria to its human rights committee, and created prizes named after the dictators of Bahrain and Equatorial Guinea, whose ruler Obiang says God empowered him to kill whomever he wants. UNESCO has a noble founding mission, but that has been completely hijacked by the world's worst tyrannies and supporters of terror."

This is not the first time that the United States has pulled out of the hypocritical UN



The UNESCO headquarters in Paris.  
Photo: File.

cultural body. Under President Ronald Reagan in 1984, the United States walked away from UNESCO owing to financial mismanagement and "hostility toward the basic institutions of a free society." It was only in 2002 that President George W. Bush rejoined the body, stating that the United States wanted to "participate fully in its mission to advance human rights, tolerance and learning." But this vision was upturned when President Barack Obama halted funding to the UN body in 2011 (US funding at the time accounted for one-fifth of UNESCO's budget) when Palestine was accepted as a full member. This original level of financial support has not been restored and the cultural body has since missed out on close to \$600 million of American funding.

The United States is also the greatest contributor to the overall United Nation

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# While US Is Silent, Belgium and Norway Act Against Palestinian Incitement



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European countries are not exactly known for their love of Israel. Yet recent actions taken by the governments of Norway and Belgium suggest that, in at least one important respect, those two nations have gone much further than the US in confronting the problem of Palestinian incitement against Israel.

Belgium, which has been giving the Palestinian Arabs more than \$20 million annually, announced this week that it "will put on hold any projects related to the construction or equipment of Palestinian schools." This followed a report by Palestinian Media Watch that a Belgian-funded Palestinian school, the Beit Awwa Basic Girls School, has changed its name to the Dalal Mughrabi Elementary School.

For those who don't recognize the name, Mughrabi was the leader of a squad of Fatah terrorists that landed on Israel's shore, just north of Tel Aviv, on March 9, 1978. There was another young woman on the beach that morning.

Gail Rubin, an American Jewish nature photographer, was photographing rare birds near the water. Gail's work had been exhibited at the Jewish Museum in Manhattan, and other major venues. She also happened to be the niece of Senator Abraham Ribicoff (D-Conn.).

One of the terrorists, Hussain Fayadh, later explained to a Lebanese television station what happened next: "Sister Dalal al-Mughrabi had a conversation with the American journalist. Before killing her, Dalal asked: 'How did you enter Palestine?' [Rubin] answered: 'They gave me a visa.' Dalal said: 'Did you get your visa from me, or from Israel? I have the right to this land. Why didn't you come to me?' Then Dalal opened fire on her."

As Gail lay dying on the beach, Mughrabi and her comrades strolled over to the nearby Coastal Road. An Israeli bus approached; they hijacked it. During the ensuing mayhem, they murdered 36 passengers, 12 of them children. Mughrabi was killed by Israeli troops. Hussain Fayadh, who survived, was sentenced to life in jail, but then released in a prisoner exchange — and was later hired as a senior adviser to Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas.

A spokesperson for the Belgian Foreign Ministry told *The Algemeiner*, "Belgium unequivocally condemns the glorification of terrorist



The remains of the Israeli bus hijacked by Palestinian terrorists in 1978 in an attack in which Dalal Mughrabi. Photo: MathKnight via Wikimedia Commons.

attacks [and] will not allow itself to be associated with the names of terrorists in any way."

Norway does not want to be associated with Mughrabi, either.

Earlier this year, the PA decided to name a women's center in the town of Burqa after Mughrabi. The Norwegian government, which had contributed \$10,000 to the center, demanded — and received — a full refund.

The US, however, has taken no such steps to restrict the aid that it provides to the PA.

The Trump administration gave the PA \$344 million this year. Congress tried to pass legislation (the Taylor Force Act) to take away the portion of the aid that the PA gives to imprisoned terrorists and the families of suicide bombers. But the administration insisted on adding a bunch of loopholes that will render the legislation almost toothless.

I'm not aware of any Belgian or Norwegian citizens who were harmed by Dalal Mughrabi. Yet those governments have acted appropriately to oppose glorifying her. The US has much more reason to penalize the PA for honoring Mughrabi: she murdered the niece of a US senator. Yet America has done nothing on this issue.

If the murder of Gail Rubin is not reason enough, here's another. Palestinian Media Watch reports that the PA not only has named five schools after Mughrabi (and 26 others after other terrorists), but it has also named three schools after the Nazi collaborators Haj Amin el-Husseini and Hassan Salameh.

That's right, Nazi collaborators. From

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## World News.

## High-Level Israeli Business Delegation Slated to Visit Cuba in December

BY JNS.ORG

Israel has reportedly granted approval to a group of top Israeli business leaders to visit Cuba — which has no diplomatic ties with the Jewish state — to establish trade relations with the Caribbean nation's government-owned corporations.

The Israeli delegation, organized by the Israel-Latin American Chamber of Commerce, is slated to arrive in Havana in early December. The Times of Israel reported on Tuesday.

The delegation is comprised of about 20 top executives from the fields of agriculture, renewable energy, water, food production, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and real estate.

Reports of the delegation's upcoming trip come just two weeks after Israeli Minister of Culture and Sport Miri Regev made a private visit to Cuba.

Regev's trip marked the first such visit by a sitting Israeli minister to Havana since 1973, according to senior Israeli officials. The minister purportedly did not conduct any official meetings during her stay.

While the communist regime of Fidel Castro initially had a warm relationship with Israel shortly after the Cuban Revolution in 1959, Cuba unilaterally cut ties with the Jewish state in 1973 as Castro sought to increase relations with third-world countries in the Non-Aligned Movement, including Arab nations opposed to Israel's existence.

Cuba's harsh stance on Israel in international forums, its ties with Iran and Venezuela, and the US embargo on Cuba also led to the deterioration of the Cuban-Israeli diplomatic relationship. Nevertheless, Israelis often visit Cuba and have contact with the country's small Jewish community.

## Holocaust Memorial Vandalized in Uruguay Twice in One Week

BY JNS.ORG

Twice in five days, a Holocaust memorial in the Uruguayan capital of Montevideo was vandalized with antisemitic graffiti minimizing the Holocaust.

Local authorities have launched an investigation, JTA reported.

"They have vandalized us again. What's going on?" tweeted Carlos Varela, the mayor of the Punta Careras district of Montevideo, where the memorial is located.

"We call for sanity, tolerance and peace," he wrote.

Vandals used black paint to write slurs including, "The Holocaust of the Jewish people is the biggest lie in history"; "Only 300,000 Jews died from typhus"; and, "Gas chambers were a fraud."

Unveiled in 1994, the memorial has been defaced several times in recent years by antisemitic vandalism. This time, however,

was the most severe, with graffiti covering a large portion of the memorial, the local newspaper El Pais reported.

"We repudiate the anti-Semitic graffiti with concepts that deny the Holocaust of the Jewish people, and with that we are hopeful and encouraged by the quick action of cleaning the site and launching a prompt investigation," stated the Israelite Central Committee, the country's Jewish umbrella organization.



The Holocaust memorial (pictured) in Montevideo, Uruguay, was vandalized twice in one week. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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Assault freedom," the Peshmerga statement said, as reported by the Kurdish news outlet Rudaw. "It is revenge against the honorable people of Kirkuk who have shown bravery."

The Hashd al-Shaabi is a Shia front that includes powerful armed Islamist groups like the Badr Brigade, widely regarded as the Iraqi equivalent of Lebanon's Hezbollah.

Denouncing the "plots by the Iraqi government and the Islamic Revolutionary Guards," the Peshmerga statement added that the Iraqi government should pay a "heavy price" for the attack on Kirkuk.

As has also been the case in the wars in Syria and Lebanon, top representa-

tives of the IRGC have been spotted on the ground in northern Iraq. On Monday, an Iraqi government spokesman confirmed that Gen. Qassem Soleimani — who commands the IRGC's elite Quds Force that focuses on foreign operations — was serving with Hashd al-Shaabi as a "military adviser." A separate Kurdish spokesperson confirmed that "it is the Iranian Revolutionary Guards who can openly be seen among the Hashd al-Shaabi."

"Qassem Solaimani...is always among the Haashd al-Shaabi forces," the Kurdish spokesperson said.

Last Friday, US President Donald Trump announced that the IRGC was the target of new American sanctions, describing Iran's leading military institution as the "corrupt personal

## Ex-IDF Intel Chief Commends Israeli Strike on Syrian Anti-Aircraft Battery



IAF planes flying in formation. Photo: DMY via Wikimedia Commons.

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The Israeli strike on Monday targeting an anti-aircraft missile battery in Syria was an "important" event that sent a message to the Jewish state's enemies, a former IDF Military Intelligence chief said.

"It demonstrates that Israel will not shy away from its need to collect intelligence on the buildup of Hezbollah with the support of Iran and the Assad regime," Maj. Gen. (ret.) Amos Yadlin — who as an IAF pilot took part in the 1981 destruction of Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor and is now the director of the Tel Aviv University-affiliated Institute for National Security Studies — tweeted.

The SA-5 battery — located about 30 miles east of the Syrian capital of Damascus — was bombed hours after it had fired a missile toward IAF planes conducting a reconnaissance mission over Lebanon. Later on Monday, Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime warned that Israel's action would have "dangerous consequences."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared in a video statement on Monday, "Our policy is clear — anyone who tries to hurt us, we will hurt them. Today, they tried to hit our planes — this is not acceptable to us."

"The air force acted with precision, swiftness and destroyed what needed to be destroyed," Netanyahu continued. "We will continue to act in the arena as much as needed to defend Israel's security."

Since the civil war in Syria erupted in 2011, Israel has largely sought to remain

neutral in the bloody conflict, which has drawn in many regional players. However, the IDF has responded with pinpoint strikes to occasional cross-border fire — both errant and intentional — in the Golan Heights and has reportedly targeted a number of Hezbollah-bound weapons convoys in Syria in recent years.

Israel has also provided medical treatment to thousands of people wounded in the fighting in Syria.

Recently, Israel has been publicly expressing its concerns about Iran's ongoing bid to set up a permanent presence in Syria.

In August, Netanyahu flew to Sochi for a sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin. At the meeting, Netanyahu stated, "Iran is increasing its efforts to establish its military foothold in Syria. That is dangerous for Israel, the Middle East and, I believe, the whole world."

After Moscow's military intervention in Syria on behalf of the Assad regime began two years ago, Israel and Russia set up a coordination mechanism to avoid unintended confrontations between their forces. This mechanism was used during Monday's strike, according to the IDF.

The IAF regularly conducts reconnaissance flights over Lebanon to keep an eye on Hezbollah, the Iran-backed Shia terrorist group based in the country. Over the past three decades, Hezbollah has carried out countless attacks against Israeli soldiers and civilians and, in the summer of 2006, fought a 33-day-long war against the IDF.

terror force and militia" of the regime's supreme leader that has "hijacked" large portions of the economy "to fund war and terror abroad." Trump stopped short, however, of carrying out an earlier threat to designate the IRGC as a terrorist organization.

In Washington, DC on Monday, American legislators expressed concern over the fighting in Kirkuk, with the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee strongly condemning the Iraqi government for using arms and training supplied by America to attack a "valuable" US partner.

"The United States provided equipment and training to the Government of Iraq to fight ISIS and secure itself from external

threats — not to attack elements of one of its own regional governments, which is a longstanding and valuable partner of the United States," Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) said in a statement.

"Make no mistake, there will be severe consequences if we continue to see American equipment misused in this way," McCain warned.

McCain called for Kurdish and Iraqi leaders to "engage in a dialogue about the Kurdish people's desire for greater autonomy from Baghdad at an appropriate time and the need to halt hostilities immediately."

Nearly 93 percent of voters chose independence in September's Kurdish referendum.

## World News.



A view of the Wilson's Arch excavation in Jerusalem's Western Wall Tunnels.  
Photo: Yaniv Berman / Israel Antiquities Authority.

## Newly-Discovered Portions of Western Wall and Roman Theater Unveiled in Jerusalem

BY JNS.ORG

Large-scale excavations conducted in the Old City of Jerusalem for the past two years have revealed massive portions of the Western Wall unseen for 1,700 years, as well as an ancient Roman theater, the Israel Antiquity Authority (IAA) announced on Monday.

The discoveries were disclosed during a press conference held beneath Wilson's Arch in the Western Wall Tunnels, with the participation of Rabbi Shmuel Rabinowitz, rabbi of the Western Wall, IAA Director-General Israel Hasson and others.

"Time after time the amazing archaeological findings allow our generation to actually touch the ancient history of our people and Jewish heritage and its deep connection to Jerusalem," said Rabinowitz.

The eight stone courses of the Western

Wall unveiled on Monday had been hidden beneath 26 feet of earth and were perfectly preserved after being excavated. The Roman theater contains approximately 200 seats and, according to archaeologists, required a "great deal" of investment in its construction.

The discoveries are being presented to the public for the first time during this week's "New Studies in the Archaeology of Jerusalem and its Environs" conference held in Jerusalem, marking 50 years of archaeological research in Israel's capital since its reunification.

According to Hasson, the IAA is working to advance a recently approved national project "to unveil ancient Jerusalem."

The findings from the excavations beneath Wilson's Arch "enhance the importance of expanding the archaeological excavations in this region," said Hasson.

## Austrian University Students Overwhelmingly Condemn BDS Movement as 'Antisemitic'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

The Austrian National Union of Students on Friday condemned the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement against Israel as antisemitic, and urged for it to not be given funds or event space.

The resolution received near unanimous support, with no votes against it and one abstention.

The union also adopted a version of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's definition of antisemitism, which includes "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination."

Leaders of the BDS movement have repeatedly gone on record claiming that Israel has no right to exist.

The Austrian Union of Jewish Students applauded the passage of the resolution, saying in a statement on Friday, "This has been a big step in the fight against antisemitism and we are very happy that after our lobbying effort almost all factions have supported the motion."

The group extended a "special thanks" to the Greens and Alternative Students (GRAS)

for "their continuing support in the fight against all antisemitism."

In its own statement, the GRAS group condemned "the antisemitic BDS campaign and its spread in higher education," and committed to speaking out against antisemitism.

In August 2016, the student council at Germany's prestigious Leipzig University — one of the oldest universities in the world — passed a resolution denouncing the BDS movement, saying its objective "fits seamlessly with the antisemitic campaigns of past centuries, and explicitly with that of the National Socialism; Nazi slogan 'Don't Buy From the Jews' is once again being expressed here."

Also last week, first-year candidates running for College Council at the University of Chicago "generally disagreed" with the body's April 2016 resolution supporting BDS, the school's newspaper reported.

One candidate said that advocacy for "specific international political issues" did not fit into the council's mandate, while another noted that "BDS cripples the regional economy, hurting Jews and Palestinians alike."

## Netanyahu Touts Jerusalem's Religious Freedom at First-of-Its-Kind Christian Media Summit

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday welcomed representatives from about 70 Christian media outlets as they convened in Jerusalem for a first-of-its-kind summit.

"You know, you are joining us as we celebrate 50 years since the holy city was liberated and united; 50 years of religious freedom for all," Netanyahu said at the Israel Museum.

"You know that because you walk around, you go to the holy sites, you go to the churches, others go to the mosques, and you know this is a free city," he said, adding he looked forward "to the day when the embassies of all your countries move to Jerusalem."

Israel has "no better friends" in the world than Christian communities, Netanyahu said.

"Israel is the one country in a vast region where Christians not only survive, they thrive," the prime minister said.

The four-day event — sponsored by Israel's Government Press Office, Foreign Ministry and Jerusalem Affairs Ministry — involves the participation of 140 Christian media associates.

During their time in Israel, participants will engage in conference sessions on topics related to news coverage of the Jewish state, and will visit various sites including Gush Etzion (Israel's largest bloc of communities in Judea and Samaria), Bethlehem and Jerusalem's Friends of Zion Museum.

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UNESCO

budget. It pays 25 percent of the regular operating budget and 28 percent of the separate peacekeeping budget. As such, by withdrawing from UNESCO — again — President Trump is sending a powerful message to the international community: the United States holds the purse strings and we will no longer tolerate international organizations that serve as forums for Jew-bashing. This important message was encapsulated in a powerful statement made by US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley: "The purpose of UNESCO is a good one. Unfortunately, its extreme politicization has become a chronic embarrassment...US taxpayers should no longer be on the hook to pay for policies that are hostile to our values and make a mockery of justice and common sense."

The political thinker Charles de Montesquieu famously said: "There is no crueller tyranny than that which is perpetuated under the shield of law and in the name of justice." It

is precisely because UNESCO purports to be a cultural and educational body that its false credibility masks its pervasive bigotry.

On Friday afternoon it was announced that former French Culture Minister Audrey Azoulay — a Jewish woman — was elected as UNESCO Chief. Azoulay said, "UNESCO is going through a profound crisis," but added that she hoped to fix it from within. I hope she succeeds in this mission. I hope she can turn UNESCO from an organization that promotes bigotry in the false name of culture, into one that opposes all forms of bigotry. Given the nature of its voting membership, this will not be easy, but with pressure from the US, it may have a chance of succeeding. Perhaps then the US will maintain its membership in and financial support for UNESCO.

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World War II. The war in which 405,399 American servicemen gave their lives. In other words, 405,399 reasons for the Trump administration to tell the PA: you won't get another dime from American taxpayers until you stop honoring those who collaborated with America's enemies in World War II.

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Chancellor

Jewish community and Israel should be taken at face-value. In November 2016, FPO leader Heinz-Christian Strache told his party that antisemitism was "a crime against humanity," adding that if "Israel as a state is threatened and ceases to exist, that is the beginning of Europe's downfall." Most of Austria's 15,000-strong Jewish community has continued to reject the party, however.

"Many politicians, including some from Israel, like to forget that the majority of FPO functionaries remain 'kellernazis,' those who continue to attend their fraternities with their German national and antisemitic ideology," Muzicant argued.

The EJC's president, Moshe Kantor, called on Kurz "not be beholden to a party of the far-right in his new coalition government."

"Europe in general and Austria in particular should know all too well where acceptance of populist and pernicious ideologies leads," Kantor said. "Austria's central role in post-war European construction founded

Thank you, Belgium and Norway, for leading the way in the fight against honoring and glorifying Palestinian terrorists. I hope and pray my own country will follow your lead.

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on democracy and human rights must not be allowed to be sacrificed on the altar of political expediency and short-term populism which reminds us of far darker times within living memory."

In New York, World Jewish Congress President Ronald S. Lauder cast the FPO as "far beyond the acceptable democratic limits."

Lauder stated that the FPO was "still full of xenophobes and racists and is, mildly put, very ambiguous toward Austria's Nazi past."

"Like the AfD in Germany, the National Front in France, or Jobbik in Hungary, the FPO is an extremist party that panders to racists and anti-Semites and whips up feelings against minorities," Lauder — a former US ambassador to Austria — said.

Praising Kurz as "extremely capable," Lauder stressed that the new Austrian leader would be better served by a coalition with the Socialist Party (SPO.) Lauder described the SPO's leader, Christian Kern, as a "reliable partner," who has "shown time and again that he is a friend of the Jewish people and of the State of Israel."

U.S. News.

# Palestinian Activist on US Tour Says Talk at GWU Cancelled by SJP Over Antisemitism Concerns

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A Palestinian activist who was scheduled to speak at George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, DC said her talk was cancelled by the local Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) chapter because she and her co-speaker were deemed to be “anti-Semitic.”

Amena El-Ashkar, who describes herself as a third-generation Palestinian refugee, was booked to speak at GWU on October 19 as part of the North America Nakba Tour (NANT). She has made appearances nationwide alongside Khawla Hammad, an 85-year-old “stateless refugee in Lebanon” and daughter of “a Palestinian freedom fighter,” according to NANT.

“We were informed by the SJP group at George Washington University in Washington, DC that our October 19 talk would be cancelled because we were ‘anti-Semitic,’” El-Ashkar wrote in an article

published Saturday by the online newsletter Dissident Voice.

“Of course, we expect such talk from our Zionist enemies, and we give it little importance,” she claimed. “But to hear it from a group that claims to be standing for justice in Palestine? Do these groups really expect to have any credibility among Palestinians when they do this?”

El-Ashkar also alluded to her cancelled appearance at Stanford University on April 2016, when she was touring US



Amena El-Ashkar and Khawla Hammad. Photo: North America Nakba Tour.

college campuses as part of her first collaboration with NANT.

El-Ashkar withdrew from her talk at Stanford after the local SJP group objected to the presence of Alison Weir — who the Anti-Defamation League accused of employing “anti-Semitic imagery” in her discussions of Israel — at the event.

# California School Officials Refuse to Fight Antisemitism

BY SUSAN B. TUCHMAN AND DAVID KADOSH

For years, Jewish college students across the country have been harassed and intimidated. Frighteningly, this ugly problem is seeping into our high schools and even our middle and elementary schools.

In Alameda, California, middle and elementary schools have been defaced with swastikas and a Jewish elementary school student reportedly received a death threat. Under pressure from the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) and the parents of Natasha Waldorf — who received multiple antisemitic threats at Alameda High School — Alameda Unified School District (AUSD) officials are finally admitting that antisemitism is a problem and that they’ve made mistakes in how they’ve responded to it. But they are still not doing what’s needed.

The AUSD must implement a prevention, protection and proscription plan. Prevention means educating students and families about antisemitism and making it clear that harassing Jewish students won’t be tolerated. Protection means adequately training staff to recognize, stop and report antisemitism. Proscription means effectively responding to antisemitism, including by publicly condemning it, appropriately disciplining wrongdoers, and ensuring that targeted students are protected.

AUSD’s current protocols have failed. School officials never asked Natasha to formally report any of the antisemitic threats she endured from classmates last year, even though California law requires districts to have a process to receive and investigate harassment complaints.

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In a filmed interview later that month, El-Ashkar said that she did not understand SJP’s rejection of Weir, “so I asked them why, and one of them answered that Alison Weir ... says that Israel has no right to exist.”

“So I said, where’s the problem about that, I’m coming here to say that Israel has no right to exist,” El-Ashkar remarked. “So they said — they were basically Palestinians — they said these kinds of things we discuss between each other, but we cannot discuss them in front of people, American people ... because that might cause problems for SJP and ... the university would cut off the funds.”

She said this explanation prompted her to cancel her appearance.

El-Ashkar added she did not understand the definition of antisemitism, claiming, “every time someone who says anything so simple about any Jew, it seems like it’s antisemitic.”

In its own statement on the cancelled

2016 event, Stanford SJP said it harbored “no animus” towards El-Ashkar, and “would have loved” to hear her stories.

The NANT event page promoting El-Ashkar and Hammad’s appearance at GWU this week did not allude to a cancellation, and inquiries sent to SJP at GWU and Stanford were unanswered by press time.

El-Ashkar and Hammad are set to continue touring the US and talking about their experiences as Palestinians in Lebanon through December.

Lebanon does not give Palestinians who are born in the country citizenship, and bars them from owning property, attending public schools, passing on inheritance and working in a variety of professions, including law, medicine, and engineering. Lebanon has argued that this institutionalized discrimination is necessary to preserve the Palestinians’ “right of return” to Israel.

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## Opinion.

# Trump Should End the Iran Nuclear Deal



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
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On the day when Jews were celebrating Simchat Torah, US President Donald Trump was making history by speaking boldly against the Iran nuclear agreement.

Trump decided not to recertify the disastrous deal, giving Congress the option of imposing crippling economic sanctions against Iran for its support of terror and illegal ballistic missile program.

In my view, only this kind of pressure on Iran and its international business partners might actually stop Iran from going nuclear — the pivotal end-goal that the current deal fails to present.

Yet in the Jewish community, barely a word has been uttered by leaders and activists alike about the need for Congress to kill the Iran nuclear deal entirely — a vote that would require all 52 Republican senators being joined by eight Democrats.

Even those Jewish activists who worked tirelessly to stop the deal back in 2015 have gone mum. AIPAC, the Jewish community's most important lobby, heroically spent tens of millions of dollars and organized massive fly-ins of supporters to Congress in an effort to stop Obama from agreeing to the deal in 2015. What are its plans now? Will a lobbying effort be launched to kill the deal this time?

Many previous opponents of the deal have been seduced by the chorus of those begging Trump not to scrap the deal — one that has been as loud as it has been constant.

The arguments offered by these advocates generally boil down to the same

two points. Firstly, if we abandon the deal, our international reputation will suffer, and show that we can't be trusted. Second, even if we do opt out, our allies may not follow. In other words, we've lost our leverage.

But these arguments don't hold up.

Let's start with the primary point raised by the deal's supporters: if America pulls out of a deal that it signed onto, our international standing will take a debilitating hit. After all, who will ever want to sign an agreement with a partner that has a history of pulling out?

Firstly, the dangers of a nuclear Iran more than justify the deal's revocation by a new administration. This is especially true considering the fact that, as a democracy, administration and policy changes are to be expected from the United States. It might not be something that a dictatorship like Iran can understand, but it is something that we — as Americans — certainly should.

It was Senator Tom Cotton who famously wrote to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that since President Barack Obama chose not to ratify the deal with Congress, it could be revoked by a different president with the stroke of a pen.

Yet much more critical is the fact that Iran isn't keeping to the spirit — or legal letter — of the deal.

In September, Israeli intelligence officials reportedly learned that international IAEA inspectors were denied entry into a critical Iranian military installation at Parchin. Recently the Institute for Science and International Security, a conglomerate of leading scientists, released a report demanding that the IAEA gain access to Parchin, an area that they said was marked by "plenty of evidence of past Iranian nuclear weapons activity" and most likely houses high-explosive storage bunkers and shock-physics laboratories.

Though the Obama nuclear deal stipulates that Iran must give inspectors access to

all sites of suspected nuclear development, an official from Iran's nuclear implementation committee announced quite bluntly last week that "Americans will not be allowed to inspect the military bases."

So much for Iran's cooperation.

Moreover, those heralding the reputational risks ignore the far-more delegitimizing effects of continued American support for the deal. After all, in signing the Iran agreement, America endangered some of its most important allies — such as Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain and, most importantly, Israel — all of whom legitimately fear Iranian hegemony in the Middle East. In fact, we're already feeling the effects of the plummeting value of our friendships.

Two weeks ago, King Salman of Saudi Arabia made the first ever royal visit to America's foremost international competitor, Vladimir Putin's Russia. According to The Guardian's diplomatic editor, Patrick Wintour, the message of the visit was clear: "The kingdom [is] looking to diversify into wider set of alliances," due no doubt in part to their "fears about US reliability."

America must stop Iran from seizing control of the region, and restore the faith of our most dependable allies. To continue to prioritize a horrible agreement with a sworn and swindling enemy, over decades-old alliances with vital and moral friends like Israel, amounts to sheer folly.

This brings us to the most commonly used argument for why America can't retreat from the Iran deal: because Europe and Asia won't follow suit. So long as they refuse to sanction Iran, the rogue regime in Tehran will maintain the economic capability to produce a nuclear weapon.

To this, I respond simply: Russia, China and Europe will abide by any move we make.

The United States, the world's largest economy, boasts a financial system worth a whopping \$19 trillion. No major economy will risk losing access to that. Certainly not in exchange for access to Iran's \$400 billion economy.

Sure, Russia, China, and Europe will threaten non-compliance. But in the end, they'll comply. In fact — as explained by Richard Goldberg, one of the leading architects

financial warfare against its enemies. The Harpoon unit followed the terrorist money from its source, whether it was cash raised by charities in the US, or multimillion-dollar transfers from Iran, the Gulf states and Saudi Arabia.

Harpoon expanded its operational reach in 2002. Following the money wasn't enough. The cash and the accounts had to be taken from the terrorists or destroyed.

Every part of the Israeli government — from its intelligence services to its tax authority — was mobilized to find ways to deprive terrorists of their money and access to the international banking system.

Israel even encouraged human rights lawyers to use the power of the US Federal courts and multimillion-dollar law suits — brought against the state sponsors of terror and the financial institutions that served them — to place additional pressure on the cash flow that financed attacks.

I was, and remain, one of the attorneys in this effort. We spearheaded billions of dollars in judgments against the likes of Iran, Syria, the Palestinian Authority and North Korea — all on behalf of the victims of terror.

In addition, we were instrumental in closing down banks that served as conduits for terrorist groups like Hezbollah.

Some of the Israeli tactics, such as raiding banks, were criticized in the West — even by President George W. Bush — as being "Wild West" in nature. But eventually, the United States came to appreciate Israel's tactics, and



President Donald Trump. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

of congressional sanctions against Iran — that's exactly the pattern. When Senators Mark Kirk (R-IL) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ) put together a bill imposing crippling sanctions on the National Bank of Iran, a "livid" Obama administration begged them to withdraw.

European allies, they warned, had sworn not to comply. In the end, "every European and Asian ally that had come to Capitol Hill to lobby against the amendment fully complied with it after it came into force." The same occurred months later, when Europeans refused to cut Iran out of the global SWIFT financial network. Legislation was drafted to cut SWIFT out of US markets, and the Europeans gave in.

Precisely the same story also played out through the passage of the Iran Threat Reduction Act and the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act.

The lesson, according to Golberg: "Cry as they might along the way, no European or Asian corporation is going to choose a terrorist regime over access to the U.S. dollar."

In short, our country already has the power to stop Iran. Or, to speak President Trump's language, America is already great enough.

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# Follow Israel's Example: Wage Financial War Against Terrorists



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The United States and nations around the world battle ISIS and other terrorist groups with special forces and other ground combat troops; pilots of manned aircraft and drones; police; explosives experts; intelligence agents; and informers. But to win the fight, we also need financial experts who can deprive terrorists of money that they need to wage war against us.

Israel — a favorite target of terrorists for decades — has developed a highly effective financial warfare template to hit terrorists in their wallets. The US has already used this template to fight ISIS and other terrorist groups — and now European nations should follow.

Money is the common denominator

behind everything that ISIS and other terrorist groups do — and threaten to do. Without the cash to fund their fighters and leaders, there would be no global jihad against the West. Islamic fundamentalism and despair might inspire terror, but money fuels it.

Israel came to terms with this reality during the last intifada from 2000 to 2005, when a seemingly endless wave of Palestinian suicide bombers attacked the country's towns and cities. The Israeli military and security services waged relentless efforts to end the bloodshed, and elite counterterrorist units launched daring raids to kill and capture key terrorists — but the bombings continued.

Israeli leaders realized that they needed a new approach — something that could provide short-term benefits and change the long-term paradigm. So Israel shifted its focus to the money that financed everything from bomb-building factories to the cash bonuses issued to the families of suicide bombers.

The Jewish state formed a multiagency task force — codenamed Harpoon— to wage



Islamic State terrorists. Photo: Screenshot.

emulated them with the far-reaching muscle that only a superpower could flex.

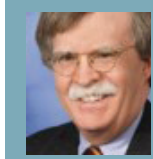
The Americans eventually saluted Israeli spy chief Meir Dagan — the mastermind behind Harpoon — and his understanding that money was the oxygen that enabled the terror beast to live and thrive. Dagan was intent on suffocating this malignant creature through any and all means at his disposal.

In the wake of terrorist attacks in Britain, France, Spain, Belgium, Germany and Sweden in recent years, Europeans will need to use the highly effective financial warfare template that Israel has already established if they hope to defeat ISIS and the terror armies that will follow.

The European intelligence services will have to cut through red tape and muster their resources to bankrupt ISIS, intercept its ability

## Opinion.

# Independence for Kurdistan



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Iraqi Kurdistan's recent referendum on whether to declare independence from Baghdad garnered only slight attention in the US. Even the overwhelming vote (93 percent favored independence) and America's long involvement in the region did not make the story more prominent.

Nonetheless, we would be badly mistaken to underestimate its importance for US policy throughout the Middle East.

Protecting American interests in that tumultuous region has never been easy. Not only does Iran's nuclear-weapons threat loom ever larger, but the struggle against terrorism, whether from Hezbollah, ISIS, al-Qaida or any number of new splinter groups, seems unending.

Less visible but nonetheless significant forces are also at work. Existing state structures across the Middle East are breaking down and new ones are emerging, exacerbating the spreading anarchy caused by radical Islamic terrorism. Non-ideological factors such as ethnicity and cultural differences are enormously powerful and best understood as movements in the region's "tectonic plates," stirring beneath the surface of the more apparent threats of terrorism and nuclear proliferation.

None of these tectonic plates has more immediate implications for America's Middle East policy than the Kurdish people's long-standing determination to have their own nation-state. Modern-era Kurdish aspirations for statehood emerged during the Ottoman Empire's post-World War I collapse, as European powers redrew the region's map. The Kurds were unsuccessful in pressing their case, however, and their lands were split among Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria.

Nonetheless Kurdish longing for a separate state never dissipated, leading to considerable conflict, most visibly in Turkey. The West largely was unsympathetic in recent years because separatists in Turkish Kurdistan channeled their major efforts through the Marxist Kurdistan Workers' Party. Obviously, during the Cold War, Washington and the West generally had no interest in weakening Turkey and its critical geostrategic role as NATO's southeast anchor against Soviet adventurism.

Outside Turkey, however, especially in Iraq, Kurds played a much more constructive role, helping the United States in both Persian Gulf wars.

Iraqi Kurdistan became de facto independent from Saddam Hussein's Iraq in 1991, protected by the US-led operation known as "Northern Comfort," which included massive humanitarian assistance and a no-fly zone over northern Iraq. Saddam's 2003 overthrow opened the prospect of reunifying the country, but Iranian subversion, using Iraq's Shia majority to turn the country into its satellite, refueled Kurdish separatism.

Iraq's Sunni Arabs were also unwilling

to be ruled by a Baghdad regime dominated by Shia adherents, who were little more than Iranian puppets. The rise of ISIS in Iraq occurred in part from this hostility, just as in Syria, ISIS capitalized on the anti-Assad feelings of Sunni Arabs, who felt excluded and oppressed by the dominant Alawite elite in Damascus.

With the destruction of the ISIS caliphate in Syria, the question of what comes next is unavoidably before us. The United States needs to recognize that Iraq and Syria as we have known them have ceased to exist as functioning states. They are broken and cannot be fixed.

This disintegration reflects the Middle



An Israeli flag in a sea of Kurdish flags at an independence rally in Erbil.  
Photo: Adam Mirani via Twitter.

East's broader, spreading anarchy, and it provides the context for Kurdish Iraq's overwhelming support for independence from Baghdad.

I have previously suggested that disfavored Sunni Arabs in Iraq and Syria might combine to form their own secular (but religiously Sunni) state, which the Gulf Arabs could help support financially. Indeed, while substantial issues remain about allocating the Iraqi cities of Mosul and Kirkuk between Kurds and Arabs, the Kurds themselves are largely Sunni, which suggests considerable confluence of interest with their Arab fellow Sunnis. Helping a new Kurdistan and a new Sunni state might overcome the current split among the Arabian peninsula's oil-producing monarchies and focus their attention on Iran, the real threat to their security.

Unfortunately, but entirely predictably, our State Department opposed even holding the referendum and firmly rejects Kurdish independence. This policy needs to be reversed immediately, turning US obstructionism into leadership. Kurdish independence efforts did not create regional instability but instead reflect the unstable reality.

Independence could well promote greater Middle Eastern security and stability than the collapsing post-World War I order.

Recognizing that full Kurdish independence is far from easy, these issues today are no longer abstract and visionary but all too concrete. This is no time to be locked into outdated strategic thinking.

John Bolton, a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, was the US permanent representative to the United Nations and, previously, the undersecretary of state for arms control and international security.

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stop it from funding fighters and operations throughout the continent.

Rendering a group like ISIS insolvent will

# The Mistakes of the Center for Jewish History

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The New York-based Center for Jewish History (CJH) remains embroiled in controversy, due to the revelation that its new CEO — David N. Myers — has been linked to the New Israel Fund, IfNotNow, J Street and other groups that promote anti-Israel policies.

Myers' writings also reveal hostile-to-Israel viewpoints, including support for boycotts of Israeli goods from Judea and Samaria, and sympathy for the Palestinian "Nakba" narrative.

Despite these facts, the Center for Jewish History has defended Mr. Myers, and insisted that he will remain in place. And now, we believe that facts show that CJH has been infiltrated by the Anti-Zionist organization Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP).

This week, some forward progress was made.

After relentless pressure, the American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS) has agreed to cancel two events planned with JVP — which were to be hosted at the Center for Jewish History. It should also be noted that Rachel Lithgow, the Executive Director of the American Jewish Historical Society, is a former student — and "close friend" — of Mr. Myers.

According to the Anti-Defamation League, JVP is "the largest and most influential Jewish anti-Zionist group in the United States. Despite the neutral tone of its name, JVP works to demonstrate Jewish opposition to the State of Israel and to steer public support away from the Jewish State."

On December 14, AJHS was planning to offer JVP members reduced admission to a play entitled Rubble Rubble, by Dan Fishback, a JVP leader.

Fishback supports some boycotts of Israel, and has previously urged that certain plays sponsored by the Israeli government be boycotted. He's openly Anti-Zionist, and falsely claims that Israel "seeks to systematically destroy Palestinian culture based on the identity of artists and the content of work."

Fishback also believes in a full liberation of Palestine. In a candidacy note for JVP leadership, he stated:

...the only way to liberate Palestine is to liberate world Jewry from our pain, which

yield victorious battlefield results.

In 2014, during the fighting in Gaza, the Israeli Air Force incinerated over \$10 million in Hamas cash that was earmarked to pay the salaries of terrorists on the front lines. When the money evaporated inside the flash of a missile strike, Hamas was further pressured to seek an end to the conflict.

If European nations are truly serious about wanting to put an end to ISIS attacks on the continent, they must accept that in the war on terror — primarily the financial war — there is no fair play, only results on a ledger.

Days before terrorist attacks in Spain that killed 13 and injured 100 in August, a judge in Germany sentenced a Syrian hairdresser to two years in prison for defrauding ISIS by tricking the terrorist organization into transferring 180,000 euros to him under the

is why I believe in organizing from a Jewish perspective, even as I look to Palestinian organizers for essential leadership, nuance and insight.

In a 2016 op-ed, Fishback explained that he struggles with Israel's right to exist, noting that, "there is something fundamentally wrong with any state that privileges one ethno-religious group over another." He also describes Israel as a "supremacist state."

Fishback claims that "[a] major part of Israel's strategy to maintain its unjust regime is to normalize and glamorize Israeli life, reinforcing the notion that a Jewish supremacist state is normal, natural, fun and interesting." He repeatedly describes Israel as an "apartheid state."

Fishback also writes that "...anti-Zionist Jews have been effectively blacklisted from the mainstream Jewish world, through official institutional bans as well as informal shunning in families and social groups. With anti-Zionist Jews so ostracized, we are less capable of engaging with other Jews and explaining our movements, our allies and our perspectives."

Jewish Voice for Peace, Mr. Fishback, David N. Myers and the American Jewish Historical Society have the right to their opinions.

But the Center for Jewish History is



A demonstration in Seattle by the anti-Israel group Jewish Voice for Peace. Photo: Joe Mabel via Wikimedia Commons.

allowing their venerable institution to be used to legitimize pro-boycott, anti-Israel positions; this must end. This is not a matter of right vs. left; this is a matter of right vs. wrong. David N. Myers must be fired as the head of the Center for Jewish History.

*Hank Sheinkopf, CEO of Sheinkopf Communications, is a leading political strategist who has worked on campaigns in four continents, and whose clients have included former President Bill Clinton. Ronn Torossian is CEO of one of America's largest privately held PR firms. George Birnbaum is a former chief of staff to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.*

pretense of carrying out attacks in Germany. German authorities shouldn't have charged the man — they should have copied the scam on a much larger scale.

A smart and successful war on terror requires James Bonds and General Pattons, as well as one or two Bernie Madoffs — and their services are needed immediately.

This war is here and now. To weaken the terrorists who target innocent men, women and children for murder and mayhem, America and European nations must adapt and develop new and decisive strategies to make sure that the next attacks are much more difficult to carry out. The bankrupting of terrorists must be the tip of this strategic spear.

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to move money from country to country, and

## Impressions.

## Palestinians Attack Arabs Touring US to Oppose Anti-Israel Boycott Movement

BY ELDER OF ZION

YNet reports that:

*A small, unlikely “dream team” delegation comprised entirely of minorities in Israel is preparing to embark on a trip to the US and Europe as part of a concerted effort to debunk the campaigns circulating on university campuses slamming Israel’s treatment of different groups in the country.*

*Hailing from different locations across the country, the participants are vocal in their common belief that Israel affords them equal opportunity.*

*Expressing their love for and faith in the state, they are determined to disseminate their message and counter the smear campaigns against Israel that have permeated college campuses, often spearheaded by the Boycotts, Divestments and Sanctions (BDS) movement.*

*Dima Tiya, 25, is an Arab Muslim, originally from Qalandiya and today is a resident of Kafr Manda in the lower Galilee.*

*“The State of Israel is important to me on a personal level and is important for all minorities who live there,” Dima says. “I am happy to represent the state. My father is a liberal and taught me the meaning of co-existence.”*

*Qassem Halila, 24, an Arab Muslim originally from Iksal in northern Israel explained that he had agreed to take part in the initiative despite the resulting ostracization he has faced from family and friends.*

*“I pay a heavy personal price for my opinions. My cousin kicked me out of the house, another uncle stopped me from being invited to a wedding, and I was even kicked out of the family WhatsApp group,” said Qassem.*

*Despite his estrangement, nothing could throw the national character of the country into dispute. “Thankfully, my parents support me. At the end of every week I go to my village and believe that this is a Jewish and democratic state. I feel equal in everything and I have no feelings of discrimination,” he insisted.*

*Bassem A’yid, a 59-year-old Palestinian from Beit Hanina in east Jerusalem, who is also embarking on his new journey as an Israeli ambassador, emphasized the damaging impact that boycott movements are having on the Palestinians themselves.*

*“The BDS is endangering the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians,” A’yid complains. “I have come to defend the Palestinian economy and not to endanger my life with my opinions. I intend to say this any place I want in the US.”*

*Jonathan Alhori, 25, an Arab Christian from Haifa who is the son of an officer in the South Lebanon Army, stated the importance of the mission, believing it would serve as an eye-opener for many misinformed people.*

Already, many of these Arabs are receiving death threats on social media.

And the “moderate” Fatah party is especially upset.

Ma’an quotes prominent Fatah leader Hatem Abdel Qader as condemning these young Arabs — for ignoring what Mahmoud Abbas wants them to say.

Abdel Qader describes the group as stray, outcast and desperate. He is especially upset at the members who say that the boycott of Israel negatively affects the Palestinian economy; according to Qader, this is a

## Harvey Weinstein’s Disgrace Produces Another Nasty Caricature

BY BEN COHEN

Walking through central London last week, and with a spare half hour on my hands, I decided to pay a quick visit to the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square. Inside, I spent most of my time intently studying a painting that I could not recall having seen before: “The Philosopher,” a 1645 canvas by the Italian painter Salvator Rosa.

Rosa depicts a stern young man with flowing black locks and undistinguished clothing holding a stone tablet that bears the Latin inscription, “Aut tace aut loquere meliora silentio.” In English, it means, “Either be silent, or say something better than silence.”

Like any writer who spies a good quote, I made a note of this stoic and elegant maxim, resolving to use it when a suitable occasion arose. I didn’t expect that to happen just five days after I saw the painting, still less that I would invoke it in the context of a discussion centered on disgraced Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein.

But when a friend emailed me a link to a piece on Weinstein by Mark Oppenheimer, a writer for the Jewish magazine Tablet, the first thing that came into my head was Salvator Rosa’s maxim. This piece is an arch-example of why silence, in a philosophical sense, is sometimes necessary, and why excessive, ill-informed chatter steers us towards prejudice instead of reason.

Oppenheimer’s thesis, such as it is, states that Weinstein’s unwanted sexual advances upon women were indicative of — in the delightful phrase coined by Tablet’s editors — a “specifically Jewy perviness.” Unlike other serial offenders against women who are non-Jews, like Roger Ailes or Bill O’Reilly, Weinstein is said to display a particularly Jewish, and deeply pathetic, psychosexual neurosis. Whereas the no-nonsense gentiles do their business and then carry on, Weinstein is driven by a desire to perform for his victims, by committing sexual acts while they are compelled to watch.

Since Freud’s time, psychologists have debated why some humans are aroused by “exhibitionism,” with some arguing that its origins are entirely sexual, while others counter that non-sexual causes need to be taken into account. I don’t claim to be an expert on this literature, but I’d be very surprised if any of it links this particular sexual fetish to Jewish males specifically.

But none of that matters to Oppenheimer, who rests his entire case on Philip Roth’s 1967 novel, Portnoy’s Complaint. The pre-eminent text of delinquent Jewish sexual deviance, it’s a novel that many of us, myself included, embraced during adolescence — amid warnings from our elders, largely ridiculed, that Roth’s creation, Alexander Portnoy, was a gift to the antisemites out there.

Writing as if he is the very first person to have made these sorts of connections, Oppenheimer provides a pedestrian account of Portnoy’s kinky dalliances with women both real and imagined

and then stretches them to Weinstein. His message is simply this: Jewish men who engage in sexual harassment do so because they are burdened with a power that they can’t handle, and are therefore propelled into, as Oppenheimer says of Weinstein, a “revenge-tinged fantasy of having risen above his outer-borough, bridge-and-tunnel Semitic origins.” It is this collision of inner weakness and hunger for power that is, apparently, the Jewish element informing Weinstein’s deviance.

I don’t propose for a moment that this highly speculative, deeply silly theory is worthy of serious consideration. But if Oppenheimer has made a singular contribution with this offering, it is the addition of a new caricature — the “Jewy Perv” — to the gallery of Jewish sexual delinquency designed and maintained by antisemites.

A few weeks ago, I wrote in this column, in the wake of the neo-Nazi violence in Charlottesville, about an extraordinary outburst of sexual jealousy by white supremacist Christopher Cantwell, who railed against President Donald Trump for having



Harvey Weinstein. Photo: David Shankbone via Wikimedia Commons.

“given his daughter to a Jew,” Jared Kushner. Oppenheimer’s portrait of Weinstein belongs firmly in this category of bigoted fantasy: but whereas for the Nazis, Jews (like blacks) are ruthless sexual exploiters of fair white women, in the universe of Brooklyn hipsters, Jews are motivated to do the same by a grasping, unpleasant psychic frailty.

I can’t quite decide which stereotype is worse, but at least Oppenheimer has now done what Cantwell will never do, by issuing an apology for his piece. To my mind, the apology doesn’t make much difference — the piece remains online, and the subsequent apology makes no mention of the old-school antisemitism Oppenheimer so joyously revived — but it’s something. The next time a prominent Jew becomes enmeshed in a public scandal about sex (or money, for that matter), perhaps he will heed Salvator Rosa’s maxim by keeping his mouth firmly shut.

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false allegation and a failed attempt to distort international public opinion.

“If Israel thinks that this empty group can cover up the nakedness of the occupation that has become exposed to the whole world, or beautify its ugly face and polish its shattered and distorted

image,” Qader said, they are mistaken.

This makes one wonder — why does he feel so threatened if he knows that they will have no impact?

Perhaps Qader is much more frightened of the truth than he is of a small group of Israeli (and Palestinian) Arabs.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 02, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 48023  
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Notice of formation of PLLC Name: City Pain Management and Anesthesiology Service PLLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of the New York (SSNY) on 09/09/2017 Office location kings

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county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to :The LLC 7101 Narrows Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209 Purpose: all lawful activity  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: National precious metals, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/11/2017 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: Blair Fourny 1810 Front Street #36 East Meadow, NY 11554. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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File No. 2011-901/C CITATION The People of the State of New York By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: STANLEY WEINBERG ELLIS WEINBERG DAVID LEE WEINBERG EST A TE OF ROSALYN WEINBERG JUVELIER, by KENNETH JUVELIER, Administrator PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK To the unknown heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of RUTH ROSENBAUM, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead, to their respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, creditors and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by STANELY WEINBERG, who is domiciled at 67 Maria Court, Kendall Park, New Park, New Jersey, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court for the County of New York, located at 31 Chambers Street, Courtroom 503 New York, New York, on the 3rd day of November 2017, a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be made in the estate of RUTH ROSENBAUM, lately domiciles in the county of New York state of New York, determining that there are no distributees of the Estate of Ruth Rosenbaum a/k/a Ruth Weinberg Rosenbaum other than the paternal distributees of Ruth Rosenbaum, to wit, Stanley Weinberg, Ellis Weinberg, David Lee Weinberg, Stanley Weinberg, and the Estate of Rosalyn Weinberg Juvelier, directing that the net estate of the decedent Ruth Rosenbaum remaining in the hands of the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York, to wit, the sum of \$77,419.99, together with all interest, less court allowed fees and expenses, if any, be paid over in equal shares to the above-noted distributees or to whom they may direct in an acknowledged authorization, that this Court direct upon whom and the manner service must be made upon possible unknown distributees, and for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises, and that this Court gives effect to the provisions of SCPA §2225 for the determination of distributees. Dated, Attested and Sealed: New York, New York August 23, 2017 HON. Rita Mella Surrogate Dlaná Sanabria Chief Clerk, Robert Damast, Esq. Lauterbach Garfinkel Damast & Hollander, LLP 81 Main Street, Suite 304, White Plains, New York 10601 (914) 448-0170 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If

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you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you.  
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Nataliya Dobrer, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/28/2016 and entered on 12/13/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 02, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 3543 Leif Ericson Drive, Unit C2 a/k/a 3543 Shore Parkway, Unit C2, Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8782, LOT: 1113. Approximate amount of judgment is \$622,665.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507031/2014. Steven D. Cohn, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MIND ALTAR RECORDS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/18/2017. 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: Ryan Irven 291 Himrod Street Apt. 2L Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION of GELLERT KENT THREE LLC. Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/14/2017. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 8/23/2016. SSNY has been designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Levy, Stopol & Camelo, LLP, 1425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1425. Cert of Regis filed DE SOS, 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
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File No.: 2016-305/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Marlene Dale Gordon, Rita Millendorf, Arlene Ratzabi, Donald Sussman, Alan Jay Gordon, Annette Weiss, David Weiss, Marc Weiss, Adele Tarran, Phillip Ganulin, Miriam Goldberg, Ronald Ganulin, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of HELEN GREENBERG, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of HELEN GREENBERG, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 209-15 18th Avenue, Apartment 4H, Bayside NY 11360, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her

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office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of HELEN GREENBERG, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 16th day of November, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$13,749.11 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 25th day of September, 2017 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Ave. Suite 200 Lake success NY 11042 James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: CONFIDANT PR, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/21/2017. 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 process to: United States corporation agents, 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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REFeree'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF SW REMIC TRUST 2014-2 WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DARREN DOWNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on

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March 3, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 16th Day of November, 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 546 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. (Block: 1517, Lot: 117) Approximate amount of lien \$625,716.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501136/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: September 27, 2017  
AJ; 10/13/20/ 27; 11/3/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: MAJESTY RESUME LLC . Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 09/18/2017. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to : The LLC 15 Blaine Court Staten Island, NY 10310. Purpose: all Lawful activity  
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Notice of Formation of Artemisia Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/21/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 480 3rd Ave., #4L, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activities.  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff -against- GISELE CADET AKA GISELE NICHOLAS ADA GISELE NICOLAS CADET AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF THE ESTATE OF GERARD CADET; ETC..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated September 11, 2017 and entered on September 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on November 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 57th Street, distant 300 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 57th Street with the southerly side of Linden Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 30 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet. Block: 4682 Lot: 22 Said premises known as 116 EAST 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$621,435.76 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 7244/2011. AARON D. MASLOW, ESQ., Referee Westernman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1201 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556  
AJ; 10/13/20/ 27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff -against- PETRONILLA HUNT, NEW YORK

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## Tradition.

## The Trace of God



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The story of the first eight chapters of Bereishit is tragic but simple: creation, followed by de-creation, followed by re-creation. God creates order. Humans then destroy that order, to the point where “the world was filled with violence,” and “all flesh had corrupted its way on earth.” God brings a flood that wipes away all life, until – with the exception of Noah, his family and other animals – the earth has returned to the state it was in at the beginning of Torah, when “the earth was waste and void, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”

Vowing never again to destroy all life – though not guaranteeing that humanity might not do so of its own accord – God begins again, this time with Noah in place of Adam, father of a new start to the human story. Genesis 9 is therefore parallel to Genesis 1. But there are two significant differences.

In both there is a keyword, repeated seven times, but it is a different word. In Genesis 1 the word is *tov*, “good.” In Genesis 9, the word is *brit*, “covenant.” That is the first difference.



The second is that they both state that God made the human person in His image, but they do so in markedly different ways. In Genesis 1 we read:

And God said, “*Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heaven, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every moving thing that moves upon the earth.*”

So God created man in His image, In the image of God He created him, Male and female He created them. (Gen. 1:26-27)

And this is how it is stated in Genesis 9:

Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God, He made man. (Gen. 9:6)

The difference here is fundamental. Genesis 1 tells me that I am in the image of God. Genesis 9 tells me that *the other person* is in the image of God. Genesis 1 speaks about the dominance of Homo sapiens over the rest of creation. Genesis 9 speaks about the sanctity of life and the prohibition of murder. The first chapter tells us about the potential power of human beings, while the ninth chapter tells us about the moral limits of that

power. We may not use it to deprive another person of life.

This also explains why the keyword, repeated seven times, changes from “good” to “covenant.” When we call something good, we are speaking about how it is in itself. But when we speak of covenant, we are talking about relationships. A covenant is a moral bond between persons.

What differentiates the world after the Flood from the world before is that the terms of the human condition have changed. God no longer expects people to be good because it is in their nature to be so. To the contrary, God now knows that “every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood” (Gen. 8: 21) – and this despite the fact that we were created in God’s image.

The difference is that there is only one God. If there were only one human being, he or she might live at peace with the world. But we know that this could not be the case because “It is not good for man to be alone.” We are social animals. And when one human being thinks he or she has godlike powers vis-à-vis another human being, the result is violence. Therefore, thinking yourself godlike, if you are human, all-too-human, is very dangerous indeed.

That is why, with one simple move, God transformed the terms of the equation. After the Flood, He taught Noah and through him all humanity, that we should think, not of ourselves but of the human other as in the image of God. That is the only way to save ourselves from violence and self-destruction.

This really is a life-changing idea. It means that the greatest religious challenge is: Can I see God’s image in one who is not in my image – whose colour, class, culture or creed is different from mine?

People fear people not like them. That has been a source of violence for as long as there has been human life on earth. The stranger, the foreigner, the outsider, is almost always seen as a threat. But what if the opposite is the case? What if the people not like us enlarge rather than endanger our world?

There is a strange blessing we say after eating or drinking something over which we make the blessing *shehakol*. It goes: *borei nefashot rabbot vechesronam*. God “creates many souls and their deficiencies.” Understood literally, it is almost incomprehensible. Why should we praise God who creates deficiencies?

One beautiful answer is that if we had no deficiencies, then lacking nothing, we would never need anyone else. We would be solitary rather than social. The fact that we are all different, and all have deficiencies, means that we need one another. What you lack, I may have, and what I lack, you may have. It is by coming together that we can each give the other something he or she lacks. It is our deficiencies and differences that brings us together in mutual gain, in a win-win scenario. It is our diversity that makes us social animals.

This is the insight expressed

in the famous rabbinic statement: “When a human being makes many coins in the same mint, they all come out the same. God makes us all in the same mint, the same image, His image, and we all come out different.”<sup>[3]</sup> This is the basis of what I call – it was the title of one of my books – the dignity of difference.

This is a life-changing idea. Next time we meet someone radically unlike us, we should try seeing difference not as a threat but as an enlarging, possibility-creating gift. After the Flood, and to avoid a world “filled with violence” that led to the Flood in the first place, God asks us to see His image in one who is not in my image. Adam knew that he was in the image of God. Noah and his descendants are commanded to remember that the other person is in the image of God.

The great religious challenge is: Can I see a trace of God in the face of a stranger?

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California

Staff aren’t adequately trained to recognize and respond to antisemitism. In school hallways last year, Natasha heard students call each other “kike” and say, “Don’t be such a Jew” — as if being Jewish is something horrible. Teachers were present when these comments were made. Even though California law requires them to immediately intervene when they witness an act of discrimination, teachers didn’t even look up, let alone intercede, to stop this blatant antisemitism.

Staff minimize antisemitism that goes beyond name-calling. When two students told Natasha and a Jewish classmate that “Hitler should have finished the job” — meaning that Natasha, her Jewish classmate, their families, and all Jews should have been murdered — Natasha and her Jewish classmate reported the incident to a teacher who failed to report it and refused their request to report it themselves. When Natasha and her friend later told the Assistant Principal about the incident, he refused to acknowledge that they had been physically threatened as Jews.

AUSD officials have not disciplined antisemitic bullies in any serious way and have failed to protect the targeted Jewish students. After Natasha was threatened, school officials never even required the bullies to apologize to her. They gave no thought to Natasha’s physical and emotional well-being, and instead added to her trauma by leaving the bullies in her classes for the rest of the school year, where she had to face them day after day.

At a minimum, the bullies should have been moved to another class or even to another school, and Natasha should have been offered whatever support she needed. At the start of this academic year, a school official summoned Natasha to ask who her bullies were, so that they would not be in her classes this year. School officials would have had this information since last January, had there been an appropriate reporting and documenting system in place.

AUSD’s community outreach has been abysmal. The Alameda High School principal admitted in a recent newsletter that he deliberately kept the many antisemitic incidents

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CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PETRADOUGLAS Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered August 4, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 16, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 713 ESSEX STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-4407. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 4316 Lot: 56 Approximate amount of lien \$482,628.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 11924/2010 STEVEN Z. NAIMAN, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 6, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69038  
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: UNTIL HELP ARRIVES,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/27/2017. 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: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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quiet, feebly explaining that he was trying to “prevent copycat behavior.” Instead, he provided cover for the antisemites and sent the message that the AUSD would tolerate the harassment of its Jewish students.

For months, the ZOA and the Waldorf family have been recommending that the district implement a prevention, protection and proscriptio plan, consistent with the US Department of Education’s anti-bullying recommendations. In September, Natasha addressed Alameda’s City Council, urging them to insist that the district take action. Her courageous advocacy has, so far, been met with shameful silence.

Also in September, Natasha’s father addressed the Board of Education, imploring them to act. If the AUSD were truly committed to finally addressing antisemitism, board members would have expressed deep remorse over the AUSD’s response to Natasha’s suffering, as well as their specific plans to respond effectively to antisemitism. Instead, in what appeared to be an orchestrated effort, two teachers — who do not teach at Alameda High School and thus lack personal knowledge of what Natasha endured — praised the Superintendent’s response to antisemitism and attacked the Waldorf family.

The teachers said they were speaking as district employees, and falsely suggested that the family was refusing to work with the district, falsely suggested that the family was

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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) MWC MusicalWorks LLC ARTICLES OF Organization filed with the Secretary of the State of New York on September 18, 2017 N.Y. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of the State of New York has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is C/O the LLC Michael William Caesar 626 East 240th Street Bronx, NY 10470 Purpose of LLC: To engage in any lawful act or activity.  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 7th STREET CAPITAL 285,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2017 Office location: Richmond County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta, LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island NY 10314. purpose: all lawful activity  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: NRIA 7th STREET CAPITAL Manager, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2017 Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta, LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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lying about what they endured, and wrongly blamed the family for the AUSD’s failures. Board members, the superintendent and AUSD’s counsel were present. Not a single one intervened to challenge the teachers and make it clear that they were not authorized to speak on the district’s behalf and were wrong to do so.

AUSD’s shameful indifference to the safety and well-being of Jewish students is particularly disgraceful, because it has readily responded when other groups were perceived to be at risk. The AUSD passed a resolution declaring itself a “safe haven” for all students, to ease the fears of immigrant students and their families. It held workshops for immigrant families, and for Arabic-speaking and Muslim families. It formed an LGBTQ Round Table. The district’s mantra is “everyone belongs here,” but when comparatively little attention is paid to antisemitism, the district is not making it clear that “everyone” includes Jews.

Unless AUSD officials finally implement a plan to do everything they can to eliminate antisemitism, they should be replaced by individuals truly committed to protecting all, not just the non-Jewish students in their care. Effective leadership is imperative before antisemitic threats lead to something more serious, including violence.

Susan B. Tuchman, Esq., is the director of the Zionist Organization of America’s Center for Law and Justice. David Kadosh is ZOA’s western region executive director.

## Social.



Josh Gad in "Marshall." Photo: Twitter.

## Actor Josh Gad Talks Judaism in Films and His 'Marshall' Character's Strong Faith

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Jewish actor Josh Gad talked in a recent interview about the portrayal of Judaism in films, the connection between racism and antisemitism, and how the Jewish faith was central to the character he plays in his latest project.

In the new film "Marshall," now in theaters, Gad plays a Jewish insurance lawyer named Sam Freeman who partnered in the 1940s with Thurgood Marshall, an activist in the civil rights movement who later became the first African-American Supreme Court Justice. In 1941, Marshall was a lawyer for the NAACP and, with Freeman's help, defended Joseph Spell, a black chauffeur accused of raping and attempting to murder a rich white woman.

In the film, Freeman talks about the importance of his faith, attends temple services with his family and a member of his congregation even donates money to Spell's defense. Gad told BuzzFeed News last week the character he portrayed on screen had a strong connection to Judaism, even though he did not always flaunt it. Gad noted, "I think it was so important to illustrate how

important faith is to this man, despite the fact that he doesn't necessarily wear it on his sleeve out in the open."

The actor added that Judaism tends to be hidden in the background in movies. He explained, "There's a comment that's sort of notorious in Hollywood especially by creative people of Jewish background where there's a great fear that something might be too Jewish for audiences."

Gad continued, "I think one of the refreshing things about this film is it does embrace that very thing and to me it was so important because it's true, you don't really get to see that."

He also talked about the intersection of racism and antisemitism. Gad said, "The idea of being persecuted against because of your faith and being persecuted against because of the color of your skin are two very different things but they arrive that the same point of entry. And that was a fascinating exploration because there is this sense for Sam in the film that if I just keep my mouth shut and just play the game, I can get by. I can do what I want to do. I can assimilate and I'll be fine. They didn't have that option."

## Well-Known British White Supremacist Reveals His Homosexuality, Jewish Heritage, Renounces Far-Right, Neo-Nazi Ideology

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A well-known British white supremacist revealed in an interview aired by Channel 4 on Tuesday that he was gay and of Jewish heritage and renounced the far-right, neo-Nazi ideology that he used to espouse.

Kevin Wilshaw — who was a National Front organizer in the 1980s — said his mother was "part



Kevin Wilshaw. Photo: Screenshot.

Jewish, maiden name was Benjamin, we have Jewish blood on that side."

Presented with an antisemitic statement he had made about "the Jews" in the past, Wilshaw explained to his interviewer, "That term 'the Jews' is the global faceless mass of people, you can't personalize it, not individuals. That's the generalization that leads to six million people being deliberately murdered."



Photo: Screenshot.



Photo: Screenshot.

## 'Harry Potter' Star Daniel Radcliffe Speaks With Israeli Accent in New Film 'Jungle'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

For his latest film, "Jungle," British actor Daniel Radcliffe — of "Harry Potter" fame — had to learn how to speak with an Israeli accent.

In the movie, the 28-year-old Radcliffe — whose mother is Jewish — plays Israeli backpacker Yossi Ghinsberg, who got lost and survived a three-week ordeal alone in the Bolivian Amazon in the early 1980s.



British actor Daniel Radcliffe. Photo: Screenshot.

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## Be part of the Tribul Merchant Services Charity Ventures Program

For over 10 years Tribul Merchant Services have been working with **Not-For-Profit Organizations** across the country, now we invite *you* to join our **Charity Ventures Program**.

All you need to do in order to enter the program is to refer us to any business that currently accepts credit cards — tell them to expect a phone call from Tribul Merchant Services.



**We keep it simple:** Leave it to us to take care of all the necessary paperwork and details.

For each approved application you will receive a check from us for \$180.

We will also send you a residual check **every month** for as long as the account processes with Tribul.

**Earn a monthly residual,  
PLUS \$180 for every  
approved referral**

**Over \$1,000,000 paid out  
in less than 3 years via the  
Charity Ventures Program**



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