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## Hezbollah Leader Lauds Fall of Kurdish Kirkuk to Iranian- Backed Forces



Sheikh Nabil Kaouk, the top Hezbollah leader in southern Lebanon.  
Photo: File.

**BY BEN COHEN**

A senior leader of the Hezbollah terrorist movement in Lebanon has boasted that the fall of the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk last week to an Iranian-backed coalition of Iraqi government forces and Shia militias was “a victory over the US and Israel.”

“Our victory in Kirkuk is a victory over the US and Israel and an answer to (US President

Donald) Trump’s threats to Iran,” said Sheikh Nabil Kaouk, Hezbollah’s top official in southern Lebanon.

The Tehran regime’s main proxy in Syria and Lebanon, Hezbollah has loudly applauded the routing of Kurdish Peshmerga forces around the city of Kirkuk and other strategic sites in northern Iraq. “The qualitative and strategic gains achieved by Iraq in Kirkuk is a new achievement

for the resistance axis and a new defeat for Trump, America, Israel and others in the region,” Kaouk said. The US would not be able to change Hezbollah’s positions through sanctions, he exclaimed, “not today, tomorrow or in the future.”

“Hezbollah will complete its path to victory,” Kaouk went on to say.

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## New Study Exposes How Faculty Support of Israel Boycotts Intensifies Antisemitism

**BY SHIRI MOSHE**

Effort by faculty members to promote academic boycotts of Israel in American universities pose a serious threat to the wellbeing of Jewish students, and raise questions about the misuse of classrooms to promote an anti-Zionist political agenda, a campus watchdog group has warned.

In a new report published on Tuesday, the AMCHA



Supporters of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign. Photo: Alex Chis.

Initiative explored why the presence of faculty members who publicly expressed support for academic boycotts of Israel is — according to the group’s past findings — associated with increased incidents of anti-Jewish hostility on university campuses.

AMCHA’s latest research determined that the more faculty boycotters a department had, “the greater the number of outside [boycott, divestment and sanctions] proponents brought to campus by that department.”

Of the nearly 1,000 pro-BDS faculty members included

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## Opinion.

## Iranian Nuclear Revelations From Argentina



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Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon made a good point at a Security Council meeting on the Middle East this week when he stated the Iranian regime “has tried to obtain nuclear capabilities for years.”

“Today, the regime’s intentions are no different than before,” Danon said.

Iran wants nuclear weapons for pretty much the same reasons that North Korea pursued and obtained them: to ascend to the commanding heights of global politics as a genuine adversary of the US; to cow and confound its regional adversaries; and to engineer a situation in which the West, having failed to prevent an Iranian bomb just as it did the North Korean one, frets on a daily basis over whether an Islamist regime with a nuclear weapon will be more or less amenable to national security interest-based negotiations than the Soviet Communist one was.

Danon’s observation should be borne uppermost in mind in the ongoing debate about American policy towards Iran, and in particular the future of the nuclear deal with Tehran announced in July 2015.

Even if the deal survives until its “sunset” in 2030, when all restrictions on Iranian nuclear development will be lifted, a future US president

may very well express fury that his predecessors didn’t deal with the problem when they had the chance. And that president may also find himself or herself in a situation where START-style talks with a nuclear-armed Iran is simply one of a limited number of bad options.

So, while some hope remains for preventing Iran’s nuclear weaponization, the case that Iran’s nuclear ambitions have essentially remained unaltered needs to be stated with absolute clarity. In that sense, a timely example arrived this week, in the form of the testimony by a former Argentine intelligence operative, Ramon Bogado, to a court in Buenos Aires.

Bogado testified before a judicial inquiry into allegations made by the murdered Argentine federal prosecutor, Alberto Nisman, that the former Argentine government of Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner negotiated a secret pact with the Iranians in 2011 to exonerate Tehran of responsibility for the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires. According to Bogado, a part of the deal involved the transfer of nuclear expertise, technology and equipment to Iran from Argentina, which has operated a domestic nuclear program since the early 1960s that many observers regard as the gold standard in that industry.

Any nuclear transactions, Bogado said, would be moved through shell companies in Uruguay and Argentina, under the watchful eye of the late Venezuelan dictator Hugo Chavez — whom Bogado confirmed was the key influence on Kirchner in her decision to

embrace Tehran as strategic partner, leaving the unresolved AMIA case, and Nisman personally, as dangerous obstacles in the way of that goal.

It’s important to remember that by the time the secret pact was signed by former Argentine Foreign Minister Hector Timerman and his Iranian counterpart, Ali Akbar Salehi, in January 2011, the revelation of Iran’s surreptitious nuclear activities was almost a decade old. A series of UN Security Council resolutions had been passed calling on Iran to cease its enrichment activities and open its nuclear facilities to international inspection, and international sanctions against Tehran were locked in place. It wasn’t an ideal situation, but it was far better than the one we have now.

For that reason, Bogado’s statements in Argentina are a reminder that the Iranian regime’s goal is to obtain complete, unsupervised authority over its nuclear program. To that end, it will do its level best to circumvent any restrictions laid down by the international community — just as North Korea did.

Iran may have lost its friends in Latin America like Kirchner and the unlamented Chavez — the man who fathered the current destruction of Venezuela — but its influence in its own region is as never before. President Donald Trump makes many of the right noises in response, but the kind of structural ambiguity plaguing his policy toward Iran ultimately serves the Iranian regime more than anyone else.



The aftermath of the bombing of the AMIA building in Buenos Aires on July 18, 1994. Photo: File.

Trump understands that the Iranians want nuclear weapons, but he clearly doesn’t judge everything the Iranians do through that filter. Otherwise, he would not have adopted a Switzerland-esque “neutral” position when Iranian-backed Iraqi forces unilaterally attacked Kurdish areas of northern Iraq this week. Instead, he is pretending the Iraqi government in Baghdad is sovereign and independent in the same way that the Danish one in Copenhagen is. To the Iranians, this is a sign of weakness, and as Bogado’s account of their negotiations with the pliant Argentines appears to confirm, weakness is their best advantage.

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## New York Times on Jewish Identity: Pork, an Israel-Apartheid Slur and Bashing Adelson and Netanyahu



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

Sunday’s issue of “T,” *The New York Times*’ style magazine, carries a four-page feature headlined “Great American Novelists” in which “three fiction writers and one cartoonist ruminate on Jewish identity and its relationship to Israel and the U.S. in 2017.”

The cartoonist, Vanessa Davis, submitted “an original comic” titled “Talking About Israel.” The cartoon features two characters, one who announces “I hate talking about it” and another who replies, “Sure, stay quiet! So you’re fine with APARTHEID, O.K!”

If you think that represents the range of *New York Times*-approved opinion from American Jews about Israel and Jewish identity, wait, there’s even more.

One of the fiction writers, Nathan Englander, describes himself as a “pulled-pork-loving, drive-on-Saturdays secular Jew.”

A second fiction writer, Joshua Cohen, writes:

*In my opinion, the great Jewish Question in America today is whether Jared Kushner should be excommunicated — and whether Ivanka Trump should be too. Of course, every family’s table since Eden has had its share of bad apples (Sheldon Adelson), and*

*every family member has, or should have, a different idea of who’s the worst (Netanyahu).*

The *Times* doesn’t provide Adelson a chance to respond to being insulted as a bad apple. I’d say that if “bad apples” are ones that give hundreds of millions of dollars away in charity to fund things like Taglit-Birthright Israel, maybe we could use some more of them. Nor does the *Times* give Netanyahu a chance to respond to being called “the worst.” Somehow Israeli voters manage to keep electing him no matter how terrible some American Jewish novelists think he is. Maybe the Israeli voters think Netanyahu has been doing a relatively good job of keeping them secure.

All in all, it’s a typically disappointing example of how the *Times* covers Israel and American Jews. The newspaper picks four writers to “ruminate on Jewish identity” and Israel. And of the four, they’ve got one self-described pork lover, a second who has a character make the trite, inaccurate and odious Israel-apartheid comparison, and a third who uses the opportunity to denounce Adelson and Netanyahu. Except for the pork part, which might turn off devout Muslims, the whole feature would do just great translated into Farsi and aimed at the Iranian audience that the *Times* seems to be eyeing for its business growth strategy.



The headquarters of The New York Times. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## World News.

# UN Envoy Wants Hamas to Stop Calls for Israel's Destruction, Solve Gaza Crisis

BY JNS.ORG

Nickolay Mladenov, the United Nations special coordinator for the Middle East peace process, criticized on Sunday the leaders of the Gaza-ruling Palestinian terror group Hamas for vowing to eradicate Israel, and urged Hamas to address the humanitarian situation in the coastal enclave.

"I condemn the latest statements made by some Hamas leaders, reportedly calling for the destruction of the state of Israel," Mladenov said. "They do not serve the interest of peace and the goal of achieving a negotiated two-state solution."

"Under the auspices of Egypt, Palestinian leaders have embarked on a course to solve the grave humanitarian crisis in Gaza and enable the government to take up its responsibilities in the Strip," said the UN envoy. "I encourage

them not be distracted from this objective."

Mladenov's comments came after Hamas's political chief in Gaza, Yahya Sinwar, last Thursday vowed to eradicate Israel.

"Gone is the time in which Hamas discussed recognition of Israel. The discussion now is about when we will wipe out Israel," Sinwar said.

Saleh al-Aroui, who heads Hamas's terror activity in the disputed territories, said on Saturday during a visit to Iran the terror group was "not in the stage of recognition [of Israel]. Rather, we are now in the stage of preparing to eliminate the Zionist entity."

The US and Israel said last week they will not negotiate with any Palestinian unity government that, among other conditions, does not recognize Israel.

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**Faculty**

in the AMCHA study, 70 percent were found to be affiliated with either ethnic, gender or Middle East studies departments, programs, centers or institutes.

Ethnic, gender and Middle East studies departments with at least one faculty boycotter were also respectively 10, 12, and five times more likely to sponsor events with pro-BDS speakers than similar departments without faculty boycotters, according to AMCHA.

The study noted "a very strong association" between the number of pro-BDS speakers invited to campus and the frequency of anti-Zionist expression among students, which in turn was strongly linked to "acts of anti-Jewish hostility, suggesting that one way BDS supporting speaker-events contribute to campus antisemitism is by promoting anti-Zionist expression by students."

Universities with gender, ethnic and Middle East studies academic units that sponsored pro-BDS speakers were twice more likely to have instances of student anti-Zionist expression than schools that did not host those speakers.

In turn, universities with instances of student anti-Zionist expression — including advocacy of BDS — were seven times "more likely to have incidents that targeted Jewish students for harm" than those without such incidents, AMCHA noted.

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, AMCHA's co-founder and director, told The Algemeiner that "there really is clearly a sort of politically-motivated bias involved in the sponsorship of departmentally-sponsored events."

She said she hoped the report would prompt faculty members to ask, "Are departmentally-sponsored events that include the promotion of an academic boycott of Israel OK? Are they protected by academic freedom? Are they a form of political indoctrination and, if so, what's to be done about that by [the] academic senates?"

"We want some clarity," Rossman-Benjamin emphasized. "We think that faculty would do well to have guidelines for their fellow faculty about what is acceptable in these cases. But it can only come from faculty, or else it's not the appropriate source."

If faculty members fail to issue such ground rules, or if an egregious violation of university policy takes place, it may be the role of university administrators to step in, she added.

"We do believe that there are aspects of the academic boycotts which, if they were implemented, would really violate both university policy and potentially the law," Rossman-Benjamin said. "I think that administrators have to be vigilant about that."

She noted that the University of California's Board of Regents forbids educators from using the classroom "for political indoctrination."

If a faculty member would "refuse to write a letter of recommendation for a student who wanted to go on the Israel abroad program, if they were to work to sabotage their colleagues' collaborations with Israeli universities in substantive ways, if they were to refuse to review graduate students' work because they're Israeli or were doing work at an Israeli university — there are ways in which implementing this boycott actually does violate [faculty members'] contractual obligations," she pointed out. "When that happens, the administration needs to say, 'You've violated your contract ... and you need to stop this or you will be disciplined.'"

Rossman-Benjamin also raised concerns that academic boycotts were dissimilar from other boycotts of Israel, whether economic or cultural, "because there is almost inevitably blowback from an academic boycott onto the very students and faculty at the university where that boycott is being implemented."

"An academic boycott of Israel substantively affects and harms students and faculty at the very universities in America" where they are being implemented by faculty members, she said.

Even the act of advocating for boycotts — without implementing them — "is connected to real harms to Jewish students on campus, like assault, and suppression of speech, and destruction of property, and discrimination, and harassment," Rossman-Benjamin added.

If BDS advocates "can't actually engage in an academic boycott without hurting the students and faculty on their own campuses," she observed, "then there's something horrible about that boycott and absolutely illegitimate."

# On Iran Nukes, 'Don't Believe, Check!' Israeli Defense Expert Tells US Media Outlet



IDF Maj. Gen. (ret.) Isaac Ben-Israel. Photo: File.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Israeli defense expert has told a US news outlet the position of both US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran was "not shared by their professional advisers and intelligence communities."

In an interview with Bloomberg journalist Zev Chafets, IDF Maj. Gen. (ret.) Isaac Ben-Israel — who supervised both the development of Israeli aerial defense systems, as well as the Jewish state's cybersecurity capabilities — said that "there is an international agreement that prevents Iran from having the Bomb."

"People may say, how can you believe Iran?" Ben-Israel continued. "The answer is, don't believe, check! You can do it the old fashioned way, through espionage, and there are also provisions in the deal that permit constant monitoring, which will decrease over 20 years."

He went on to say: "God knows what will happen in 20 years. Let's talk about now. Before the deal, Iran was two months away from having enough fissile material to complete their project. It had enriched uranium, not only 3.5 percent but also 19.7

percent. This was acquired despite an international sanctions regime. If the deal collapses, is it likely that more sanctions will deter Iran from resuming its project? Especially if Europe, Russian and China decline to go along with American sanctions?"

Ben-Israel — who is now a private sector consultant — said that South Korea would benefit from an Iron Dome-style anti-rocket system as it faces a growing threat from Kim Jong-un's regime in North Korea.

"In Israel's 2006 Lebanon War, Hezbollah fired 4,200 missiles at Israel; they killed some 80 people," Ben Israel remarked. "We didn't then have the Iron Dome. Nine years later, Hamas in Gaza fired 4,500, same type of rockets, and there was not a single casualty. That's the meaning of 'battle-tested.'"

He added: "North Korea's rockets are not different from those of Hamas and Hezbollah. But North Korea has a great many more. If they were to launch a massive simultaneous barrage, you'd need a sufficient number of Iron Dome batteries."

Asked by Chafets at the close of the interview how Israel's protocol for launching nuclear weapons differed "from the American model," Ben Israel responded merely, "Thank you very much for stopping by."

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**Hezbollah Leader**

units, the Shia Hashd al-Shaabi, joined Iraqi forces to take control of Kirkuk, Diyala, and Nineveh provinces in northern Iraq, all disputed areas that had been under Kurdish control.

Gen. Qassem Soleimani — the commander of the Qods Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) — is an adviser to the Hashd forces and was reportedly on the ground in Kirkuk.

Meanwhile, reports emerged on Monday that Shia forces were looting homes in the same city that became a symbol of ISIS brutality when the Sunni Islamist group took over northern Iraq three years ago.

A senior officer with the Peshmerga told Kurdish news outlet Rudaw that Hashd fighters were looting homes in the city of Shingal — the main center of Iraq's beleaguered Yezidi religious minority. In August 2014, thousands of Yezidi men from Shingal and nearby towns were executed by ISIS terrorists, with many of their wives and

daughters subsequently forced to serve their relatives' killers as sex slaves.

Peshmerga commander Haidar Shasho, himself a Yezidi, confirmed that Hashd forces had broken an agreement reached on October 17 to enter the city without bloodshed. Shasho has remained inside the city as well with a small force under his command.

"We've come here to protect you, not to fight with you, and in no way will we interfere in the administrative affairs of the town," Shasho quoted the Iraqi forces who entered the town as having said to him.

Shasho said that the Iraqi military had denied Kurdish appeals to prevent the looting. "We took up the issue with the Iraqi military, but they said those who are doing the looting are the Hashd al-Shaabi, and we have no authority over them," Shasho stated.

Shasho said that he had some trust in the Iraqi army to restore peace, "but no trust in the Hashd al-Shaabi at all." He vowed that his Peshmerga force "will remain in Shingal and will never leave."

## World News.



Rutgers professor Jasbir Puar. Photo: The Global Center for Advanced Studies.

## In Upcoming Book, Controversial Rutgers Professor Accuses Israel of Sparing Palestinian Lives in Order to Control Them

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A professor with a history of supporting terrorism against Israelis is publishing a new book accusing the Jewish state of physically debilitating Palestinians in order to control them.

*The Right to Maim: Debility, Capacity, Disability*, authored by Jasbir Puar — associate professor of women's and gender studies at Rutgers University — argues in part that the "Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) have shown a demonstrable pattern over decades of sparing life, of shooting to maim rather than to kill."

According to the Rutgers professor, this "purportedly humanitarian practice of sparing death by shooting to maim" is part of a "logic long present in Israeli tactical calculations of settler colonial rule—that of creating injury and maintaining Palestinian populations as perpetually debilitated, and yet alive, in order to control them."

*The Right to Maim* is set to be published by Duke University Press in November 2017, and was the topic of Puar's lectures at Stanford University and Rutgers University this year. A copy of its introduction can be found at the Duke University Press website.

Puar's latest claims appear similar to those she shared during a controversial, faculty-sponsored event at Vassar College in February 2016, when she said that Israel "manifests an implicit claim to the right to maim and debilitate Palestinian bodies and environments," according to a transcript of the talk provided by the Vassar alumni group Fairness To Israel.

During that appearance, Puar repeated allegations that the bodies of "young Palestinian men ... were mined for organs for scientific research." She also asserted that Israel's actions can be called a "genocide in slow motion," and said, "we need [the Boycotts, Divestment, and Sanctions movement] as part of organized resistance and armed resistance in Palestine as well. There is no other way the

situation is going to change."

Kenneth Waltzer, executive director of the Academic Engagement Network, questioned the empirical foundation on which Puar based her latest work, calling her "a notorious slanderer of the Israeli regime."

"Puar is more interested in defining and theorizing than in getting things as they are," Waltzer told *The Algemeiner*. "She also dangles the hint of a second dispossession, a second Nakba, by Israel, but is there evidence of a decline of the Palestinian population? Isn't the Palestinian population growing under this biopolitical regime?"

"On the other hand," he noted, "I see little sign based on the sections I have before me in the new book of the terrible (and unapologetic) antisemitism Puar clearly exhibited when she spoke at Vassar in early 2016."

Asaf Romirowsky, executive director of Scholars for Peace in the Middle East, observed that Puar's work represents "exactly the kind of pseudo-scholarship and quasi-academic integrity that we deal with on many campuses, specifically in the humanities, where you see individuals who come up with these 'theories' and try to sell them."

"The fact that she's receiving a platform to promote this stuff, that you're seeing a university press like Duke accepting it as legitimate scholarship, are all big concerns that we've been raising for years," Romirowsky said in an interview with *The Algemeiner*. "Here you're seeing the clear transformation of where propaganda — Arab, Palestinian propaganda — has basically replaced any sense of scholarship."

He pointed out that when a book like Puar's is published through a university press, "it immediately gets the [appearance] of scholarship, thereby it gets inserted into a syllabi as a secondary source or whatever source that is out there, thus getting it into the system."

"That's a bigger program," Romirowsky warned, "as far as what passes as scholarship versus propaganda."

## Saudi Arabia Denies Prince Made Secret Diplomatic Visit to Israel

BY JNS.ORG

The government of Saudi Arabia denied on Sunday that its officials embarked on a

secret diplomatic visit to Israel in September, following reports in Israeli media that a Saudi royal recently traveled to the Jewish state.

"Reports of a secret visit to Israel by a

## Hardcore Fans of Italian Soccer Team Lazio Spark Outrage With Antisemitic Anne Frank Mockery

BY BEN COHEN

Supporters of top Italian soccer club Lazio have been sharply condemned by Jewish leaders and Italian politicians for distributing mocking images of Anne Frank dressed in the jersey of a rival team.

The image of the Dutch-Jewish child diarist who perished in the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945 was used on stickers and graffiti sprayed by Lazio fans at Rome's Stadio Olimpico during their side's 3-0 victory against Cagliari on Sunday. The image showed Frank wearing the jersey of Lazio's city rivals, AS Roma. The game was played in a half-empty stadium, with its northern end — where Lazio's "ultras" gather — closed down following racist incidents at Lazio's previous match, which saw fans chanting vulgar slogans against two black players with soccer club U.S. Sassuolo.

Ruth Dureghello, president of the Jewish Community of Rome, declared on Twitter, "This is not football, this is not sport. Get anti-Semitism out of stadiums." Her post was then shared by Rome's mayor, Virginia Raggi.



Ruth Dureghello @dureghello  
 Questa non è una curva, questo non è calcio, questo non è sport. Fuori gli antisemiti dagli stadi.  
 9:38 AM - Oct 23, 2017  
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The Italian Football Federation (FIGC) was expected to open an investigation on Tuesday. Italy's sports minister, Luca Lotti, warned that those fans involved would face legal consequences.

"What happened last night is very serious, there is no justification, these are instances to be condemned unconditionally," said Lotti. "I am certain that the competent authorities will establish what happened and that the perpetrators will soon be identified and punished."

The Italian prime minister, Paolo Gentiloni, said the stickers were "unbelievable, unacceptable and to not be minimized."

European Parliament President Antonio Tajani also condemned the Lazio display. "I cannot fail to firmly condemn what happened in Rome, where a group of hooligans used

the image of Anne Frank to offend the fans of another club," Tajani said during a plenary session in Strasbourg. "It was a serious deed. Everyone has the right to practice their religion and the Jewish community is part of our country."

Italian newspaper *La Repubblica* responded to the incident with an editorial entitled, "We are all Anne Frank," accompanied by images of Frank in a rainbow of Italian football jerseys. The paper urged Italian soccer fans to respond to Lazio's provocations by turning an intended insult into a symbol of pride.



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 #siamotuttiannafrank 'Non lasciamola sola e in mano all'ignoranza': l'editoriale di @marioalabresi larep.it/2yHO2C0  
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Among the most notorious of Europe's violent soccer hooligan fans, the latest outrage by Lazio's ultras conforms to a long history of antisemitism and racism in a club that was originally founded by army officers in 1900. The Italian fascist dictator and Hitler ally Benito Mussolini was an admirer of the club and was often seen at its matches. Antisemitic banners displayed by Lazio fans over the years include one that attacked another club for its "Black Squad, Jewish Home End," with another banner targeting rivals Roma, which declared, "Auschwitz Is Your Country, the Ovens Are Your Homes." The stickers mocking Anne Frank have appeared intermittently over the last four years.

Lazio club president Claudio Lotito said on Tuesday that the club would now take 200 fans every year to visit Auschwitz. Lotito made the announcement as he visited the Rome Synagogue to apologize for the Anne Frank display.

"Most of our fans are with us against antisemitism," Lotito said.

Italian soccer authorities have instructed clubs to read out a passage from Anne Frank's diary prior to kickoff this week.

The selected passage reads: "I see the world being slowly transformed into a wilderness, I hear the approaching thunder that, one day, will destroy us too, I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquillity will return once more."

Saudi official, which have appeared on some media, are unfounded," a spokesperson from the Saudi Foreign Ministry said, the kingdom's SPA news agency reported. "Saudi Arabia has always been transparent as regards to contacts and visits."

The Saudi denial follows reports by Israeli radio in September that Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman visited Israel and secretly met with Israeli government officials. Israel has not confirmed nor denied the reports.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has repeatedly stated in recent years that Arab nations are becoming more open to relations with the Jewish state, particularly due to shared concern about Iran.

In June, the US, Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Saudi Arabia and Jordan reportedly agreed in secret negotiations to coordinate the first flight of Palestinian pilgrims to Saudi Arabia from Israel's Ben-Gurion International Airport, to visit the holiest Islamic sites in Mecca and Medina during Ramadan.



Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

U.S. News.

# US 'Can't Allow' Iranian IRGC Supply Lines Through Middle East, Sen. Tom Cotton Declares

BY BEN COHEN

A leading member of the Senate Armed Services Committee has warned that the danger posed by Iran towards Israel is only increasing as the Tehran regime extends its political influence and military footprint across the Middle East.

"It's a very dangerous advance that Iran is making through northern Iraq and southern Syria," Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AK) told a conference on counterterrorism organized by the Washington, DC-based Hudson Institute on Monday.

Cotton highlighted that Iran's "aggression against Israel has become much more widespread." "For instance, Iran is now providing not just rockets, it's helping to build precision-guided munitions factories in Syria, on the border with Lebanon, where Hezbollah can manufacture its own precision-guided munitions to use against Israel," Cotton said.

"We can't allow that to happen," the senator continued. "We can't allow the IRGC (Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps) to have, unmolested, resupply lines going from Iran into the Levant."

Asked about the viability of a "Shia crescent" extending from Iran to the Mediterranean coast, Cotton observed that "Unfortunately, Iran has the power of nation state behind a revolutionary cause. You see it in Lebanon, in Iraq, in Syria, in Yemen and on the seas."

Cotton concluded: "It's not in the interest of the United States to have a revolutionary cause backed with the powers of a nation state expanding its influence throughout the region."

Earlier in the day, former President Barack Obama's defense secretary, Leon Panetta, told the same conference that it was imperative to "confront the influence of Iran."

"Iran provides support for terrorist groups like Hamas and Hezbollah and other elements of disruption in the Middle East," Panetta observed. "There is a triangle between Damascus and Tehran and Baghdad."

# Report: White House Set to Unveil Proposal for Regional Middle East Peace Deal

BY JNS.ORG

The Trump administration will soon unveil a comprehensive proposal for a regional peace deal in the Middle East, Israel's *Channel 2* reported on Sunday.

The Israeli report, which cited unnamed US officials, stated the proposal will focus on creating a foundation for "regional normalization" between Israel and Arab states, with less emphasis on direct negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians.

The White House will not pressure the Israelis or Palestinians to accept the terms of the proposal and will not impose a deadline on the parties, according to the report.

The purported White House proposal was developed based upon the premise that Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas is trustworthy and sincerely wishes to achieve a final status agreement. Yet a senior White House official reportedly informed The Times of Israel there are "no imminent plans" to unveil a framework for a peace deal.

"We are engaged in a productive dialogue with all relevant parties about an enduring peace deal, but are not going to put an artificial deadline on anything," the official stated. "We have no imminent plans beyond continuing our conversations. As we have always said, our job is to facilitate a deal that works for both the Israelis and Palestinians, not to impose anything on them."

The official also noted the White House was cognizant of Israel's security needs in the event of any final status agreement being negotiated.

Panetta recommended the formation of a regional coalition to confront the threats posed by Iran and terrorism more broadly, revealing that while in office, he had "made this recommendation a lot, and it didn't get very far."

"We have to develop a Middle East coalition of countries that can work in cohesion," Panetta said. "Israel should be part of that coalition, because they are concerned with terrorism and with Iran." He said that such a coalition should be built around moderate Arab countries, and should have a joint military command and the ability to combine resources in order to "go after terrorists."

Meanwhile, Iran warned European nations on Monday not to "meddle in issues related to Iran's defense activities" along with the US.

"Europe has no right to meddle in our defense affairs," the head of the Islamic Repub-



Sen. Tom Cotton speaks at the Hudson Institute counterterrorism conference in Washington, DC. Photo: Screenshot.

lic's judiciary, Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli Larijani, said in Tehran. "The Europeans should realize that if they want to follow the US and interfere in our defense affairs, we will stand against them as we did against the US." Larijani underlined that "Iran's missile program is for defense and non-negotiable."

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## Opinion.

# Today's Germans Are Not Responsible for the Holocaust



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

I spent the past weekend as scholar-in-residence to the Jewish community of Munich, Germany — a city where the Nazi party was born, and where Hitler rose to power.

It's been uplifting and inspiring to see a community that was exterminated in the Holocaust choose to build a beautiful new synagogue right in the town center. The town's chief rabbi, Shmuel Brodman, brought large crowds to hear me speak, especially young professionals and students.

But not everyone was happy.

Many people from around the world wrote to me on social media and said that they objected to Jews returning to live in Germany. And how could I even think of visiting that accursed country, where so many suffered?

Would they prefer that Hitler's vision of a Judenrein Europe be realized?

To be sure, Judaism embraces horizontal accountability, whereby a generation of people who voted in Hitler should be held accountable for their choices. In addition, the scope of the Holocaust — a continent-wide genocide — could obviously only be carried out with the resources and manpower of the German nation as a whole.

Of course, not every German during the war had equal culpability. The men and women who carried out the executions, forced people into gas chambers and ordered mass murder were most directly responsible for the Holocaust. The rest of the German people of that time, however, cannot escape responsibility. They may not have all known about the camps — though many did since the killings were done in their neighborhoods. But they were aware of Hitler's persecution of the Jews and their occupation of other countries.

But Judaism also categorically rejects vertical accountability. We do not visit the sins of the fathers upon the children. Today's Germans were not responsible for the Holocaust, and the German government seems to be taking important steps to help

reconstitute a strong Jewish presence in Germany.

Which leads to many questions about German-Jewish identity.

In discussing the subject, a university student told me that he loves to attend the Munich opera — but that he avoids Wagner, Hitler's favorite composer. Among Wagner's famously antisemitic writings was his essay "Judaism in Music," which argues that Jews degrade music and accuses Jews of being "the evil conscience of our modern civilization."

Till this day Wagner is not played in Israel.

How do you separate a person's accomplishments from their character?

Many prominent Germans in culture and industry collaborated with Hitler, and yet their roles are sometimes whitewashed by historians and others who choose to focus only on their accomplishments in their fields.

Think about Leni Riefenstahl, Hitler's documentarian, who is revered in some circles as a great filmmaker — even though her work was used to propagandize the Nazis' ideology. Consider Wernher von Braun and other Nazis brought to the United States in Operation Paperclip, whose contributions to the German war effort were secondary to their usefulness in advancing American interests. Worse, US intelligence agencies employed hundreds of Nazis as Cold War spies and refused to tell the Justice Department's Nazi hunters what they knew about those living in the United States.

People also sometimes feel similarly conflicted about the role that various companies played during the war. I know some Jews, especially survivors, refused to buy German cars because companies such as BMW contributed to the Nazi war effort. In fact, dozens of German companies were involved to various degrees in everything from using slave labor for their products to constructing gas chambers. Some, but by no means all, voluntarily agreed decades later to contribute to a slave labor compensation fund.

And it was not only German companies that helped the Nazis.

Investigative journalist Edwin Black documented, for example, that General Motors and its German subsidiary, Opel, "were eager, willing and indispensable cogs

in the Third Reich's rearmament juggernaut, a rearmament that, as many feared during the 1930s, would enable Hitler to conquer Europe and destroy millions of lives."

In IBM and the Holocaust, Black reported how IBM's German subsidiary, with the knowledge of its New York headquarters, "enthusiastically custom-designed" a punch card and sorting system, the precursor to a computer, which a Swiss judge ruled "facilitated the tasks of the Nazis in the commission of their crimes against humanity, acts also involving accountancy and classification by IBM machines and utilized in the concentration camps themselves."

In 2001, Ford released a study that it said proved that it had no control over what happened at the German subsidiary, Ford-Werke, and that it did not profit from wartime operations at the German plant. Ford-Werke employed thousands of slave laborers, including inmates from Buchenwald. While not admitting any culpability, Ford contributed \$13 million to a \$5 billion fund created by the German government and industry for slave and forced laborers and said it would give \$2 million to a humanitarian fund at the US Chamber of Commerce that helps Holocaust survivors.

During my trip to the concentration camps in my summer Holocaust educational tour, I discovered several shocking stories about the complicity of other companies in the Holocaust. At the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, for example, I learned that thousands of slave laborers were forced to work for the Heinkel aircraft manufacturing company.

My friend Mitchell Bard, who is an expert on the Holocaust, discovered more information about the company's founder, Ernst Heinkel, including a laudatory biography of him on the website of the San Diego Air and Space Museum. Heinkel was a pioneer in aviation, but there was no mention of his company's role in the Holocaust. When Mitchell brought this to the museum's attention, this was the curator's response:

*The honorees in our International Air and Space Hall of Fame are feted for their contributions to aerospace technology. While we do not want to appear indifferent to the fact that Heinkel employed slave*



The entrance to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

*laborers as you correctly point out, it is those accomplishments in growing the industry that we celebrate, and not necessarily the man's character. It is not our intention in writing the HOF narratives to create a complete biography on any of its members. Thank you for taking the time to communicate your thoughts on Heinkel "the man."*

Mitchell forwarded me this reply. As in the case of Riefenstahl, von Braun and others, it is all too typical of the tendency to celebrate the accomplishments of Germans and ignore the various ways that they supported the Nazis. Similar excuses are made for prominent members of the German military, who are similarly praised for their acumen, ignoring the fact that they did not take action (except for the few who joined the assassination plots) to stop Hitler.

Mitchell published an op-ed in the local San Diego newspaper and, to his credit, the president of the Air and Space Museum called him and said that they had no interest in whitewashing the past. He pledged to add a reference to the company's use of slave labor to manufacture one of their planes in the Heinkel biography.

I wonder how many similar references can be found in museums, archives and websites that extoll the virtues of men, women and companies for various accomplishments — and omit their role in the greatest crime in human history. Many companies do not come clean until they are forced to by exposés, and, even then, some are resistant.

No person is all good or all evil. Antisemites and war criminals such as Ernst Heinkel may have made their positive contributions recognized; but they also must be condemned for their bigotry, immorality and cowardice. Ignoring their hate only adds another brick in the wall of human tragedy and suffering.

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## Hamas Supporter to Receive Award From Harvard Student Group



STEVEN EMERSON  
WASHINGTON

He has publicly endorsed Hamas, and secretly schemed with Hamas' supporters to thwart US-led peace efforts in the Middle East.

Now Nihad Awad is preparing for a prestigious lecture at Harvard University on how "to inspire a deeper engagement with critical

social issues on campus and in the wider community." He is scheduled to be honored on the first weekend of November with the Phillips Brooks House Association's "Robert Coles 'Call of Service' Lecture and Award." Past recipients of that honor include former Vice President Al Gore and Children's Defense Fund founder Marian Wright Edelman.

A Harvard release describes Awad as "a leading advocate for justice and mutual understanding, promoting dialogue and empowering American Muslims."

That's extraordinarily generous — because Awad's words and deeds foster mutual enmity, not understanding. He was

a member of the "Palestine Committee" — a Muslim Brotherhood-created network of organizations operating in the United States, with a mission to help Hamas politically and financially. Awad appears on the committee's telephone list.

Before creating CAIR, Awad ran a second Palestine Committee entity, called the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP). The IAP served as a Hamas propaganda arm, publishing the terrorist group's communications — as well as articles advocating on its behalf. The FBI described his partner at both IAP and CAIR, Omar Ahmed, as a "leader within the Palestine Committee."

Again, all of this is drawn from internal Muslim Brotherhood/Palestine Committee records seized by the FBI. They were entered into evidence in a Federal terror financing trial involving the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. That "foundation," another Palestine Committee entity, and five former officials all were convicted of illegally routing \$12 million to Hamas through a network of charities.

All of this information is in the public

domain.

So what prompted a Harvard student group to identify Nihad Awad as an inspirational paragon of service?

It turns out that the Phillips Brooks House Association's programming chair, Anwar Omeish, is the daughter of another advocate for Palestinian violence — former Muslim American-Society President Esam Omeish.

Omeish was forced to resign from a Virginia state immigration panel in 2007 after an exclusive IPT video showed him praising Palestinians for choosing "the jihad way ... to liberate your land."

Awad was present in Omeish's home during a 2010 political fundraiser where Congressman Keith Ellison, D-Minn., accused Israel of controlling US foreign policy.

We are First Amendment supporters, and the Phillips Brooks House Association is free to invite whomever it pleases. But whitewashing Nihad Awad's decades of work on behalf of terrorists and radicals, however, doesn't seem to be in the best interests of a group seeking inspiration on the topic of public service.

## Opinion.

# What Really Happened With Saeb Erekat's Lung Transplant?



VARDA MEYERS  
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Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian Authority (PA) peace negotiator and Secretary-General of the PLO executive committee, underwent a successful lung transplant in northern Virginia last Friday. There is no doubt that Erekat needed that lung — he was in such bad shape from pulmonary fibrosis that he was on oxygen, and could no longer walk.

Erekat was diagnosed some five years ago, and had been receiving treatment in Israel.

There isn't any decent hospital in the PA or Hamas-administered territories where he might have been treated or received a transplant — because the Palestinians use much of their considerable foreign aid on things like schoolbooks that teach their children to kill Jews; stipends to Jew-murdering terrorists and their families; and terror tunnels to infiltrate Israeli territory and kill Jews. They do this instead of spending that aid on building hospitals and providing decent medical care to their people.

Once the doctors determined that Erekat needed a lung transplant or it was goodbye Saeb, he didn't have much choice but to look elsewhere for a transplant. According to Israeli policy, non-Israeli citizens can't be placed on the transplant list. They can

she will reach out to the deceased's family and request special permission, above and beyond the legal necessity, to offer the organ to foreigners. Under similar circumstances, she once sent a child's liver to Germany.

Erekat, who is of average height, suffers yet another disadvantage.

"I have no idea why, but we have many tall donors here," Ashkenazi said, noting that height is a crucial factor for matching lungs. "A tall patient might wait two weeks, and a shorter person can wait two years."

The *New York Times* quotes David Bitan, the coalition whip for the Likud Party as stating: "I am for humanitarian aid, but there is a problem with lung transplants. We can barely manage lung transplants for the citizens of the State of Israel."

Israel National News makes it clear that the list for organ transplant is ordered according to medical criteria, quoting a joint Facebook statement from Israel's Ministry of Health and its National Transplant Center:

*In cases where no Israeli patient is found to receive the organ, it is possible to transplant the donated organ to a non-resident of Israel, subject to the consent of the donor's family, in coordination with the transplant center. Such cases are extremely rare.*

It makes sense, then, that Erekat decided to do what needed to be done to get on the waiting list for a lung in the US.

It is also interesting that Erekat received a lung in the US within two short months of us reading about his need for a transplant. As of October 12, there were 1,374 people on the US waiting list for a lung transplant.

## Waiting List Candidates by Organ Type - All Patient States

Based on OPTN data as of October 12, 2017

Organ	Candidates
Kidney	96,556
Liver	14,189
Pancreas	913
Kidney / Pancreas	1,692
Heart	3,989
Lung	1,374
Heart / Lung	43
Intestine	273

be considered only after it is decided that a donated organ is not suitable for any of the Israeli citizens on the waiting list.

We must note, however, that an Israeli Arab would have the same chance as an Israeli Jew of being considered for an organ transplant. It's not that Erekat is an Arab or a Muslim — it's that he's not a citizen of Israel.

According to an *LA Times* article:

*Eighty-nine Israelis are on the waiting list for a lung transplant, said Dr. Tamar Ashkenazi, director of the transplant center at Israel's Ministry of Health. Last year, 50 patients received donated lungs.*

Ashkenazi said that in the event an available organ has no match in Israel,

The United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) website says that "geography plays a part" in moving to the top of the list:

*There are 58 local donor service areas and 11 UNOS regions that are used for U.S. organ allocation. Hearts and lungs have less time to be transplanted, so we use a radius from the donor hospital instead of regions when allocating those organs.*

The website also helpfully tells us how long each organ remains viable for transplantation after donation:

*Kidneys 24-36 hours, pancreas 12-18 hours, liver 8-12 hours, heart/lung 4-6 hours.*

In other words, you have to be close in

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PLO Secretary-General Saeb Erekat. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

order to move to the top of the waiting list to get a lung — because you've got, at most, six hours to get that transplant. You have to be close to the donor hospital.

At the same time, the UNOS website tells visitors that there's no preferential treatment involved in rising to the top of the transplant list:

*Only medical and logistical factors are used in organ matching. Personal or social characteristics such as celebrity status, income or insurance coverage play no role in transplant priority.*

Before he got so sick, Erekat was often interviewed by the Western media. He used these opportunities to accuse Israel of state-sponsored apartheid, genocide and war crimes. In 2014, for example, he told Galei Tzahal (IDF Radio) that the Israeli response to the kidnapping and brutal murder of three Israeli teenagers followed by scores of rocket attacks on Israeli towns, constituted "genocide":

*96% of those killed in the (Gaza) Strip*

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**Fatah**

efforts to internationalize the conflict, all violate Oslo.

The media, however, consistently refuses to detail the track record of Palestinian terrorism, murder, incitement and rejectionism. Although the AFP detailed al-Maliki's 2016 statement, for example, many other news outlets — including *The Washington Post* and *USA Today*, failed to report them.

In another example, Israeli-Arab journalist Khaled Abu Toameh highlighted a recent statement by Abbas' deputy, Mahmoud al-Aloul, who said that Fatah doesn't recognize Israel — a direct violation of the Oslo

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**Directedness**

they went. Theirs was a morality of righteousness-and-guilt, not honour-and-shame or conformism-and-anxiety. Hence the centrality of education in Judaism, since Jews would have to hold fast to their values even when they were a minority in a culture whose values were diametrically opposed to their own. Hence the astonishing resilience of Jews throughout the ages, and their ability to survive change, insecurity, even catastrophe. People whose values are indelibly engraved in their minds and souls can stand firm against the majority and persist in their identity even when others are losing theirs. It was that inner voice that guided the patriarchs and matriarchs throughout the book of Genesis — long before they had become a nation in their own right, and before the more public miracles of the book of Exodus. Jewish identity is that inner voice, learned in childhood, reinforced by lifelong study, rehearsed daily in ritual and prayer. That is what gives us a sense of direction in life. It gives us the confidence of

*were civilians, and tens of thousands of homes were destroyed. I know Israelis protest against the use of the term 'genocide,' but that's the reality on the ground.*

Never mind that Hamas was using human shields — and placing rocket launchers, for instance, in homes and nursery schools.

In 2013, Erekat accused Israel of apartheid: *Today in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem ... I can sum up the situation with one word — apartheid. Worse than that which existed in South Africa. Today Israel justifies its apartheid by the term security.*

Referring to his hopes for John Kerry's (doomed-to-failure) mediation efforts and for Palestinian statehood, Erekat said, "We are going deeper into the evil apartheid that exists in the West Bank and East Jerusalem."

Why does any of this matter now? Because, according to Israeli-Arab journalist Khaled Abu Toameh, Saeb Erekat is a front-runner to replace Abbas on retirement.

From the same *LA Times* article cited above:

*In recent years his position has gotten a lot stronger," Abu Toameh said. "He's become the leading candidate to replace Abu Mazen," another name for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, 82. "Among Palestinians he is considered the most prominent symbol of the Oslo process, and he's taken a lot of flak for being the flag bearer of ongoing negotiations and contacts with Israel.*

Saeb Erekat has been saved from an untimely death. Whether the short waiting time for a lung was coincidence, luck, or something else, it's impossible to say. But having earned a second chance at life, Erekat may end up making a return to the political stage, as well.

*Hat tip to reader Evan Parke for planting the seed and for research help.*

accords.

As CAMERA has frequently pointed out, al-Aloul is an unrepentant terrorist, also known as Abu Jihad. His February 2017 appointment to be Abbas' number two was similarly ignored by many in the Western press.

Through their comments and actions, prominent Palestinian officials are violating Oslo on a daily basis — and blatantly calling for the destruction of Israel. And the media can't be troubled to report on it.

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knowing that Judaism, virtually alone among the cultures and civilisations of its day, has survived while the rest have been consigned to history. It is what allows us to avoid the false turns and temptations of the present, while availing ourselves of its genuine benefits and blessings. Inner-directed people tend to be pioneers, exploring the new and unknown even while keeping faith with the old. Consider, for example, the fact that in 2015 *Time Magazine* identified Jerusalem, one of the world's most ancient religious centres, as one of the world's five fastest-growing centres for hi-tech start-ups. Tradition-directed people live in the past. Other-directed people live in the present. But inner-directed people carry the past into the present, which is how they have the confidence to build the future. This life-changing idea of inner-directedness — the courage to be different — began with the words *Lech lecha*, which could be translated as "Go to yourself." This means: follow the inner voice, as did those who came before you, continuing their journey by bringing timeless values to a rapidly-changing world.

## Impressions.

# Fatah Admits Its True Goals — but the Media Won't Retweet

BY SEAN DURNS

Palestinian officials and groups that are often deemed to be “moderates,” have once again been very clear about their desire to destroy Israel and forswear peace. But many in the media won't report on it.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) — an umbrella organization for Palestinian groups headed by Palestinian Authority (PA) President and Fatah leader Mahmoud Abbas — recently tweeted: “Our goal is the end of Israel. ... We don't want peace. We want war and victory.”

The tweet, as Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pointed out, was inspired by a quote from Yasser Arafat, Abbas' predecessor.

The tweet was posted — and then quickly deleted — by the PLO's mission in Columbia. As of this writing, not a single major US news outlet has reported on the tweet.

The PLO, established in 1964, was a US-designated terrorist group until after the Madrid Conference in the early 1990s. As the Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America (CAMERA) noted in a February 2016 *Algemeiner* op-ed, Arafat's decision to side with Saddam Hussein in the first US-Iraq War resulted in a loss of support from his Arab donors. This loss of crucial funds, coupled with the fall of its patron — the USSR — put Arafat and the PLO in a corner.

In response, the PLO agreed to the Oslo Accords, which created the PA, and allowed for Palestinian leaders to come to the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) and Gaza.

In a September 9, 1993 pledge, Arafat promised that the PLO would cease all violence and terrorism. The Palestinian leader also swore, in a September 13 Declaration of Principles signed in Washington DC, to resolve all outstanding issues in bilateral negotiations with Israel. In exchange, the PA was both created and received support — financial and otherwise — from the US and European donors.

However, the PA — both under Arafat and Abbas — has repeatedly violated these promises. And the recent PLO tweet is but one in a string of limitless examples.

For example, in a September 16, 2017, interview on PA's Alfalstiniyah TV, Fatah official Salwa Hudaib said: “I say, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Fatah movement, that we are not bound by the Oslo accords, because these accords no longer exist on the ground.”

During the interview, which was translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Hudaib blamed Israel for the lack of peace and a Palestinian state — omitting the numerous occasions in which the Palestinian leadership has rejected US and Israeli offers for statehood in exchange for peace with the Jewish state.

In February 2016, PA Foreign Minister Riyad al-Maliki vowed, “We will never go back and sit again in a direct Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.” His comments, along with the PA's payments to terrorists, incitement to anti-Jewish violence, and persistent

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# How the Israeli Left Views the Palestinians

BY JONATHAN TOBIN/JNS.org

Some Jewish institutions in America are under siege these days, and their principal critics aren't neo-Nazis. Despite the clear leftward tilt of a large part of organized Jewish life, liberal critics are constantly telling us that mainstream groups like AIPAC and Jewish federations are toadies of an Israeli government that is pursuing policies that many American Jews abhor.

The ferment on the Jewish left runs from tame — and largely irrelevant — liberal Zionist groups like J Street, to more extreme opponents like IfNotNow and the virulently anti-Zionist Jewish Voice for Peace, which also dabbles in antisemitic libels and support for boycotts of Israel.

These critics and the naysayers have the ear of many Jews. The reason for this has more to do with the demographic collapse and decline of a sense of Jewish peoplehood among the non-Orthodox denominations that make up about 90 percent of American Jews, than it does with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's shortcomings. But it's also true that the majority of the non-Orthodox Jewish community has little sympathy with the Israeli government's positions on the peace process.

The notion promoted by former President Barack Obama — that Israel needs to be saved from itself — still resonates among many Jews who voted for him. This view holds that Israel's continued presence in the West Bank is the prime obstacle to peace, as well as the future of the Jewish state. But while this liberal consensus deems Netanyahu a problem, its proponents rarely stop to ask why he was elected prime minister four times, including winning the last three elections in a row.

The answer is simple: There exists a broad consensus within Israeli society that contradicts the assumptions held by many American Jews. The majority of Netanyahu's compatriots see his policies as the only possible response to a Palestinian political culture that still refuses to accept the legitimacy of a Jewish state, no matter where its borders might be drawn.

Moreover, that Israeli consensus isn't merely upheld by Netanyahu and his allies; his rivals on the center and the left also embrace it.

The latest example of this fact came this week from the new Zionist Union party leader, Avi Gabbay. The Zionist Union is a coalition of parties that includes Labor, which was once the dominant faction in Israeli politics — and the embodiment of the center-left ethos that American Jews tend to identify as representative of the Israel they'd like to support.

The Zionist Union is the largest opposition party in the Knesset, and its poll numbers have been on the rise since Gabbay beat former leader Isaac Herzog in a primary earlier this year. Along with the centrist Yesh Atid party's Yair Lapid,

Gabbay is the man who would most likely replace Netanyahu in the next election — assuming that Netanyahu survives corruption probes and is able to run again.

But on the Palestinian issue, Gabbay offers nothing that is very different from Netanyahu.

This week, Gabbay said that he wouldn't uproot any settlements as part of a peace deal with the Palestinians. If peace does become possible, Gabbay thinks that the settlements should remain in place. That's exactly what Netanyahu — who likens the desire of the Palestinians and their foreign supporters to destroy Jewish communities in Judea and Samaria to ethnic cleansing — also believes.

Earlier in the year, both Lapid and Herzog, Gabbay's predecessor, also made it clear neither of them saw real peace with the Palestinians as a possibility for the foreseeable future. Herzog thought that it would take 10 years for the Pales-



PA President Mahmoud Abbas addresses the UN General Assembly last month. Photo: UN.

tinians to demonstrate that they had sufficiently altered their political culture to make peace with a Jewish state possible. Lapid said that it would take 20 years. That's in line with Netanyahu's belief that while peace and even withdrawal from some territory might someday be necessary, any such move must await a sea change in Palestinian society that would reject violence and the delegitimization of Zionism.

There are some voices on the left saying that Lapid and Gabbay are just posturing to gain support from centrist voters and would, in fact, pursue very different policies if elected. They may be right about that. But if so, that merely shows both men understand how most Israelis still see more Israeli withdrawals unaccompanied by genuine change among Palestinians as insane, not just misguided.

Finally, Gabbay's posturing also poses a more important question for liberal Americans: What do you think you know about the conflict that Israelis don't know? It's time for those American Jews who supported Obama's policies on Israel to show some humility and acknowledge that the answer is, not much.

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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,

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State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her 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.  
AJ; 10/6/13/20/27; 11/3

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  
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

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

## LEGAL NOTICE

WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DARREN DOWNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on 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  
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

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.  
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

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 Westerman 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,

## LEGAL NOTICE

AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff -against- PETRONILLA HUNT, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, PETRA DOUGLAS Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale 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  
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

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 NY. 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.  
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

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

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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  
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 12, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On November 30, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 293 POWELL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212-8136 Block: 3763 Lot: 11 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 21054-13 Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee  
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Tino Estrada, 584 Linwood St. Corp., et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/2017 and entered on 5/30/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 30, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 584 Linwood Street Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4050, LOT: 124. Approximate amount of judgment is \$704,389.87 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 24323/2010. Jaime Lathrop, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Alisha Lambert; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 259 Sumpter Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1520 Lot 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$857,250.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511289/2015. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak,

## Tradition.

## Inner-Directedness



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Is character strictly personal – either you are or aren't calm, courageous, charismatic – or does culture have a part to play? Does when and where you live make a difference to the kind of person you become? That was the question posed by three great American-Jewish sociologists, David Reisman, Nathan Glazer and Reuel Denney in their 1950 classic, *The Lonely Crowd*. Their argument was that particular kinds of historical circumstance give rise to particular kinds of people. It makes a difference, they said, whether you lived in a society with a high birth- and death-rate – where families had many children but life expectancy was short – or one on the brink of growth, or one in the early stages of decline. Each gave rise to its own type of character: not that everyone was the same but that you could discern certain traits in the popula-



tion and culture as a whole. High birth- and death-rate societies, such as non-industrialised societies or Europe in the Middle Ages, tend to give rise to tradition-directed people: people who do what they do because that is how things have always been done. In these societies – often highly hierarchical – the primary struggle is to stay alive. Order is preserved by ensuring that people stick rigidly to rules and roles. Failure to do so gives rise to shame. Societies on the brink of growth – transitional societies, such as Europe during the Renaissance and the Reformation – produce inner-directed types. Culture is in a state of change. There is high personal mobility. There is a mood of invention and exploration. This means that people have constantly to adapt to new challenges without losing a sense of where they are going and why, which means facing the future while keeping faith with the past. Such societies pay great attention to education. The young internalise the values of the group, which stay with them through life as a way of navigating change without disorientation or dislocation. They carry their inner world with them

whatever they do and wherever they go. Failure in such societies is failure not by shame but by guilt. Finally come the societies that have already achieved maximal growth and are on the brink of decline. Life expectancy has risen. The birth-rate falls. There is affluence. Much of the burden of care has been taken over by centralised agencies. There is less need for the driven, focused, resilient inner-directed types of an earlier age. The mood is no longer of scarcity but of abundance. The primary problem is not dealing with the material environment; it is getting on with and winning the approval of others. That is when the third character type emerges: the other-directed individual. Such people are more influenced by others in their age group, and by the media, than by their parents. Their source of direction in life is neither tradition nor internalised conscience but instead, contemporary culture. Other-directed people seek not so much to be esteemed but to be loved. When they fail, they feel not shame or guilt but anxiety. Already by 1950, Reisman and his colleagues believed that

this new, third character-type was emerging in the America of their day. By now, thanks to the spread of social media and the collapse of structures of authority, the process has gone far further and has now spread throughout the West. Ours is the age of the Facebook profile, the vivid symbol of other-directedness. Whether or not this is sustainable is an open question. But this insightful study helps us understand what is at stake in the opening of our parsha, the words that brought the Jewish people into being: "The Lord said to Abram, 'Go forth from your land, your birthplace and your father's house to the land that I will show you.'" (Gen. 12:1) Abraham was commanded to leave behind the sources of both tradition-directedness ("your father's house") and other-directedness ("your land, your birthplace"). He was about to become the father of an inner-directed people. His entire life was governed by an inner voice, the voice of God. He did not behave the way he did because that is how people had always acted, nor did he conform to the customs of his age. He had the courage to "be on one side while all the rest

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LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: September 28, 2017 49002 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS RETAINED REALTY, INC., Plaintiff -against- YVETTE E. JOHNSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein on May 11, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, known and designated as Block 4688 and Lot 52. Said premises known as 462 EAST 92ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. We are a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Index Number 21632/2013. CHARLES M. SPORN, ESQ., Referee STAGG, TERENCE, CONFUSIONE & WABNIK, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 401 Franklin Avenue, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-03, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST CARLAN MURRAY, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 05, 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 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 713 JEROME STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-7509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4333, LOT 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$811,502.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501179/2015. SHMUEL DUVID TAUB, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 49333 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Acceptance Corp., CSFB Mortgage Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-7, Plaintiff -against- Sammy Esses, Molly Esses, Citibank, N.A., New York State Depart-

of the world was on the other." His mission, as we read in next's week's parsha, was to "instruct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just" (Gen. 18:19), so that they too would carry with them the inner voice wherever

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## Legal Notice.

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ment of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 25, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1405E 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230-5712. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 6570 Lot: 81 Approximate amount of lien \$733,640.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507879/2013 Dominick J. Famulari, 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 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69027 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

File No.: 2016-1269/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Patricia Berry, Anna Mae Cohen, Joann Baker, Bradley H. Dichter, Steven R. Dichter, Lance E. Dichter, Burton Kopito, Sondra Shatsky, Jeffrey Kopito, Howard Levine, Vincent Antonacchio, Frances Antonacchio, Gerard McGann, Carol McGann, Henry Stern, The Queens Library Foundation, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Michael Davidowitz, 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 Michael Davidowitz, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 77-11 35th Avenue, 5L, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, 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 office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Michael Davidowitz, 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 14th day of December, 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 \$20,194.57 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;

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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 19th day of October, 2017 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 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. Accounting Citation AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP., CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 20, 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 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, 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 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 66757 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of Formation of Grove Development Partners LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 10/6/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: POB 67, NY, NY 10159. Purpose: any lawful activity. AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17/24;12/1

## Social.



Israeli Nili Block (in blue) competing in the Thai Boxing European Championships. Photo: Screenshot via Ynet.

## Israeli Nili Block Wins Thai Boxing Title at European Championships in Paris

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Four-time world champion Israeli Nili Block took home another title on Saturday, winning the gold medal at the Thai Boxing European Championships in Paris, the Hebrew news site Ynet reported.

Block, who was born in the US and moved to

Israel with her family as a young child, competed in the 60-kilogram division and defeated Russian opponent Vinnikova Ekaterina in the final bout.

In 2015, Block was named to The Algemeiner's "J100" list. She has said of being a world champion: "It is such a good feeling. ... It's so special to become a symbol in the world as a Jew and as an Israeli."

targeted also for suffering and ultimately extermination. So I don't quite get it, as if ... the fact that they maintained their identity was the reason for their death sentence? It's ridiculous."

Furthermore, Cooper said, "It's not as if for the Jews who were dressed like Aryans everything would have been fine. I'm in Paris right now, there were many tens of thousands of French Jews who were deported from here. They didn't look any different from the rest of the Frenchmen, and they were deported to Auschwitz."

Chabad Rabbi Mordechai Lightstone took to Twitter to condemn Ewing's remarks. "This is appalling," he said. "It's ... an insult to the many Jews across the religious spectrum that were killed in the Holocaust. Cities like Warsaw and Vilna, strongholds of traditional Judaism also had large secular populations. Nazi bullets and gas killed them all."

The Orthodox Jewish Public Affairs Council also condemned Ewing's comments, calling them "outrageous" and Chaskel Bennett, founder of the Flatbush Jewish Community Coalition, called on Ewing to issue a retraction. He noted, "the Nazi 'final solution' endeavored to exterminate ALL JEWS!"

Ewing — who wrote and co-directed the documentary film "One of Us," which chronicles the lives of three former Chasidic Jews from Brooklyn — responded to the criticism with a statement, saying, "I am sorry if my words on Charlie Rose caused any pain and would like to clarify their meaning. The devastating losses that the Jewish community suffered at the hands of the Nazis is unspeakable. Almost half the population of world Jewry was destroyed by the Nazis and their collaborators, whole communities destroyed."



Heidi Ewing on the "Charlie Rose" show. Photo: Twitter / Charlie Rose Show.

She continued: "In the midst of this sweeping genocide, Hasidic Jews suffered disproportionate losses during the Holocaust partially because they were more easily identified and therefore had more difficulty hiding. This has been documented by multiple historians. It took great courage for Hasidic Jews at that time to refuse to change their appearance to look more like the general European public. I am only filled with respect and admiration for any person who chooses to live their own truth."

## Filmmaker Faces Harsh Criticism for Claiming Chasidic Jews Were Killed in Holocaust Because They 'Refused to Blend In'

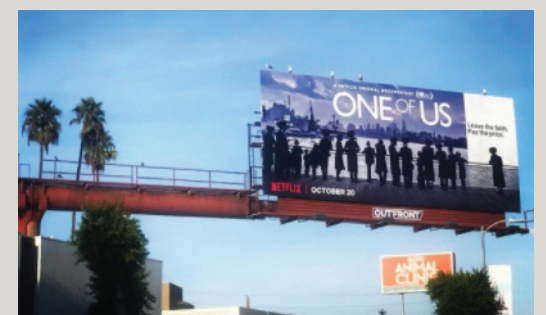
BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Filmmaker Heidi Ewing faced a storm of criticism on Sunday for asserting that Chasidic Jews were targeted by the Nazis during the Holocaust partially because they "refused to blend in."

During an interview on the "Charlie Rose" show on Thursday, Ewing talked about the Chasidim — followers of a stream of Orthodox Judaism which has its roots in 18th century Eastern Europe. At the time, she said, "the community wasn't as cloistered and insular as it is today," adding, "The vast majority of Chasidic Jews

were exterminated in the Holocaust partly because they refused to blend in. They kept wearing the clothing. They were sort of loud and proud about their identity. And the vast majority died in the Holocaust."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper — associate dean and director of global social action at the Simon Wiesenthal Center — told The Algemeiner on Sunday that Ewing's comments left him "almost at a loss for words." He added, "[Jews] were killed because they were Jews. The Nazi definition of a Jew — there was a church in the Warsaw ghetto! — it was a racial definition. People who were not even halachically (by Jewish law) Jewish were



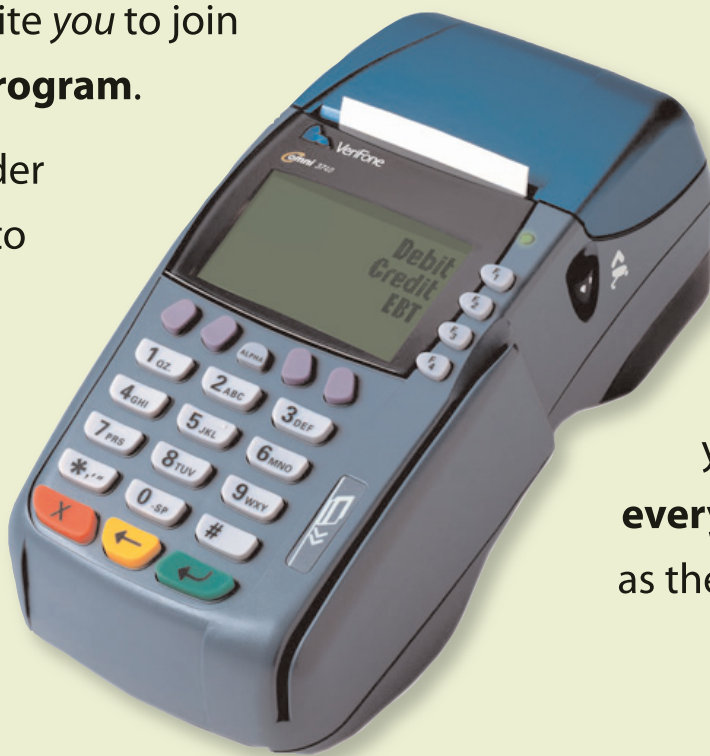
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