

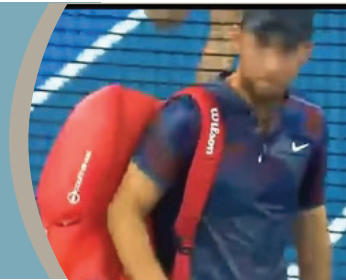
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## Israeli Officials Condemn 'Horrific' Las Vegas Massacre



The aftermath of Sunday night's mass shooting in Las Vegas. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF  
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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned on Monday the previous night's attack at a country music concert in Las Vegas, in which at least 58 people were killed and more than 500 were wounded.

"On this terrible day, the people of Israel stand shoulder to shoulder with the American

people in mourning and sorrow," Netanyahu stated following the deadliest mass shooting in US history. "Our hearts go out to the victims' families and we wish a speedy recovery to the wounded. We grieve with you."

In a letter he sent to US President Donald Trump on Monday, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin wrote, "The people of Israel join me in sending our deepest sympathy to you, to the participants in the

festival, the people of Las Vegas and to all the people of the United States following this shocking attack which took the lives of so many innocent people and injured so very many more."

"We stand with you as you mourn the terrible loss of life and injury following this senseless attack on people who had merely gathered together to listen to music," Rivlin continued.

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## Jewish Leaders Express Support for Kurds in Wake of Independence Vote

BY BEN COHEN

Several American Jewish leaders and organizations have expressed their affinity with Kurdish aspirations following Monday's independence referendum in the Kurdish regions of northern Iraq, in which 93 percent of ballots were cast in favor of an independent state of Kurdistan.

"Obviously, we have great sympathy for the Kurds," Malcolm Hoenlein — the executive vice chairman and CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CoP) — told The Algemeiner on Thursday.



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

The close ties between Israel and the Kurdish national movement, and the role played by many Kurds in assisting Iraqi Jews escaping from the former Baathist regime, were all highlighted in the Jewish responses to this week's vote.

"Israel, over the years, has helped the Kurds in various ways, and so have Jews from America and Europe," Hoenlein remarked. "And the Kurds openly proclaim their pro-Israel position. You see Israeli flags at their demonstrations, which is great."

Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, compared the Kurdish struggle

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## Opinion.

## Trump Betrays Kurdistan

BEN COHEN/JNS.ORG  
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It is difficult to look at the scandalous international response to the Kurdish independence referendum and not think, at the same time, of the betrayals endured by the Zionist movement in the decades after World War I.

In 1917, Britain issued the Balfour Declaration, promising a Jewish national homeland in Palestine. What people forget is that in 1939, Britain then issued a White Paper limiting Jewish immigration to Palestine — on the eve of the Holocaust — to a paltry 75,000 souls over five years. People forget, too, that as late as 1947, British troops at Haifa dock were locking Holocaust survivors who had escaped to Palestine in barbed wire cages, and then shipping them back to displaced persons camps in Germany.

A similar, sorry state prevails today with the Kurds — a predominantly Muslim nation of 25-35 million people currently divided between Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria, whose denizens in Iraq this week voted by a majority of 93 percent for independence.

Kurdistan should have come into existence a century ago, when Britain and France agreed that the Kurds — newly liberated from the Ottoman Empire — could hold a referendum on independence in about one quarter of the territory on which they live. But

even that arrangement was too much for the Turks, and the Western imperial powers caved in, paving the way for a hundred years of political and ethnic repression, military campaigns targeting Kurdish civilians, and even genocide.

Just as the Zionists were given false hope, so were the Kurds. Just as the Zionists had to fight for self-determination at a time when the world frowned on the idea of a Jewish state, so now are the Kurds.

At least, in 1948, when the entire Arab League tried to stomp on Israel at birth, the independence of the Jewish state was recognized by the great powers — the US and the Soviet Union. To date, only Israel has publicly backed the independence referendum in Kurdistan. The rest of the world — including, with woeful hypocrisy, the Brits, fresh from their own “Brexit” referendum on leaving the EU — has lined up behind the demand of Turkey, Iran and the Iranian-proxy regime in Baghdad that Kurdistan can never claim its right to be recognized on the map of the world.

Most shameful of all, though, has been the response of Washington — because, quite frankly, we are entitled to expect much better.

It shouldn't be surprising that the progressive activists who flock to Palestinians act as if the Kurds don't even exist, or that most Americans don't know anything about the Kurds in the first place — or even that Europe is continuing its noble foreign policy tradition of betraying the cause of freedom in the post-colonial world.

But it should be surprising, at the very least, that the Trump administration — whose strategy of eliminating Islamic State

involved the loss of hundreds of brave Kurdish fighters — should address the independence referendum in a tone marked by profound ignorance and shocking ingratitude.

Take this nonsensical statement issued by State Department spokeswoman, Heather Nauert, on the day of the referendum: “The United States is deeply disappointed that the Kurdistan Regional Government decided to conduct today a unilateral referendum on independence,” she said. “The United States’ historic relationship with the people of the Iraqi Kurdistan Region will not change in light of today’s non-binding referendum, but we believe this step will increase instability and hardships for the Kurdistan region and its people.”

Nauert seems to be saying that while we have a “historic relationship” with the Kurds, we shouldn't let that get in the way of making the right decision — which, in this case, means kowtowing to the Turkish-Iranian-Iraqi alliance. It means telling the Kurds that while some nations, including our very own, have the right to separate from other nations, they don't.

It means — unbelievably — telling the Kurds that they are better off remaining in the same unified Iraq that, in the late 1980s, engaged in a campaign of genocide known as the “Anfal,” in which thousands of Kurds were exterminated by Saddam Hussein's chemical weapons. And it means pretending, à la Heather Nauert, that the failed state of Iraq is really on the way to becoming, in her words, “united, federal, democratic and prosperous.”

The Kurds should not have to put up with these kinds of insults, which demonstrate no sensitivity to their history and no love for the



US President Donald Trump. Photo: UN.

enormous sacrifices that they have made on our behalf. I was proud that Israel took the lonely stance that it did. By the same token, I was disappointed that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu then issued an instruction to stop talking about the referendum — because it was the right thing to do. And because the Turkish dictator Erdogan and the mullahs in Iran are correct that an independent Kurdistan will be a strategic Muslim ally of the Jewish state.

Who leaned on Netanyahu to stop the outpouring of support in Israel for the Kurds — at the very same time as Kurdish independence advocates waved Israeli flags alongside Kurdish ones? It is sensible to look in the direction of Washington, and also Ankara — which has an army of lobbyists and public relations consultants in America (including not a few Jews who claim to be friends of Israel) eager to do its bidding. But no spin can mask the stench of betrayal over Kurdistan emanating from the White House and the State Department.

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## Why Did the European Parliament Embrace a Palestinian Terrorist?

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WASHINGTON DC

If there was ever a reminder that Europe is losing its way, the appearance this week at the European Parliament by convicted Palestinian terrorist Leila Khaled is surely it.

Khaled, a major operative in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), was involved in a wave of hijackings of commercial airliners in 1969 and 1970, most notably a TWA flight from Rome to Athens and Tel Aviv, and an El Al flight from Amsterdam to New York City.

The PFLP, headed by George Habash, helped to invent modern terror. Its curriculum vitae is filled with enough hijackings, bombings (suicide and otherwise), drive-by shootings and kidnappings to fill a good-sized bookshelf. It has partnered with like-minded organizations, such as the Japanese Red Army and Colombia's guerrilla army FARC, and though Marxist in orientation, the group has enjoyed a relationship with terrorism's biggest backer today — theocratic Iran. The PFLP's targets have invariably been civilians: in 2014, for example, its operatives attacked worshippers with axes and knives at a Jerusalem synagogue, killing four and wounding seven.

The PFLP has been on the European Union's terrorism list since 2012 (decades

after the organization came into existence). And yet, Khaled was a featured speaker this week on a program at the European Parliament, titled, “The Role of Women in the Palestinian Popular Resistance.” Khaled received a two-minute standing ovation, preceded by this introduction: “We...have a living legend here with us today, who we can call the Che Guevara of Palestine, Leila Khaled.” The Venezuelan ambassador, who was also present, was introduced as an “honored guest.”

Khaled's speech was not about empowerment and opportunity. Instead, it was a nonstop screed filled with time-tested Palestinian canards about Zionism — and about Jews.

“The Holocaust,” she said, “is only pain to the Jews. They have monopolized the pain and have played the role of the victims. ... [D]on't you think that what happened in Auschwitz is comparable to what happens in Gaza today?”

The Zionist movement, she stated, “aligns with all the capitalists in the world,” and she added that “in the next 100 years, they [the Zionists] will be able to dominate the world economy.”



The flag court outside the European Parliament building in Brussels. Photo: Rama via Wikimedia Commons.

Khaled even reprised the time-worn line about her being a “freedom fighter,” a term frequently used to excuse, explain or apologize for the violent acts of terrorists such as Khaled and her cohorts in the PFLP, and organizations like it.

At a time when European cities are under increasing assault by an assortment of suicide bombers, car and truck rammers, and knife-wielding attackers, why was Khaled — an inspiration to those who carry out such acts — given a European Union-affiliated megaphone to spout such hatred?

The meeting she addressed was organized by a far-left leaning coalition of parties inside the parliament. According to one report, Martina Anderson, who represents Ireland's Sinn Fein, gushed in a tweet about the “fantastic turnout” at the event. “Long live international solidarity,” she wrote.

But “solidarity” for what? Khaled's presentation, with its rants about control of the world's economy by “racist” Zionists “who have appropriated the role of victims... entirely for themselves all around the world,” was nothing more than a showcase for a rejectionist Palestinian narrative that embraces hatred and antisemitism.

The European Parliament is not the only platform where this kind of behavior has played out; it is only the latest. United Nations agencies like the Human Rights Council and UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), and even the World Health Organization seek, on

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## World News.

## In UNRWA Schools: Attitude Toward Israel and Jews Has Gotten Worse

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Anti-Israel and anti-Jewish bias in textbooks used by Palestinian students in United Nations Relief and Works Agency-run schools in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has only increased in recent years, the author of a new study of the issue told *The Algemeiner* on Wednesday.

Dr. Aaron Groiss — whose 261-page report was published in cooperation with the Simon Wiesenthal Center, Center for Near East Policy Research and Middle East Forum — said he had reviewed 77 books issued by the Palestinian Authority in 2016 and 2017, and noted that “the attitude toward Israel and Jews has gotten worse.”

According to the study, three basic principles undergird the ideology toward Israel and Jews taught to Palestinian children — “delegitimization, demonization and indoctrination to violent struggle instead of peace.”

For example, the report found, “Jewish holy places, such as the Wailing [Western] Wall in Jerusalem, the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron and Rachel’s Tomb in Bethlehem, are not recognized as such. Rather, they are presented in the books as Muslim holy places usurped by the Jews.”

Also, Israel “is not recognized as a sovereign state and its name does not appear on maps, except for one case in which it is depicted as an occupying entity since 1948,” the report said. “Israel is sometimes replaced by Palestine as the sovereign state in the region both in text and on maps, and the latter is supposed to cover all of Israel’s territories after their liberation from occupation.”

Rabbi Abraham Cooper — the associate



Students raise their hands in a Palestinian school run by the UNRWA. Photo: UN Photo / Shareef Sarhan.

dean and director of global social action at the Simon Wiesenthal Center — told *The Algemeiner*, “It’s a war curriculum, not a peace curriculum.”

“Based on what is now being taught, for the next generation of Palestinian kids, there is no Israel, it doesn’t exist,” Cooper continued. “There’s absolutely nothing in these books that sets the stage for any breakthrough that would bring true peace between the two peoples.”

This week, Groiss and Cooper — joined by David Bedein, CEO of the Center for Near East Policy Research, and Jonathan Halevi, senior researcher on Middle East affairs and radical Islam at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs — held meetings on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC and at UN headquarters in New York City, where they presented the study.

“The UN, through UNRWA especially, is part of the problem, and it has the leverage, if it exercises it from the top, to send a signal to the Palestinians,” Cooper said.

“This is not a right or left issue,” he went on to say. “This is a study that everybody, across the full political and social spectrum, everywhere, needs to read.”

outrage over the invitation to a convicted terrorist — who remains a “member of the political bureau” of one of the deadliest of terror organizations — to speak at one of the EU’s central institutions?

In trying to explain this, words like “hypocrisy” and “indifference” come to mind, along with simple political correctness. But it is more than that: Haven’t those in leadership positions in Brussels learned anything from decades of violence espoused by Khaled, her contemporaries and now, by Hezbollah, Hamas and ISIS? If nothing else, have they no self-respect?

The recent list of terrorist attacks in Europe is long, and growing. At the EU, some may have short memories, but surely the families of victims in Paris, Nice, London, Brussels, Copenhagen and so many other places, do not.

The citizens of a united Europe deserve better.

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### Embrace

a routine basis, to deny, minimize or rewrite Jewish history to fit the Khaled narrative.

The boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement, which is closely aligned with this worldview, specializes in comparing Israel with apartheid-era South Africa, and accusing Israeli authorities of ethnic cleansing.

The Khaled event at the European Parliament was not something hidden or unknown to those who peruse the international body’s weekly calendar. Someone made a decision to approve its being placed on the schedule.

To be fair, some members of the parliament have spoken out against Khaled’s appearance in Brussels, as has the European Commission’s coordinator on combating antisemitism.

Yet with so many EU heads of government, foreign ministers and other officials proffering comments about the need to defeat the growing threat of terrorism on the continent, where are those voices expressing

## World Economic Forum Lauds Israeli Competitiveness

BY JNS.ORG

Israel was ranked 16th on the World Economic Forum’s Global Competitiveness Report, released Wednesday, which shows the Jewish state moving up eight positions

from the previous year.

This is the first time Israel ranks among the index’s top 20 nations.

The annual report ranks the competitiveness of 137 countries. The listing is based on dozens of market competition drivers, including economic and fiscal policies that determine

## American UN Envoy Nikki Haley Says Russia Shielding Iran From IAEA



US Ambassador to UN Nikki Haley. Photo: US Mission to UN.

BY BEN COHEN

American UN Ambassador Nikki Haley took sharp aim on Thursday at Russia’s insistence that the International Atomic Energy Agency had no mandate to inspect Iranian nuclear activities that could include the design and production of a detonation device.

“If the Iran nuclear deal is to have any meaning, the parties must have a common understanding of its terms,” Haley said. “Iranian officials have already said they will refuse to allow inspections at military sites, even though the IAEA says there must be no distinction between military and non-military sites.”

In a reference to the Russian position, Haley added: “Now it appears that some countries are attempting to shield Iran from even more inspections. Without inspections, the Iran deal is an empty promise.”

Haley’s comments are the latest indication of the Trump administration’s impatience with the JCPOA — the nuclear deal agreed to by the Tehran regime and the US and five other world powers in July 2015. Under US law, the president is obliged to confirm every 90 days that Iran is “transparently, verifiably, and fully implementing the agreement.” While President Donald Trump has recertified the deal twice during his time in office, the gaps in the deal’s monitoring regime revealed by the current row with Russia could lead to a different outcome when he announces his assessment on October 15.

The present doubts over the deal’s survival center on “Section T” of the JCPOA, which forbids Iran from engaging in a range of listed activities “which could contribute to the development of a nuclear explosive device.” Prohibited activities include work on detona-

tion systems and the use of computer models to simulate nuclear explosive devices.

On Tuesday, IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano told the Reuters news agency that the IAEA’s “tools are limited” when it comes to monitoring “Section T.”

“In other sections, for example, Iran has committed to submit declarations, place their activities under safeguards or ensure access by us,” Amano said. “But in ‘Section T’ I don’t see any (such commitment).”

Like Haley, Amano also emphasized that Russia was effectively blocking further IAEA access. “Russia has a different view,” he said. “They believe that it is not the mandate of the IAEA. Others have different views and discussions are ongoing.”

Pressure is growing on Trump from Republicans in Congress who want the president to decertify the deal. Speaking to the *Weekly Standard*, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fl.) said there were “grounds” for decertification. “Iran has been, at a minimum, in violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the agreement, from the first day,” Rubio stated.

Rubio also expressed concern at the potential for the deal to blunt the US response to Iran’s provocations in the wider Middle East. “The agreement should not be a free pass for them to continue to develop ballistic missile capabilities, sponsor terrorism, conduct cyber attacks, or human rights violations,” he said. “If Iran considers that to be a violation of the deal, then too bad.”

Haley expressed a similar view during a speech on Thursday at a UN Security Council meeting on terrorist threats.

“The United States is...committed to holding state sponsors of terror accountable, especially the number one state sponsor of terror, Iran,” the ambassador said.

the level of productivity in the country, which assesses countries’ ability to provide high levels of prosperity to their citizens.

“Global competitiveness will be more and more defined by the innovative capacity of a country,” Klaus Schwab, WEF founder and executive chairman, said in a statement.

Switzerland was named is the world’s most competitive economy for the ninth consecutive year. The US was ranked second, Singapore was ranked third and Israel drew 16th place.

The report noted the two elements jeopardizing the Israeli economy’s growth were government bureaucracy and high tax rates. Israel’s overall score on government bureaucracy dropped to 21.6, compared to 18.6 last year,

indicating an increase in the burden regulation and bureaucracy impose on the economy.

The report states that Israel maintained its position among world’s top three innovative countries. It noted that the Jewish state earned its reputation as a startup nation due to a large number of inventions and innovations since it became a sovereign nation in 1948 despite the many challenges it faces.

“We see the rise in the competitiveness ranking as official recognition for the efforts by the Israeli government to improve the business environment, but the main problems, the burden of regulation and bureaucracy, are still here,” Manufacturers Association of Israel President Shraga Brosh said.

## World News.



Theodor Herzl in Basel, Switzerland, in 1897. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## WZO Celebrates 120th Anniversary of First Congress

BY JNS.ORG

At the foot of the grave of the state's founder on Mount Herzl in Jerusalem, the World Zionist Organization Wednesday held a ceremony marking the 120-year anniversary of the First Zionist Congress.

The First Zionist Congress was held in Basel, Switzerland in August 1897.

The event was attended by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, members of Knesset, mayors and regional council heads from around the country.

"[Theodor] Herzl was the modern savior of our people," the prime minister said in a speech. "He had a genius in him that seems to

have come from nowhere."

Netanyahu told the crowd, "Herzl's ingenious prophecies continue to serve me as a road map and compass. Herzl's vision says, 'We are a people; we are also a nation.' We are all walking on the bridge from the First Zionist Congress to today. We established a free, strong, progressive country. Israel is a rising global power. Truly a light unto the nations. Until 240 and beyond for all eternity. The strength of Israel will not lie and Herzl's memory will forever remain."

WZO Chairman Avraham Duvdevani said, "Zionism doesn't end here. We must continue to pursue the Zionist enterprise that is the basis of our existence."

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**Independence Vote**

for independence with that of Israel during its critical early years, noting that like the builders of the Jewish state, the predominantly Muslim Kurds – a nation of more than 25 million currently split between Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria – have been frequently left in the lurch by the international community.

"We know what a great struggle Israel endured, so we empathize with the Kurds," Rabbi Hier told The Algemeiner. "We had the same game played on us that's now being played on them."

Morton Klein — president of the Zionist Organization of America — noted, "The Kurds have been one of the very few positive and rational forces in the Mideast, who have suffered greatly at the hands of radical Muslims."

"The ZOA supports independence for this deserving and embattled people," Klein told The Algemeiner.

While President Donald Trump's administration followed the rest of the international community — with the sole exception of Israel — in objecting to both the referendum and its outcome, a number of senior US legislators have openly supported the creation of an independent Kurdistan. On Wednesday, Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY) hailed what he called a "historic vote," declaring: "I believe the Kurds should have an independent state as soon as possible and that the position of the United States government should be to support a political process that addresses the aspirations of the Kurds for an independent state."

Josh Block, CEO of The Israel Project, urged American Jews to line up behind

Schumer's call. "Sen. Schumer expressed what many of us feel as American Jews," Block said. "There's a natural warmth toward the Kurds, because they've been true friends of Israel, as well as of the Jews and the other minorities living under Arab or Islamic domination."

Block added: "That comes on top of the fact that America has seldom had an ally like the Kurds, who have sacrificed so much, and still they are denied the right we take for granted — to live as independent, free people in a democracy that respects and protects those who are different, instead of trying to destroy them."

Hier urged the international community to recognize an independent Kurdistan, describing it as an "outpost for freedom and democracy in an area that's basically been taken over by the Iranians."

"It's a smart move for Israel to recognize the independence of the Kurds, because we need nations with an ideology that's directly opposed to the Iranian dictatorship, and their sponsorship of terror in the Middle East and the world," Hier commented.

Block similarly underlined that an independent Kurdish state would be a bulwark against Iran. "The Kurds don't want to live under Sunni Arab or Shia Iranian domination," he said. "Instead of handing Iraq to our enemies in Tehran, we should be boosting an ally of America and Israel that can help keep the Shia corridor from Tehran to Beirut in check."

Hoenlein stressed that the US Jewish community had not adopted a uniform position on the question of the referendum and its aftermath.

"Of course, we are concerned that a hot conflict could emerge that would have an impact on the situation in Iraq and Syria, with Turkey getting involved," Hoenlein said,

## Alan Dershowitz: On Israel, Many Professors 'Use the Classroom as a Propaganda Podium'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

Retired Harvard University law professor Alan Dershowitz on Wednesday encouraged university students not to back down from difficult discussions surrounding Israel on campus, urging them to make complex, cogent cases rooted in history when faced with propagandistic attacks.

Dershowitz, an advocate of the two-state solution and critic of Israeli settlements, was invited to speak at Columbia University by the local chapter of Students Supporting Israel on the First Amendment and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. While organizers expected his talk to be interrupted by groups including Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace, it ultimately proceeded without incident.

Touching on some of the tensions leading up to his appearance, Dershowitz observed that "the one issue that is very hard to have a serious, nuanced discussion on at a university campus today is Israel." He contended that too many professors "use the classroom as a propaganda podium," teaching students not how to think, but what to think.

Dershowitz urged students not to answer this "propagandistic, anti-Israel speech" with "propagandistic, pro-Israel speech."

"That is an ineffective way of responding to propaganda," he said. "The appropriate response is calibrated, nuanced, carefully thought through, accurate, historical, and moral statements that acknowledge [Israel's] faults."

Dershowitz noted that despite the routine and egregious abuses committed by

countries such as Iran, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Belarus, Russia, and various others, some polls still suggest that a "significant number" of university students in the United States believe that Israel is the world's top human rights violator.

Nonetheless, the professor argued that "Israel in 70 years of existence has contributed more to the world than any country in history in so short a period of time."

"I think Israel has among the best human rights record of any country in the world," he added, calling on his audience to consider what country faced with threats comparable to Israel's maintained a better record.

While he noted that Israel's government was "far" from perfect, and that he has "much criticism of Israel, just like I have much criticism of the United States," Dershowitz stressed the importance of making a "strong" liberal case for Israel to counter misinformation spread by the "hard left."

"Some people confuse the hard left with liberals. Liberals support Israel," Dershowitz said. "They may be critical of Israel, but they support Israel. Every liberal senator in the US Senate today, they are all strong supporters of Israel."

"People say to me all the time, 'Oh, you're a Zionist and pro-Israel, you should leave the Democratic Party and become a Republican.' No way! I'll never give up the Democratic Party and turn it over to the Keith Ellison," he added, referring to the controversial Minnesota congressman who recently ran an unsuccessful campaign to chair the Democratic National Committee.

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**'Horrific'**

Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely tweeted on Monday, "Israel grieves with the American people over the senseless loss of innocent life in the horrific massacre in Las Vegas."

According to Hotovely, Israeli diplomat Avner Saban — from the Consulate General in Los Angeles — had arrived in Las Vegas to try to find Israeli citizens in the city who remained unaccounted for following the shooting. The number of such Israelis stood at 12 on Monday morning.

Diaspora Affairs Minister Naftali Bennett,

Opposition leader Isaac Herzog, Labor leader Avi Gabbay, Yesh Atid leader Yair Lapid and Hatnuah leader Tzipi Livni were among the other Israeli officials who conveyed their condolences after the shooting.

"The hearts of all Israelis are with the American people on this day of profound tragedy," Bennett tweeted. "We pray for the wounded. God bless you."

The lone suspect in the shooting, identified as 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, opened fire on the outdoor concert from windows on the 32nd-floor of the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino across the street.

noting that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had spoken "very strongly" against the referendum during a recent meeting with the CoP leadership.

"We don't want to give Iran, or Turkey, any excuse to be able to further expand influence or take advantage of a conflict, so we hope that they can get to the point of negotiating now," Hoenlein said. "I think that everyone wants to avoid an open conflict, so maybe there are ways to recognize Kurdish aspirations without full independence."

Hier asserted that that there were few choices left at this point other than independence. "It's a big deal for a country on the very border of Iran to declare independence," he said. "What would we rather have? A country that is not aligned with us and taken over by the Iranians?"

Meanwhile, the Trump administration doubled down on its opposition to Kurdish independence on Friday. "We're friends with the Kurds, we are friends with the central government of Iraq," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert told Kurdish journalist Namu Abdulla at a press briefing.

"We have fought — our American forces have fought side by side with your folks, okay? We want to have a stable, unified Iraq," Nauert continued, arguing that any conflict that might arise from the Kurdish independence vote "will take the focus off the fight against ISIS."

"We want ISIS out of Iraq," Nauert said. "We want to see them decimated and to never wreak terror on your communities again."

An informal tripartite coalition of Turkey, Iran and the Tehran-backed government in Iraq has declared its intent to blockade the Kurdish areas of Iraq, hinting darkly at possible military action as well.

"The Kurdish referendum has no legitimacy," President Erdogan stated on Thursday, following face-to-face talks in Ankara with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"No one has the right to throw our region in the fire," Erdogan — whose armed forces have targeted Kurdish towns and villages in Syria and Turkey during the last year — exclaimed angrily. "In this delicate period after the referendum, we have to prevent the Kurdish Regional Government from making bigger mistakes."

## U.S. News.

## Anti-Israel Group SJP Slams 'Zionist Lobby' After University Condemns Antisemitism

BY SHIRI MOSHE

An anti-Israel group at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) is organizing a campaign to protest the school's recent condemnation of "anti-Semitic attacks hidden under the guise of anti-Zionist rhetoric."

Chancellor Robert Jones' denunciation, shared in a mass email on Sunday, came after SJP at UIUC equated Zionism — the movement for Jewish national self-determination — with white supremacy and fascism. The group threatened to use "any means necessary" against supporters of each ideology, including "violent resistance—whether it is a black bloc or full-scale armed conflict."

"Once again, our University's administration has chosen to side with the powerful Zionist lobby on campus," SJP at UIUC said this week in response to Jones' statement, calling the "equivocation of anti-Zionist work to anti-Semitism ... appalling, disappointing, and unsurprising."

The group — part of a national network that, according to the Anti Defamation League, has "consistently demonized Israel," including by "comparing Israelis to Nazis" — also claimed that it "spends multiple meetings discussing the evils of anti-Semitism in preemptive efforts to to [sic] ensure our

## Jewish Group Slams UN Threat to Blacklist Companies for Doing Business With Israeli Settlements

BY JNS.ORG

The World Jewish Congress (WJC) on Wednesday slammed threats by the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) to blacklist 150 Israeli and international companies for doing business in the disputed territories.

"It is most unfortunate that an important UN body would blackmail global businesses into joining a hypocritical international boycott campaign against Israel," said WJC CEO Robert Singer.

In August, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Prince Zeid bin Ra'ad Zeid al-Husseini submitted a draft of the blacklist to the countries where the businesses are based.

The UNHRC is slated to publish the database — which reportedly includes American firms such as Caterpillar, TripAdvisor, Priceline and Airbnb — by the end of this year.

Several Israeli firms — including Israel's two largest banks, Bank Hapoalim and Bank Leumi — are also included on the list, as well as businesses from Germany, South Korea and Norway.

The WJC delivered an address Sept. 25 at the UNHRC calling on it to desist from publishing the blacklist.

"The World Jewish Congress reiterates its strong opposition to the publication of this shameful and counter-productive blacklist," said Caroline Lea Elbaze, a member of the WJC's Jewish Diplomatic Corps.

"This blacklist is another example of the UN's rampant bias and double standard against Israel," she added. "Another action serving only to single out Israel."

US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley has threatened to cut funding to the UNHRC if it publishes the database.



United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Prince Zeid bin Ra'ad Zeid al-Husseini. Photo: UN Photo / Pierre Albouy.

organizing and activist work is truly intersectional and accountable to the various populations it seeks to represent."

"The most recent waves of anti-Semitic incidents have no connection to SJP or anti-Zionist sentiments," SJP claimed, pointing instead to "the possibility of these attacks stemming from supporters of right-wing groups like the Illini Republicans or Turning Point USA," which SJP called "despicable organizations."

The group accused Jones of taking "a page right out of the Zionist campus group playbook" and that of "their powerful backers," and shared a template that supporters could use to email the chancellor in protest of his statement.

StandWithUs, the pro-Israel education group that applauded UIUC's condemnation of antisemitism, warned earlier this month that

anti-Israel activists were increasingly seeking "to paint Zionism, the liberation movement of the historically oppressed Jewish people, as being the equivalent of 'White Supremacism' and 'Fascism.'"

Comparing Zionism "to ideologies that support oppression and genocide against Jews is grotesquely racist," said Ron Krudo, executive director of campus affairs at StandWithUs. "This rhetoric also silences the voices of countless Jews of color, like my family who found freedom in Israel after centuries of oppression in Iraq and Turkey."

"The Jewish people were a principle victim of both before and during World War Two," added StandWithUs CEO Roz Rothstein. "We have six million reasons to oppose Nazism. I am a child of Holocaust survivors, and I don't need a lesson on white supremacy and why it is so dangerous."

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## Opinion.

# Trump's New Pressure on Israel Is Worrisome and Troubling



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The Trump administration is pressuring Israel for further delays in the construction of Jewish homes in Judea and Samaria, according to apparently reliable media reports. If true, friends of Israel have good reason to be concerned.

Ynet, the news site of the Israeli daily newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth, reported on September 25 that "at the request of the Trump administration," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has delayed a meeting of the government committee responsible for construction in the territories. That meeting is necessary to proceed with construction projects that are in various stages of completion.

The actual delay of the meeting is not the biggest problem, assuming that the meeting is held sometime in the weeks ahead. But the principle at stake is a very big problem.

The reason for the delay, according to Ynet, is that Trump administration envoys will

be meeting soon with Palestinian Authority (PA) officials. In other words, the administration is falling into the old Obama-era pattern of trying to appease Palestinian leaders by demanding unilateral Israeli concessions.

Some of the administration's rhetoric on these issues is, of course, a welcome change from that of its predecessor. Friends of Israel appreciate the fact that the Trump administration has, for example, declined to embrace Palestinian statehood as the only solution to the conflict.

And clearly the administration has refrained from picking the kind of ugly public fights with Israel over Judea and Samaria that President Barack Obama and company were constantly provoking. But if public quarrels have simply been replaced with private pressure, that's not really much of an improvement.

We all remember the Trump-Netanyahu press conference back on February 15, when the president said, "I would like you to hold back on settlements for a little bit." Many of us immediately asked: Why? Jewish settlements in the historic Jewish homeland are legal, peaceful and deeply anchored in the Judeo-Christian heritage that is cherished by Israelis and Americans alike.

Moreover, settlements have nothing to do with the Israeli-Arab conflict. The Palestinians

and other Arabs were making war on Israel long before there were any settlements; they were waging that war before the Jewish state even existed. The idea that "holding back" on settlements will somehow promote peace is, to put it politely, nonsense. We expected that the new administration would understand those basic facts.

And what exactly is "a little bit?" Weeks? Months? Years? How long should basic Jewish rights be "held back" in order to appease a PA regime that glorifies terrorists and incites its people to hatred and violence against Jews?

On March 31, there was other worrisome news. The Israeli daily Haaretz reported that Netanyahu told his security cabinet that in response to President Trump's "requests," Israel would "curb construction" in Judea and Samaria. Henceforth it would be restricted to "existing settlement boundaries or adjacent to them."

An unnamed White House official confirmed to Haaretz that President Trump demanded that Israel take his "concerns into consideration." The official said, "While the existence of settlements is not itself an impediment to peace, further unrestrained settlement activity does not help advance peace."

The White House official is wrong. Accelerated Jewish construction in the territories



US President Donald Trump and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas in Bethlehem on May 23, 2017. Photo: The White House.

would, in fact, help advance peace. It would send a message to the PA that it cannot succeed in terrorizing Israel into retreat and submission. It would force the PA to face the fact that Israel will not agree to the mass expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Jews from Judea and Samaria. And forcing the Palestinians to face reality is the only chance for making them give up violence and extremism, and to finally make peace with Israel.

The Trump administration's pressure on Israel to restrict Judea and Samaria construction therefore is both wrong as a matter of principle, and harmful to the possibility of achieving authentic peace. Candidate Trump was right to criticize the Obama policy of publicly pressuring Israel; but if President Trump is continuing any of that policy behind closed doors, it's just as bad.

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# The Rebellious Teenagers of Jewish Voice for Peace

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Most Jews look on the segment of the Jewish community that hates Israel and Zionism with a mixture of disdain, irritation and puzzlement.

Yet, despite data indicating that a split between American Jewry and Israel is deepening, the organized Jewish world has yet to seriously and effectively address the problem.

Now, the anti-Israel voices in the Jewish world have decided to attack Birthright Israel — the largest educational organization in the world — for offering free trips to Israel for young Jews between the ages of 18-26. This would be a good time to fight back against our anti-Israel minority.

The campaign against Birthright Israel was launched by the anti-Israel organization Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP). This group may be the single-most misnamed organization in the history of section 501 of the US tax code.

While some JVP members might be Jewish according to religious law, their Judaism exists only to the extent that it can be used as a cudgel against the people with whom they claim to identify. They aren't "for peace." They're in league with, and providing cover to, some of the planet's worst Jew-haters.

The Anti-Defamation League has even published a thorough takedown of JVP, explaining that the group supports a Palestinian "right of return," which would effectively end the Jewish state. JVP also describes Israel's founding by the name the "nakba" — which is

Arabic for catastrophe. JVP's views often line up with those of Hamas, and JVP is actually more radical than the Palestinian Authority.

The JVP anti-Birthright manifesto reads like the kind of self-centered, labile poetry that an adolescent might write. Despite being faux-erudite, meaningless-intersectional-jargon-filled garbage, JVP's statement — and its campaign to damage Birthright — won't work. But then, its primary purpose is not to damage Birthright the organization. Its primary purpose is to chip away at the heart of Zionism — the need for and desirability of Jewish national consciousness.

JVP isn't even interested in damaging Birthright as an organization. If it were, their marketing campaign would be #RejectBirthright. Instead, it wants to #ReturnTheBirthright. Return is a permanent state of surrender, and the manifesto is explicit: it's not okay that Israel exists. The JVP campaign seeks to fertilize the idea among young Jews that it's acceptable to reject the Jewish national homeland, with the ancillary benefit of maybe damaging an organization that they dislike.

For decades, the American Jewish community didn't need to make the case that Zionism addressed an urgent, ongoing



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

Jewish need. The case was obvious. But as the founding generations and miracles of the Jewish state fade into history, that clarity has been lost.

Yet now that we need to make the case for Israel, we seem to lack the conviction to do so. Whether out of a misguided desire to make the enemies of Jewish national aspiration welcome in our communities, exhaustion from an argument that never seems to end, or our own political misgivings about Israeli policies, we have failed to support Israel and the very idea of Zionism.

The best response to the irritant of JVP would be to create and promote a core curriculum of unapologetic Zionism to every Jewish religious school and an adult education program at every synagogue and JCC in the country. This curriculum should not focus on the history of Israel nor the details of her

defensive wars and conflicts (although that would also be valuable), but on the tremendous historical and intellectual roots of what Arthur Hertzberg called "the Zionist idea."

Imagine if the resources of the broad, organized Jewish community were brought to bear on such a project. Imagine if the rebellious teenagers of JVP and their ridiculous manifesto had to compete in the marketplace of ideas with Hess, Ahad Ha'am, Klatzkin, Brandeis, Rabbi Kook and Jabotinsky.

So let's make them. This attack on Birthright — an organization surely among the greatest in our people's storied history — should be the last straw.

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# Another Example of Myopic, Anti-Israel Journalism



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After the Oslo Accords were signed, Australian journalist John Lyons believed that "the world was on the brink of resolving one of the most relentless conflicts in history." In 2009, he arrived in Jerusalem, where he spent six years as the Australian's Middle East correspondent. *Balcony Over Jerusalem* is Lyons' memoir of his deepening disenchantment with the Jewish state.

An obsession with "occupation through settlements" frames the indictment of Israel that guides Lyons' narrative. According to

Lyons, his transformation on Israel began more than a decade earlier, during his first visit to Hebron. Drawn to the "raw conflict" in that ancient Jewish city — the burial place of the biblical patriarchs and matriarchs, and the site of King David's first capital — Lyons fixates on Israeli "cruelty." In the most prosperous West Bank Arab city, inhabited by 200,000 Palestinians and several hundred Jews, he focuses on the "occupying" Israeli army that protects their tiny enclave, which was decimated by Arab rioting in 1929, and rebuilt after the Six-Day War.

Arriving in Israel believing that "it adhered to the rule of law," Lyons came to understand that "manipulation" guided "the quest for Greater Israel." Encountering the "tyranny of the occupation," he understood that it was "infinitely worse than the public

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## Tradition.

# The Festival of Insecurity – A message for Sukkot



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What exactly is a sukkah? What is it supposed to represent?

The question is essential to the mitzvah itself. The Torah says: “Live in sukkot for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in sukkot so that your descendants will know that I had the Israelites live in sukkot when I brought them out of Egypt: I am the LORD your God” (Lev. 23: 42-43). In other words, knowing – reflecting, understanding, being aware – is an integral part of the mitzvah. For that reason, says Rabbah in the Talmud (Sukkah 2a), a sukkah that is taller than twenty cubits (about thirty feet or nine metres high) is invalid because when the sechach, the “roof,” is that far above your head, you are unaware of it. So what is a sukkah?

On this, two Mishnaic sages disagreed. Rabbi Eliezer held that the sukkah represents the clouds of glory that surrounded the Israelites during the wilderness years, protecting them from heat during the day, cold during the night, and bathing them with the radiance of the Divine presence. This view is reflected in a number of the Targumim. Rashi in his commentary takes it as the “plain sense” of the verse.

Rabbi Akiva on the other hand says

sukkot mammash, meaning a sukkah is a sukkah, no more and no less: a hut, a booth, a temporary dwelling. It has no symbolism. It is what it is (Sukkah 11b).

If we follow Rabbi Eliezer then it is obvious why we celebrate by making a sukkah. It is there to remind us of a miracle. All three pilgrimage festivals are about miracles. Pesach is about the miracle of the exodus when God brought us out of Egypt with signs and wonders. Shavuot is, according to the oral Torah, about the miracle of the revelation at Mount Sinai when, for the only time in history, God appeared to an entire nation. Sukkot is about God’s tender care of his people, mitigating the hardships of the journey across the desert by surrounding them with His protective cloud as a parent wraps a young child in a blanket. Long afterward, the sight of the blanket evokes memories of the warmth of parental love.

Rabbi Akiva’s view, though, is deeply problematic. If a sukkah is merely a hut, what was the miracle? There is nothing unusual about living in a hut if you are living a nomadic existence in the desert. It’s what the Bedouin did until recently. Some still do. Why should there be a festival dedicated to something ordinary, commonplace and non-miraculous?

Rashbam (Rashi’s grandson) says the sukkah was there to remind the Israelites of their past so that, at the very moment they were feeling the greatest satisfaction at living in Israel – at the time of the ingathering of the produce of the land – they should remember

protected by international agreements dating back to the World War I era.

Lyons also asserts that “the right and the centre of Israeli politics are now hooked on occupation.” Whether it “represents a completion of the biblical circle” or merely “cheap housing,” Lyons claims that Israelis, who are “educated to believe that they are the victims rather than the occupiers,” relentlessly pursue their nefarious goal. Lyons was also dismayed by “the amount of racism” he encountered, and saw discrimination “everywhere.” Israeli leaders “are open about their racism,” he says, and even the country’s Supreme Court “makes decisions that entrench it.” Israeli politicians, he laments, “have methodically steered their country towards the abyss of apartheid.” Israel, Lyons concludes, confronts “a cancer growing from within.”

Arriving in Jerusalem with “hope ... awe and excitement,” Lyons left six years later convinced of the “tragic consequences” of a shattered peace effort. For Lyons, Jewish settlements are “the single most important issue preventing a resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict” — yet he fails to notice that the conflict predated Jewish statehood by nearly three decades, and the first settlement by another 20 years.

Unable, by his own telling, to imagine that “a country exercising military authority over 2.9 million Palestinians in occupied territory could be a victim” of unfair media reporting, he persistently demonstrates the unimaginable. He seems oblivious to the reality that there is more to Israel than the “messianic mission” of settlement-building. Consequently, his book earns a comfortable niche among the more misguided critiques of the solitary democratic state in the Middle East.

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their lowly origins. They were once a group of refugees without a home, living in a favela or a shanty town, never knowing when they would have to move on. Sukkot, says Rashbam, is integrally connected to the warning Moses gave the Israelites at the end of his life about the danger of security and affluence:

Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God ... Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery ... You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” (Deut. 8: 11-17)

Sukkot, according to Rashbam, exists to remind us of our humble origins so that we never fall into the complacency of taking freedom, the land of Israel and the blessings it yields, for granted, thinking that it happened in the normal course of history.

However there is another way of understanding Rabbi Akiva, and it lies in one of the most important lines in the prophetic literature. Jeremiah says, in words we recited on Rosh Hashanah, “I remember the loving-kindness of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness, through a land not sown” (Jer. 2:2). This is one of the very rare lines in Tanakh that speaks in praise not of God but of the people Israel.

“How odd of God / to choose the Jews,” goes the famous rhyme, to which the answer is: “Not quite so odd: the Jews chose God.” They may have been, at times, fractious, rebellious, ungrateful and wayward. But they had the courage to travel, to move, to leave security behind, and follow God’s call, as did Abraham and Sarah at the dawn of our history. If the sukkah represents God’s clouds of glory, where was “the loving-kindness of your youth”? There is no sacrifice involved if God is visibly protecting you in every way and at all times. But if we follow Rabbi Akiva and see the sukkah as what it is, the temporary home of a temporarily homeless people, then it makes sense to say that Israel showed the courage of a bride willing to follow her husband on a risk-laden journey to a place she has never seen before – a love that shows itself in the fact that she is willing to live in a hut trusting her husband’s promise that one day they will have a permanent home.

If so, then a wonderful symmetry discloses itself in the three pilgrimage festivals. Pesach represents the love of God for His people. Sukkot represents the love of the people for God. Shavuot represents the mutuality of love expressed in the covenant at Sinai in which God pledged Himself to the people, and the people to God. (For a similar conclusion, reached by a slightly different route, see R. Meir Simcha of Dvinsk, Meshekh Chokhmah to Deut. 5: 15. I am grateful to David Frei of the London Beth Din for this reference.)

Sukkot, on this reading, becomes a metaphor for the Jewish condition not only during the forty years in the desert but also the almost 2,000 years spent in exile and dispersion. For centuries Jews lived, not knowing whether the place in which they lived would prove to be a mere temporary dwelling. To take just one period as an example: Jews were expelled from England in 1290, and during the next two centuries from almost every country in Europe, culminating in the Spanish Expulsion in 1492, and the Portuguese in 1497. They lived in a state of permanent insecurity. Sukkot is the festival of insecurity.

What is truly remarkable is that it is called, by tradition, zeman simchatenu, “our time of joy.” That to me is the wonder at the heart of the Jewish experience: that Jews throughout the ages were able to experience risk and uncertainty at every level of their

existence and yet – while they sat betzila de-mehemuta, “under the shadow of faith” (this is the Zohar’s description of the sukkah: Zohar, Emor, 103a) – they were able to rejoice. That is spiritual courage of a high order. I have often argued that faith is not certainty: faith is the courage to live with uncertainty. That is what Sukkot represents if what we celebrate is sukkot mammash, not the clouds of glory but the vulnerability of actual huts, open to the wind, the rain and the cold.

I find that faith today in the people and the State of Israel. It is astonishing to me how Israelis have been able to live with an almost constant threat of war and terror since the State was born, and not give way to fear. I sense even in the most secular Israelis a profound faith, not perhaps “religious” in the conventional sense, but faith nonetheless: in life, and the future, and hope. Israelis seem to me perfectly to exemplify what tradition says was God’s reply to Moses when he doubted the people’s capacity to believe: “They are believers, the children of believers” (Shabbat 97a). Today’s Israel is a living embodiment of what it is to exist in a state of insecurity and still rejoice.



And that is Sukkot’s message to the world. Sukkot is the only festival about which Tanakh says that it will one day be celebrated by the whole world (Zechariah 14: 16-19). The twenty-first century is teaching us what this might mean. For most of history, most people have experienced a universe that did not change fundamentally in their lifetimes. But there have been rare great ages of transition: the birth of agriculture, the first cities, the dawn of civilization, the invention of printing, and the industrial revolution. These were destabilizing times, and they brought disruption in their wake. The age of transition we have experienced in our lifetime, born primarily out of the invention of the computer and instantaneous global communication, will one day be seen as the greatest and most rapid era of change since Homo sapiens first set foot on earth.

Since 9/11 2001, we have experienced the convulsions. As I write these words, some nations are tearing themselves apart, and no nation is free of the threat of terror. There are parts of the Middle East and beyond that recall Hobbes’ famous description of the “state of nature,” a “war of every man against every man” in which there is “continual fear and danger of violent death; and the life of man solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short” (Hobbes, *The Leviathan*, chapter X111). Insecurity begets fear, fear begets hate, hate begets violence, and violence eventually turns against its perpetrators.

The twenty-first century will one day be seen by historians as the Age of Insecurity. We, as Jews, are the world’s experts in insecurity, having lived with it for millennia. And the supreme response to insecurity is Sukkot, when we leave behind the safety of our houses and sit in sukkot mammash, in huts exposed to the elements. To be able to do so and still say, this is zeman simchatenu, our festival of joy, is the supreme achievement of faith, the ultimate antidote to fear.

Faith is the ability to rejoice in the midst of instability and change, travelling through the wilderness of time toward an unknown destination. Faith is not fear. Faith is not hate. Faith is not violence. These are vital truths, never more needed than now.

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realizes.” Describing “a significant number of settlers” as “heavily armed gangsters” who destroy Palestinian property and lives, he predictably relies upon left-wing advocacy groups (Breaking the Silence, Yesh Din, B’Tselem) to feed his critique. Also guiding his understanding was New York Times correspondent Jodi Rudoren, whose liberal critique of Israel (as an “anomalous ethnocracy” that looks “a lot like apartheid”) was the distinguishing feature of her tenure as that paper’s Jerusalem bureau chief.

Applying the invidious trope of money-lusting Jews, Lyons believes that “financial incentives” could lure “more than 600,000 settlers in the West Bank and East Jerusalem” back to Israel’s pre-1967 borders. Anyone who imagines that 200,000 Jews living in East Jerusalem, to say nothing of 400,000 Jews in biblical Judea and Samaria, can be enticed with a government buyout to leave their homes is clearly obsessed with fantasies.

Fixated on “the messianic campaign to colonise the West Bank” in “the march towards Greater Israel,” Lyons insists that the Jewish state attacks the media and tries to redefine reality to deflect attention from its nefarious goal. Claiming that journalists confront pressure from “self-appointed pro-Israel groups” to “sugar-coat” their reporting, he blames the Israeli government for outsourcing that pressure.

Fueling his pipe dream, Lyons asserts that Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, prohibiting an occupying power from transferring its population into occupied territory, is applicable to Israel. The only problem is that Israel did not “transfer” any of its citizens; they returned to their biblical homeland entirely of their own accord. Indeed (evidently unknown to Lyons), Israeli settlement is explicitly

## Impressions.

### Australian Columnist: We Should Apologize to the Jews

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Rowan Dean, a columnist at Australia's Courier-Mail newspaper, on Sunday called on his fellow Australians and non-Jews everywhere to apologize to Jews for lacking in compassion and understanding.

Upon meeting a Jewish person, says Dean, you should "reach out, shake their hand and say, 'I'm sorry.'"

That "I'm sorry," Dean writes, should be for a long list of shortcomings: Failing to mourn the Israeli athletes killed at the 1972 Olympic Games, dismissing Palestinian terrorist attacks, blaming the lack of Middle East peace solely on Israel, ignoring



Columnist Rowan Dean. Photo: Screenshot.

the BDS movement, and refusing to see the connection between radical Islamic terrorism against Israel and its attacks on the rest of the world.

Today, however, things are beginning to change, says Dean:

*The other day, Norway's Minister for Migration and Integration, Sylvi Listhaug - one of that country's most popular politicians - linked terror in Europe to what Israel endures.*

*Speaking to an Israeli media outlet, she said: "We are experiencing now the fear that you have experienced for decades. Many people now understand the situation you live in. We see what is happening in Sweden, in Britain and in France."*

*Ms Listhaug added that Europeans "need to understand the situation in Israel better." This may sound like common sense, but it is completely at odds with the one-sided approach most European politicians and other nations instinctively take against Israel.*

One sign of this change, asserts Dean, was the recent speech to the UN Human Rights Council by Mosab Hassan Yousef, a former Hamas member.

"I address my words to the Palestinian Authority," Yousef said. "I ask: where does your legitimacy come from? The Palestinian people did

### Five Tips for Jewish Businesses in the New Year

BY JOEL KLEIN

The High Holy Days are a time for personal reflection. We consider our successes and our failings, and commit ourselves to doing better before God, family and friends in the coming year.

But now is also a good time to think about how we can do better in business — because business, after all, is nothing more than an interaction between people. When our businesses thrive, our communities thrive. Whether you've had a great year in business, or not, here are a few things to consider for the New Year:

1. Step outside your comfort zone. It's easy to get caught up in our own success, and think that it will last forever. But comfort in business can

lead to complacency. That's why it's critical to step outside your comfort zone, and try something new. Are your skills up to speed? Should you go back to school? Are you current with the latest trends in digital marketing? Do you need to network more? By constantly refreshing and challenging ourselves, we can identify new opportunities and stay one-step ahead of the competition.

2. Work-life balance. When you own a company, your job is 24/7. But are you giving your personal life enough attention? All entrepreneurs sacrifice things, but we must be careful not to neglect other important aspects of our lives. Organize your work to allow for real time for family and personal pursuits — and, yes, that means sometimes turning off your mobile device. Your business can only be as healthy as your family and personal relationships.

3. Congratulate yourself. Entrepreneurs are self-critical by nature, always striving to do more — and to do better. Yet before being too hard on yourself for failures in the past year, allow yourself a pat on the back for the things that you did well. Acknowledge your hard work, and more importantly, the hard work of your employees. Take the time to feel good about what you've accom-

plished, and to make sure that your entire team feels part of it. By starting on a positive note this year, you'll be better positioned mentally and emotionally to address your mistakes and take corrective action in the months ahead.

4. Make tzedakah part of your business. We all give to charity — whether at a community event, to our shul or to those in need. But can you do more to make tzedakah part of your business? That doesn't mean giving away all of your hard-earned profits; it means finding ways to make giving back part of your company's core values. Take what charity work you already do, and incorporate it into your business. Let customers and employees identify your good work with your company's brand.



A Yom Kippur painting circa 1900 by Isidor Kaufmann. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

5. Study more. Learning is central to Judaism — yet running a business can be all-consuming, leaving very little time for intellectual pursuits unrelated to your company. Whether it's studying Torah, reading books or taking art classes, learning new things will keep your mind sharper, more productive and open to new perspectives. When you see learning as a business objective, you'll find the time for it.

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not elect you, and they did not appoint you to represent them. ...The suffering of the Palestinian people is the outcome of your selfish political interests. You are the greatest enemy of the Palestinian people."

Dean notes that "the Palestinian delegation sat in stunned, furious silence. Around the massive auditorium, you could've heard a pin drop. The

truth can have that impact."

If the West wants to treat the Jews fairly, he concludes, it "needs to stop pretending there is moral equivalency in the Israel-Palestine conflict. We must demand that the Palestinian Authority cease all terror, hold elections, and negotiate peace."

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Notice of formation of 11 WATERFORD LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/10/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 11 WATERFORD LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
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Notice of formation of 421 HOME LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 421 HOME LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22; 10/6

Notice of formation of 18 IROQUOIS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 18 IROQUOIS LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 105 MERSEREAU LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 105 MERSEREAU LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 2910 RICHMOND LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 08/14/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 2910 RICHMOND LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/1/8/15/22/29; 10/6

Notice of formation of 667 HUNTER LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 07/13/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 667 HUNTER LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/8/15/22/29; 10/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) name: 246 SANILAC REALTY LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY). On 09/01/2017. 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 246

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Sanilac street Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 19, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 10, 2017 47947  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Mortgage Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Patsy Carter; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 3, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 19, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 388 East 57th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4767 Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,692.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6390/2013. Steven David Cohn, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 27, 2017 47659  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST George S. Gabriel, Celine Gabriel, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/15/2017 and entered on 4/10/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 19, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 144 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. 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: 1319, LOT: 17. Approximate amount of judgment is \$784,767.21 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506780/2013. Barry Martin Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

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Notice of Formation of PONCHOS ROJAS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/28/17. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 300 Greene Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11238. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity.  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT- COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, AGAINST CLAYTON GREENE, MERLIN GREENE, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered May 9, 2017 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 19, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1064 E 105TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236-3002 All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York. Block 8231 and Lot 68 Approximate amount of judgment \$162,716.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #508211/2013 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff(s) vs. HYMAN WERZBERGER; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 6, 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 October 19, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 564 WYTHE AVENUE UNIT 8A, BROOKLYN, NY 11249-6642 Block: 02165 Lot: 1131 The Condominium Unit (the "Unit") known as Unit No. 8A in the premises (the "Premises") known as and by the street number 564 Wythe Avenue, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and being a unit of the Condominium plan known as THE 564-580 PARK PLAZA CONDOMINIUM, said Unit being designated and described as Unit No. 8A in a certain Declaration made pursuant to Article 9-B of the Real Property Law of the State of New York (the "Condominium Act"), establishing a plan for condominium ownership of the Building and the Land (the "Property") upon which Parcel I of the Land, the Building is situate (which Land is more particularly described below), which Declaration was date October 31, 2001 and recorded on January 25, 2002 in Reel: 5451 Page 14 of the Kings County Office of the Register of The City of New York. This Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 1131 in Block 2165 of the Borough of Brooklyn on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of The City of New York and on the Floor Plans of the Building, certified by Maurice Brezel, R.A. and filed with the Real

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Property Assessment Department of The City of New York as Condominium Plan No. 872. Together with an undivided 1.358% interest in the Common Elements (as such term is defined in the Declaration). Parcel I (Lot 102). Parcel II (Lot 105). 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 \$243,813.49 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 511587/2014 Leo Salzman, Esq., Referee  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LEE'S MEALS ON WHEELS, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 06/05/2017. 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 C/O United states corporation agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 9/15/22/29; 10/6/13/20

CITATION File No. 2015-4765/A PA. No. 145951 SURROGATE'S COURT, KINGS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Itamar Lichtenstadt, Jechiel Lichtenstadt, Johoshua Lichtenstadt, Moshe Lichtenstadt, Attorney General of the State of New York, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, New York City Human Resources Administration, Rachel Alster, The spouse, if any, and any and all unknown distributees and creditors of PETER ALTSTADTER, deceased, whose whereabouts are unknown and if any of the aforesaid persons be dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if the persons died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of PETER ALTSTADTER, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after due diligence be ascertained, A petition and an account having been duly filed by the Public Administrator of Kings County, who has offices at 360 Adams Street, Room 144A, Brooklyn, New York 11201, United States. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Kings County, at 2 Johnson Street, Room 319, Brooklyn, New York, on October 17, 2017, at 9:30 o'clock in the fore noon of that day why: (a) The account of proceedings of the Public Administrator of Kings County as Administrator of the estate of PETER ALTSTADTER, a summary of which has been served herewith, should not be judicially settled; (b) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his commissions pursuant to SCPA §2307 in the amount of \$15,813.11, as set forth in Schedules C-1 and I of the Account; (c) The Public Administrator of Kings County should not be paid his administrative expenses pursuant to SCPA §1106(3) in the amount of \$3,978.76 as set forth in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (d) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the legal Fees of Cullen and Dykman LLP, counsel to the Petitioner, in the amount of

\$23,872.54 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (e) The Court should not fix, determine and approve the disbursements of Cullen and Dykman LLP in the amount of \$474.00 as shown in Schedules C-1 and J of the Account; (f) The claim of the New York City Human Resources Administration, in the amount of \$30,570.03, as set forth in Schedule D of the Account, should not be allowed; (g) The claim of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, if any, should not be fixed and determined; (h) The Petitioner should not be permitted to distribute so much of the net estate to the decedent's distributees, as now known or hereafter determined, as their interests may appear, and to deposit any amount not so distributed with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York to be held for the benefit of decedent's unknown distributees or for the benefit of any distributees of the decedent who are under disability for whom no guardian of the property has been appointed; (i) The Petitioner, upon fully complying with the Decree to be made in this proceeding, should not be released and discharged of and from any and all liability, responsibility and accountability with respect to the Petitioner's acts and proceedings as Administrator as set forth and embraced in said account and the Court grant such other and further relief as it deems just and proper; Dated, Attested, and Sealed, August 25, 2017, HON. Margarita Lopez Torres, Surrogate, Doreen A. Quinn, Chief Clerk; Joseph J. Borges, Esq., Attorney Firm: Cullen & Dykman LLP, Address: 44 Wall Street, NY, NY 10005-2407, (212)701-4175. [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.]  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST David L. Newby, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/28/2017 and entered on 4/28/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on October 26, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 390 Madison Street Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1825, LOT: 24. Approximate amount of judgment is \$849,187.10 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21785/2011. Gregory T. Cerchione, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC., Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Omisore a/k/a Anthony I. Omisore; Ibeth Omisore; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 24, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction Kings County Supreme Court, 360

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Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on October 26, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1247 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of New York, Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 5296 Lot 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$650,403.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 42891/2007. Michael Korsinsky, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 30, 2017 48427  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Bruno Brancaleone; Maria Brancaleone; Robert Goldschmidt; Antonella Goldschmidt; Anna Fattorusso; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 14, 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 October 26, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2051 West 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223. 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 7096 Lot 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,227,564.11 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 15699/2013. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: August 18, 2017 48225  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. CESAR L. ROCHA; MARVIN E. ZUNIGA; 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 November 28, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On October 26, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 41 LOGAN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-1312 Block: 4102 Lot: 4 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. 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 \$57,813.40 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 508093/2015 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORT-

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GAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - ANTONETTE WILSON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 1, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 224 Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 26th Day of October, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Brooklyn, the County of Kings, and the State of New York. Premises known as 100 07 Seaview Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236. (Block: 8303, Lot: 7) Approximate amount of lien \$926,587.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506545/2015. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: August 2, 2017  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC. ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-OA6, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-OA6, Plaintiff - against - NATALIYA DOBRER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 05, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 26th Day of October, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. 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. Premises known as 3541 Leif Ericson Drive #B2, Brooklyn, New York 11235. (Block: 8782, Lot: 1115) Approximate amount of lien \$602,587.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11418/2012. Cary Kaplan, 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 6, 2017  
AJ; 9/22/29; 10/6/13

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

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511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 48023  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20

Notice of formation of PLLC Name: City Pain Management and Anesthesiology Service PLLC articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of the New York(SSNY) on 09/09/2017 Office location kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served SSNY shall mail process to :The LLC 7101 Narrows Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209 Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20/27; 11/3

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: National precious metals,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/11/2017 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Blair Fourny 1810 Front Street #18 East Meadow, NY 11554. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20/27; 11/3

File No. 2011-901/C CITATION The People of the State of New York By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: STANLEY WEINBERG ELLIS WEINBERG DAVID LEE WEINBERG EST A TE OF ROSALYN WEINBERG JUVELIER, by KENNETH JUVELIER, Administrator PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF NEW YORK COUNTY COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK To the unknown heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of RUTH ROSENBAUM, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead, to their respective heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, creditors and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by STANLEY WEINBERG, who is domiciled at 67 Maria Court, Kendall Park, New Park, New Jersey, YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court for the County of New York, located at 31 Chambers Street, Courtroom 503 New York, New York, on the 3rd day of November 2017, a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, why an Order should not be made in the estate of RUTH ROSENBAUM, lately domiciles in the county of New York state of New York, determining that there are no distributees of the Estate of Ruth Rosenbaum a/k/a Ruth Weinberg Rosenbaum other than the paternal distributees of Ruth Rosenbaum, to wit, Stanley Weinberg, Ellis Weinberg, David Lee Weinberg, Stanley Weinberg, and the Estate of Rosalyn Weinberg Juvelier, directing that the net estate of the decedent Ruth Rosenbaum remaining in the hands of the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York, to wit, the sum of \$77,419.99, together with all interest, less court allowed fees and expenses, if any, be paid over in equal shares to the above-noted distributees or to whom they may direct in an acknowledged authorization, that this Court direct upon whom and the manner service must be made upon possible unknown distributees, and

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for such other and further relief as may be just in the premises, and that this Court gives effect to the provisions of SCPA §2225 for the determination of distributees. Dated, Attested and Sealed: New York, New York August 23, 2017 HON. Rita Mella Surrogate Diana Sanabria Chief Clerk, Robert Damast, Esq. Lauterbach Garfinkel Damast & Hollander, LLP 81 Main Street, Suite 304, White Plains, New York 10601 (914) 448-0170 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney at law appear for you.  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings PennyMac Corp., Plaintiff AGAINST Nataliya Dobrer, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/28/2016 and entered on 12/13/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 02, 2017 at 02:30 PM premises known as 3543 Leif Ericson Drive, Unit C2 a/k/a 3543 Shore Parkway, Unit C2, Brooklyn, NY 11235. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8782, LOT: 1113. Approximate amount of judgment is \$622,665.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507031/2014. Steven D. Cohn, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MIND ALTAR RECORDS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/18/2017. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of The LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Ryan Irven 291 Himrod Street Apt. 2L Brooklyn, NY 11237. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20/27; 11/3

NOTICE OF QUALIFICATION OF GELLERT KENT THREE LLC. Authority filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 9/14/2017. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in DE on 8/23/2016. SSNY has been designated agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC c/o Levy, Stopol & Camelo, LLP, 1425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556-1425. Cert of Regis filed DE SOS, 401 Federal St. #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.  
AJ; 9/29; 10/6/13/20/27; 11/3

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 Millindorf, Arlene Ratzabi, Donald Sussman, Alan Jay Gordon, Annette Weiss, David Weiss, Marc Weiss, Adele Tarran, Phillip Ganulin, Miriam Goldberg, Ronald Ganulin, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of HELEN GREENBERG, deceased, or their estates, if

any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of HELEN GREENBERG, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 209-15 18th Avenue, Apartment 4H, Bayside NY 11360, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of HELEN GREENBERG, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 16th day of November, 2017 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$13,749.11 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 25th day of September, 2017 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Ave. Suite 200 Lake success NY 11042 James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk of the Surrogate's Court. This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.  
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Omri Casspi. Photo: Instagram / Omri Casspi.

## Israeli NBA Player Omri Casspi Talks About Resurgence of Antisemitism in US

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Israeli basketball player Omri Casspi talked about the resurgence of antisemitism in the US and his new career with the NBA's Golden State Warriors in an interview published by Sports Illustrated on Wednesday.

The 29-year-old signed a one-year contract with the Warriors over the summer and said once news broke in Israel that he was joining the NBA champions, he received congratulations from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu himself.

"I remember the next day — I went to sleep, and since 6 a.m. my phone was blowing up. I had 400 missed calls, texts from all over, the prime minister...he was really excited," Casspi recalled. "I talked to him, and I talked to the minister of sport on the phone."

"They said they're really proud and they're looking forward to the opportunity of me playing there and coming to watch," he added. "It was overwhelming, in a sense."

Casspi traveled to Israel in August with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, Hall of Famer David Robinson and several current players for a Basketball Without Borders camp, which brought together kids from 22 different countries and religious backgrounds. Through the Omri

Casspi Foundation, he has organized for NBA players and celebrities to visit the Jewish state and said he hoped these trips bring positive attention to Israel.

"It's creating a great P.R. for a beautiful country that gets so much bad P.R. at times," he explained. "My thought was always just helping basketball develop and helping our country [Israel] have a very good atmosphere and buzz around it. Because it deserves it."

The athlete also talked about antisemitism in the US and how it is "something that I'm always going to stand up against." He told Sports Illustrated that he refused to get involved in "conflicts" — in politics and the Middle East, for example — but that antisemitism is "something that's above politics."

"And not only that," he added, "just racism in general, people going up against them because of the color of their skin, their race or their religion — I'm always going to stand up against that. We live in a crazy time. But there's plenty of wonderful people here in the US that are so much against it. We see the media going against it, and people around the country going against it. Hopefully this will go away as it came around, and that us as people will just come together and banish those who are trying to do those horrible things."

## Thousands of Christians Set to Arrive in Jerusalem for Feast of Tabernacles

BY JNS.ORG

More than 6,000 Christian pilgrims from some 100 countries are set to arrive in Jerusalem this week ahead of the 38th annual Feast of Tabernacles celebration hosted by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem (ICEJ).

The event, which runs this year from Oct. 6-11, is the "largest annual Christian gathering in Israel," David Parsons, vice president and senior spokesman for ICEJ, told JNS.org.

According to ICEJ President Dr. Jürgen Bühler, the event is expected to see its largest crowd ever this year, drawing Christians to the Holy Land for a "dynamic worship experience."

"There also is the added attraction of celebrating



The Feast of Tabernacles celebration in Jerusalem in 2015. Photo: ICEJ.

the 50-year jubilee of a reunited Jerusalem, and this means we are truly in for a banner Feast," said Bühler.

The event commences Oct. 6 with an outdoor meal and concert at the Ein Gedi nature reserve near the Dead Sea. The Feast then moves to Jerusalem throughout the remainder of the Jewish holiday of Sukkot, with most activities taking place in capital's Pais Arena.

"For most of the pilgrims," Parsons said, "the biggest highlight is the march through the streets of Jerusalem," which sees thousands of evangelical Christians walk in solidarity with the Jewish state alongside Israelis.

The Feast concludes with a prayer ceremony hosted at the Tower of David Museum in Jerusalem's Old City.

## Set of Shenzhen Open Quarter-Final Match, as Yom Kippur Falls in China

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israeli professional tennis player Dudi Sela quit in the third set of a Shenzhen Open quarter-final match on Friday, as Yom Kippur fell in China.

The 32-year-old Sela — Israel's top-ranked men's

singles player — was trailing Alexandr Dolgoplov of Ukraine 1-0 in the set when he left the court due to the impending start of the holiday — the holiest on the Jewish calendar.

Sela had lost the first set 6-3, but had rallied back to take the second 6-4.

According to Israeli media outlets, the match had been pushed up at Sela's request, but this was not enough to enable its completion before sundown on Friday.



Israeli professional tennis player Dudi Sela. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

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