

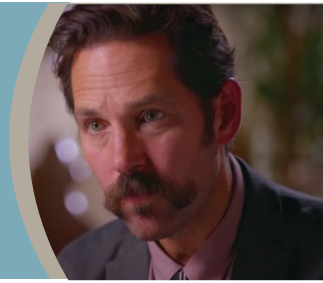
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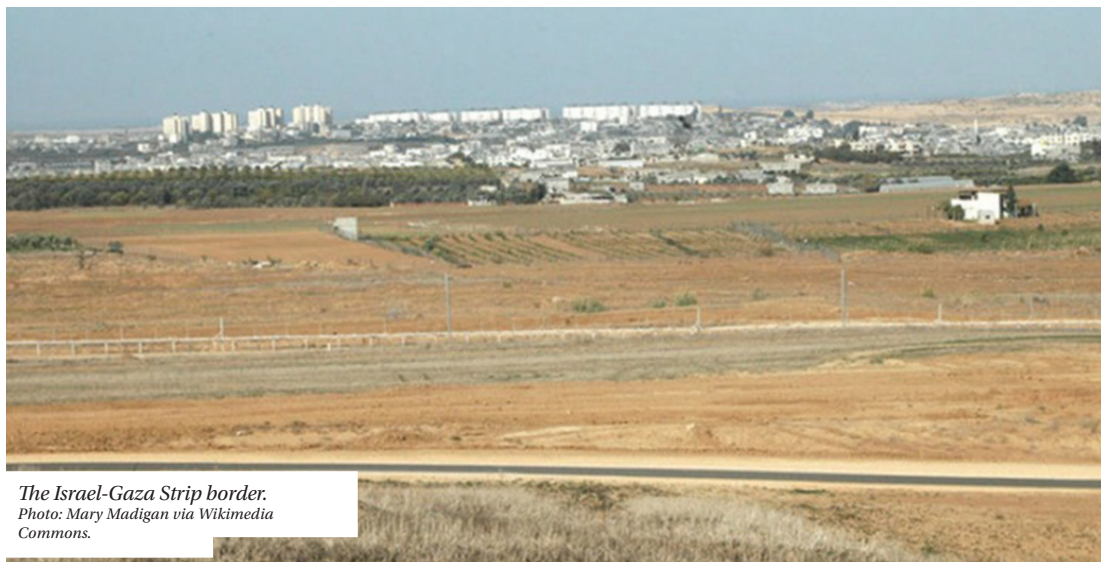
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IDF Detonates Islamic Jihad Tunnel Under Israel-Gaza Border



The Israel-Gaza Strip border. Photo: Mary Madigan via Wikimedia Commons.

BY JNS.ORG

The IDF on Monday destroyed a cross-border attack tunnel on the frontier with the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. The tunnel was under construction and stretched into Israeli territory.

“The IDF neutralized a Gazan terror tunnel inside Israel from Khan Younis — a grave violation of Israeli sovereignty,” the IDF

Spokesperson’s Unit tweeted.

According to the IDF, the destruction of the tunnel was part of a larger effort by the military to thwart attempts by terrorists to harm Israelis since the end of the 2014 Israel-Hamas war.

The IDF said it “will keep taking all measures needed over and under the ground to thwart attempts to harm the residents of the State of Israel and to keep the area quiet.”

Hamas said the IDF’s explosion of the tunnel, which resulted in the deaths of seven Palestinian terrorists, was “a grave escalation against our people and against our resistance aimed at harming our steadfastness and unity.”

“It is part of widening efforts to reverse Palestinian unity and maintain division as it was,” stated the terror group, which recently reached a reconciliation agree-

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Expert: After Kurds, Iran’s Final Target Is Israel

BY BEN COHEN

Two weeks after the launch of the Iranian-backed offensive on Iraqi Kurdistan, the Kurdish national cause has suffered a significant political defeat but remains alive nonetheless, a Kurdish political expert said on Monday.

Diliman Abdulkader — a Kurdish academic and writer born in Kirkuk and currently based in Washington, DC — told a call organized by the Endowment for Middle East Truth (EMET) think tank that with more than 50 percent of the territory controlled by Iraqi Kurdish Peshmerga lost in



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

the Iranian onslaught, the time was ripe to focus attention on healing internal Kurdish divisions.

“The biggest contribution the international community could make is to help create a democratic Kurdistan internally,” Abdulkader said. “This is what will push back against Iranian influence.”

Abdulkader added, “Kurds should not accept anything less than independence as a goal, but until we solve our disputes internally, it will be very tough.”

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With Saddam Statue, Abbas Thumbs His Nose at the U.S.

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While Americans have been tearing down statues that honor people who don't deserve to be honored, Palestinian Arabs are doing exactly the opposite. A statue honoring Saddam Hussein, the notorious dictator, terror sponsor and mass murderer, was unveiled last week in the Palestinian Authority (PA) city of Qalqilya.

Technically, the statue was sponsored by the Arab Liberation Front (ALF), not the municipality of Qalqilya or the PA itself. But the PA's district governor for the Qalqilya District, Rafi Rawajba, attended the unveiling ceremony. Rawajba is a representative of the Fatah movement, which PA President Mahmoud Abbas chairs.

You can see from the photos distributed by The Associated Press that the statue is 20 feet tall, with lights so everyone can see it at night, too. And it's situated smack in the middle of a major street. If the mayor or Abbas didn't want there, it would be gone in five minutes.

In fact, the ALF has erected statues of Saddam in several other PA-controlled cities, too, and Abbas has not ordered them taken down, either. That's because he was always one of Saddam's biggest fans. Abbas could

have written the Arabic inscription on the statue himself: "Allah is great, long live the nation, Palestine and Iraq, the Lord of the era's martyrs Saddam Hussein."

Just two weeks ago, the official Facebook page of Abbas's Fatah included Saddam alongside photos of other Arab heroes in a college with the slogan, "From the sea of the blood of the Martyrs, we will create the State of Palestine." On the 10th anniversary of Saddam's death, last December, the Fatah Facebook page featured a memorial poster hailing Saddam as a "martyr" (shahid).

There's even an entire "Martyr Saddam Hussein Square," in Ramallah, the PA's capital city. I wonder if Abbas salutes it on his way to work.

The ALF is a small Palestinian terrorist group that was established in 1969 with Iraqi financial sponsorship. Remember those infamous \$25,000 checks that Saddam sent to the families of Palestinian suicide bombers? The ALF was in charge of distributing the funds.

But the ALF's record goes beyond handing out rewards to terrorists. It was responsible, for example, for a bombing on Jerusalem's Ben Yehuda Street in September 1979, in which one person was killed and 58 were maimed. According to the Israeli police, the bomb was "set to detonate at a time when it would cause maximum civilian casualties," just as "hundreds of customers were leaving the shops along the mall which close at 7 p.m. and other crowds were lining up for the first show at one of the many movie houses in the vicinity."

Since the whole premise of the 1993 Oslo



The memorial to the late Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein in Qalqilya. Photo: MEMRI.

Accords was that the Palestinian leadership now rejects terrorism, you would think that Yasser Arafat and his then-number two man, Abbas, would have expelled terrorist groups such as the ALF (and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of the Palestine) from the PLO.

No such luck. To this day, the ALF is a member in good standing of Abbas's PLO. The ALF operates openly and freely in PA territory. It has never been expelled, disarmed or outlawed.

Nearly 300 American soldiers died fighting Saddam in the Gulf War in 1991. Another 4,497 gave their lives fighting Saddam in the Iraq War of 2003 and its aftermath. The creation of statues and public squares in PA territory honoring Saddam is a direct slap in

the face to the US and its fallen soldiers.

Abbas and the PA received \$357 million from the US last year. Abbas seems to assume that the aid will continue to flow, even if he allows anti-American terrorists such as the ALF to be part of the PLO, and even if statues of America's enemies, such as Saddam Hussein, are erected in PA cities.

To judge by the non-reaction of the Trump administration to the newest Saddam statue, it appears that Abbas's assumption may well be correct.

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Year Zero: The Palestinians and the Balfour Declaration

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As the Balfour Declaration's centenary approaches on November 2, the theme is much in evidence. There is now a dedicated Balfour Apology Campaign in the UK, seeking both British government contrition and British taxpayer-funded reparations for the supposed handing of Palestine, in the words of one British Mandate-era Arab organization, into "the claws of the Jews."

In an interview with Ian Black of *The Guardian*, the prominent Palestinian academic Hanan Ashrawi positioned all of this as classic orientalist scheming, chiding Balfour for his "so patronizing, so racist" indifference to the Arab population of Palestine. Here, again, we see the broader discursive pattern: "white" settlers, visible to and cherished by their colonial masters, "black" natives, demeaned and ignored by the very same.

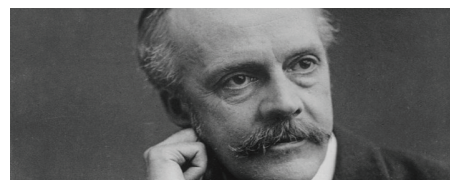
Ashrawi is not entirely wrong, insofar as Balfour did not pay much heed to Arab objections. Walter Laqueur, in his indispensable *History of Zionism*, quotes Balfour as saying that whatever one's view of Zionism, its ultimate goal "was of far profounder import than the desires of 700,000 Arabs." Neither did Balfour apparently think much of the ability of Palestine's Arabs to overcome the maximalism of their leaders, writing in 1919

that — as Laqueur puts it — "he did not think Zionism would hurt the Arabs, but that of course they would never say they wanted it."

Nor were they ever prepared to make peace with it. That is one reason why the elation that greeted the Balfour Declaration among Jews gradually faded over the next decade, as the Zionist halutzim (pioneers) realized that, when it came to securing Jewish communities from Arab violence and winning British consent for further Jewish immigration, it was little more than a piece of paper.

Balfour did not prevent serial outbreaks of violence and terror against Palestine's Jews during the 1920s and 1930s. And when Britain decided to restrict, on the eve of the Holocaust, Jewish immigration to Palestine to just 75,000 individuals over five years — out of almost 10 million Jews in Europe — the 1939 White Paper outlining the new restrictions reasoned "that the framers of the Mandate in which the Balfour Declaration was embodied could not have intended that Palestine should be converted into a Jewish State against the will of the Arab population of the country."

You can even say that Britain ended up disowning the Balfour Declaration, going so far as to abstain during the November 29, 1947, United Nations vote — on the 30th



The late Arthur Balfour. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

anniversary of the declaration — that legitimized the creation of a sovereign Jewish state. That none of this evidence moves those who advocate for British reparations to the Palestinians is largely explained by their overall take on the situation: the oppressed, with whom history ultimately sides, remain the indigenous Palestinians, and the oppressors, whose day of reckoning always beckons, are the British imperialists and their willing Jewish settler dupes.

Perhaps the best way to understand the Balfour Declaration is to take it literally. What the British helped the Jews to create in Palestine during the mandate period fits with what one imagines a "national home" might look like; and it's certainly not an independent state with sovereign control over its borders and its immigration policy.

Indeed, while its borders were open, that national home may have felt like a state, as it saved Jewish lives and crystallized into a cohesive Jewish national society. But when these were abruptly closed, sending thousands of Jews back to their deaths in Europe, the national home was just one more British colony. Irrespective of the ongoing Palestinian circus, that's something for Jews to mull over as we reflect on our place in the world 100 years after Balfour.

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World News.

Hamas Officials Praise Iranian Rejection of 'Zionist Presence in Palestine'

BY BEN COHEN

Hamas leaders newly returned from an official visit to Iran have hailed their restored ties with the Tehran regime, praising the Islamic Republic's "making no secret" of the "exceptional support" it provides to the Palestinian terrorist organization.

In an interview with the Qatari-financed Al Jazeera broadcaster last week, Saleh al Arouri — the deputy head of the Hamas political bureau who led the delegation to Iran — explained, "[I]t is well known that Iran supported the Lebanese resistance, until the Israeli occupation was driven out."

Iran "supports the resistance in Palestine as well," al-Arouri said, in remarks translated by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI). "They make no secret of this. They give us exceptional support. The resistance is in dire need of this to be able to confront the aggression of the Israeli entity."

Al-Arouri confirmed that Hamas and Iran share the goal of eliminating the State of Israel. "The Islamic Republic has adopted the Palestinian cause, and it supports the rights of our Palestinian people on their entire land, and it rejects any form of Zionist presence on the land of Palestine," he said.

Relations between Hamas and Iran were heavily strained by the war in Syria, but have improved now that the dictatorial rule of President Bashar al-Assad has been stabilized by Iranian and Russian intervention on his behalf.

In a separate interview with Iranian news agency ISNA, Hamas' chief spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri remained adamant that the recent reconciliation agreement with the Fatah-led Palestinian Authority of President Mahmoud Abbas would not result in the organization abandoning terrorism.

"I assure everyone that, with regard to the current and future situation of the resistance, the national reconciliation will never harm the resistance," Abu Zuhri said.

Abu Zuhri continued: "In the arena of the fighting, the resistance is very strong, and can inflict heavy blows upon the Zionist enemy. We will invest all our efforts in obtaining all the tools and equipment needed for strength and might, so that we will be able to take back our rights from the enemies."

While Israel has not cut ties with the PA over its reconciliation with Hamas, the Israeli government insists that the organization formally abandon terrorism and recognize Israel before it can be part of any peace negotiations.

20 Palestinians Indicted Over Large-Scale Agricultural Theft

BY JNS.ORG

Twenty Palestinians from the town of Beit Awwa were indicted on Sunday after being caught in the midst of the largest agricultural theft in recent history in Israel.

According to the indictment, the Palestinian thieves entered Israel illegally from Oct. 20-21 with crates and baskets, and plundered vineyards and greenhouses belonging to the Israeli community of Moshav Shekef.

The Palestinian suspects damaged and stole some NIS 300,000 (\$85,200) worth of produce, including grapes and tomatoes, which they planned to sell within Palestinian-controlled areas of the West Bank.

The heist was uncovered when a motorist driving in the area spotted the large group of Palestinians and reported them to the IDF.

The military arrived on the scene shortly after being notified, causing many of the suspects to flee or hide, with several hiding within the greenhouses and vineyards belonging to the Israeli community.

A total of 67 Palestinians were arrested in connection with the heist, including 40 minors.

"The actions of the respondents, who spent hours in Israel in broad daylight, stole agricultural produce worth hundreds of thousands of shekels and caused a lot of damage — with the help of minors and women — are a testament to their insolence, and raises the fear similar acts would be perpetrated," Israel's Southern District Attorney's Office said in a statement, Yedioth Ahronoth reported. "They were organized, planned their actions and worked systematically."

Kurdish president of Iraq, died on October 3, while on Monday, KDP leader Masoud Barzani announced he was stepping down as president of the Kurdistan Regional Government.

Last week, sources within the KDP accused Talabani's wife and sons of having made a separate deal with the Iranians that resulted in the Peshmerga withdrawals from the Kurdish-majority city of Kirkuk and its surrounding areas. Other accounts contend that Kurdish leaders were threatened with all-out war by Gen. Qassem Soleimani —

Palestinian Authority Denies Report of Abbas Demand That Hamas Recognize Israel



PA President Mahmoud Abbas addressing the UN General Assembly. Photo: UN.

BY JNS.ORG

The Palestinian Authority (PA) has refuted a report citing an alleged demand by PA President Mahmoud Abbas that members of the Gaza-ruling Palestinian terror group Hamas must recognize Israel if they want to be included in the cabinet of a unity government.

Haaretz had reported Monday that Abbas made the statement during a meeting with 12 former Israeli lawmakers at the PA headquarters in Ramallah.

In response to the report, Abbas's office said, "The presidency denies the remarks attributed to the president by Haaretz."

Both the US and Israel stated in October that they would not negotiate with any Palestinian unity government that includes Hamas as long as the terror group refuses to recognize Israel, among other conditions.

Yet Yahya Sinwar, the political chief of Hamas in Gaza, said on Oct. 19, "Gone is the time in which Hamas discussed recognition of Israel. The discussion now is about when we will wipe out Israel."

Hamas and Abbas's Fatah party recently signed a reconciliation agreement that would end PA sanctions on Gaza and restore a PA-controlled government in the coastal territory by Dec. 1.

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Tunnel

ment with Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah faction.

The Palestinians killed in the explosion included two senior commanders in Islamic Jihad terror group, Arafat Abu Murshid and his deputy Hassan Abu-Hassanein. Islamic Jihad responded to the incident by saying that "all options open."

"We will take all considerations into account, but we will not allow the enemy to

set the rules of engagement," senior Islamic Jihad leader Khaled al-Batash said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel will "harm whoever will try to harm us."

"I told you many times that we are developing groundbreaking technology to deal with the tunnel threat," Netanyahu told a gathering of Likud lawmakers on Monday. "Today we detected a tunnel and destroyed it, and we will continue doing so...We will continue to protect Israel's borders."

the commander of the Quds Force of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) — unless they immediately pulled their fighters out of the areas recently liberated from ISIS by the Peshmerga.

The subsequent offensive against the Kurds involved both Iraqi government forces and fighters from the Shia Hashd al-Shaabi militia, which functions as Iran's military proxy on the ground, who have been using US-supplied weapons during the campaign.

"Christians, Kurds, Yezidis and other minorities in the area fear that Hashd al-Shaabi will be a second ISIS," Abdulkader said.

Reports are already surfacing of alleged Hashd al-Shaabi persecution of Christians and Yezidis. The Suraya Organization for Culture and Media — a Christian advocacy organization — said on Monday in a statement, "Christian and Yezidi populated villages in the Khabur area on the Syrian-Turkish-Iraqi border have been under significant threats of attacks from the Iranian-backed Hashd al-Shaabi in the past days." According to the

statement, eight Christian and ten Yezidi villages, where 17,000 people reside, are being threatened by Hashd al-Shaabi.

Iran's ultimate goal, Abdulkader asserted, is to reach Israel's borders through a "Shia corridor" across Iraq and Syria to the Mediterranean coast. Acknowledging Israel's position as the only state to have backed the September 25 referendum in Kurdish in which nearly 93 percent of participants voted for independence, he emphasized that "the biggest threat is against Israel."

"It's in Israel's interests to continue backing the Kurds," Abdulkader said, pointing out as well that "Iran has the support of Iraq, Turkey and the Assad regime in Syria" — the Kurdish population of 30 million is divided between these four countries.

The threat to Israel could manifest sooner than expected, Abdulkader said, as he noted Iran was now in control of the Shingal region — from where Saddam Hussein's regime launched Scud missiles at the Jewish state during the First Gulf War in 1991.

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Abdulkader said that while the Peshmerga remained a solid fighting force, it has been weakened by the lack of a central command. Kurdish forces are divided between those under the command of the ruling Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) and those under the banner of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK.) Both parties have been shaken by major internal events over the last month — PUK leader Jalal Talabani, the first

World News.



Real Madrid midfielder Marco Asensio. Photo: Dariusz Okseniuk via Wikimedia Commons.

ISIS Threatens 'Zionist' Spanish Soccer Star in Latest World Cup Lead-Up Threat

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Ahead of next summer's World Cup in Russia, ISIS has been issuing threats to a number of top international soccer stars.

One of the latest players to be targeted was Real Madrid midfielder Marco Asensio. In an image published online by a pro-ISIS media group, the 21-year Spaniard — who visited Israel earlier this month with his country's national team to take part in a World Cup qualifier — is seen kneeling in front of a masked ISIS fighter, with Saint Petersburg's Krestovsky Stadium in the background.

"Marco Asensio is Zionis [sic]," a statement inscribed on the graphic claimed.

While in Jerusalem several weeks ago, Asensio drew the ire of anti-Israel social media commenters when he used an Israeli flag emoji in tweet of a photo of himself on a balcony overlooking the Western Wall and Dome of the Rock.

Other prominent players who have been the subject of recent ISIS threats have included Lionel Messi, Neymar and Cristiano Ronaldo.

The 2018 World Cup will be held June 14-July 15 in 11 cities across Russia.

Canadian Stock Exchanges Look to Attract Israeli Companies

BY JNS.ORG

Two Canadian stock exchanges are striving to draw Israeli companies to list with them.

A delegation from the TMX Group, which operates both the Toronto Stock Exchange and the Calgary-based TSX Venture Exchange, visited Israel this week as part of the Journey 2017 annual business conference. The gathering is sponsored by EY Israel, the Israeli branch of the global accounting giant Ernst & Young.

According to the organizers, about 2,000 people from 100 leading firms in the finance industry attended the conference, which ran from Oct. 22-25.

Robert Peterman, vice president of global business development at the Toronto Stock

Exchange, told reporters that Israel is "one of the better places" for finding innovative companies.

"Israel is an important market for our exchanges, and we are pleased to head this delegation of leading Canadian innovation sector investment bankers and capital market advisers," Peterman said. "Two key benefits we see for listing on either Toronto Stock Exchange or Venture include access to North American investors that are able to support companies at all stages of growth, and a competitive landscape of investment banks to support these growth companies with financing and research coverage."

There are currently six Israeli companies listed on the two Canadian exchanges, to the tune of \$1.9 billion.

Hamas Terror Tunnel Discovered Under UNRWA School in Gaza

BY JNS.ORG

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) stated on Saturday it had discovered a Hamas terror tunnel located underneath one of the UN body's schools in the Gaza Strip.

The tunnel was reportedly discovered around two weeks ago, and prompted the UN agency to close the school while it sealed the tunnel's opening. According to UNRWA, the school was reopened Oct. 25.

"The presence of a tunnel underneath an UNRWA installation, which enjoys

European Diplomats Attend Knesset Meeting on Rising Antisemitism, Including on US Campuses

BY SHIRI MOSHE

European diplomats attended a discussion at the Israeli parliament on Monday addressing concerns about rising antisemitism worldwide — including on American college campuses.

Envoys from Germany, Austria, France, Russia, United Kingdom and the European Union heard testimony from a diverse set of speakers, ranging from Israeli government representatives to former American college students, who urged them to protect Jews in their countries from bigoted attacks.

Becky Sebo, a 2015 graduate of Ohio University (OU) who served as president of Bobcats for Israel during her senior year, said she was profoundly affected by her own encounter with the "antisemitic" boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign on campus.

Sebo — who now works with Stand-WithUs, a pro-Israel US-based education organization that helped arrange Monday's meeting — was arrested after speaking out against boycotts of Israel at a 2014 OU student senate meeting. The student senate president, Meghan Marzec, drew controversy earlier in the year after pouring a bucket of fake blood on herself and encouraging peers to support boycotts of Israel.

"After experiencing firsthand how BDS and anti-Israel movements can divide a campus, I can confidently tell you it's an issue that needs to be addressed," Sebo told diplomats and Israeli parliamentarians, led by Likud MK Avraham Neguise, head of the Knesset's Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs Committee.

"Anti-Israel activists hide behind human rights while spreading lies and propaganda about Israel," she added. "They ignore serious humanitarian issues around the world, but make time to single out Jewish students over and over again."

Michael Dickson, the executive director of StandWithUs Israel, similarly noted that "all too often anti-Israel groups with names that disguise their extreme agenda — Students for Justice in Palestine or so-called Jewish Voice for Peace and others — misleadingly pretend that their racist campaigns against Israel are in some way linked to their support of other groups."

"Shamefully, they co-opt the memory of the Holocaust and invert it to portray Jews as Nazis — the ultimate slap in the face to a nation who stood on the brink of extinction in modern

inviolability under international law, is unacceptable," UNRWA said in a statement. "It places children and agency staff at risk."

UNRWA did not specify where the tunnel led to, where it was discovered and who was responsible for its construction.

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon said Sunday, "Yet another terror tunnel under an UNRWA schoolyard. This is what Hamas rule looks like and this is more proof of the double war crime committed as terror tunnels are built to attack Israelis, while using the children of Gaza as human shields."

In June, UNRWA similarly uncovered a Hamas terror tunnel underneath two of its schools in Gaza.



European diplomats, Israeli lawmakers and advocates attend a Knesset meeting on rising antisemitism on Monday, October 30, 2017. Photo: MK Avraham Neguise / Facebook.

times," he noted. "This is not pro-Palestinian, it is anti-Israel and it is antisemitic."

Dickson called on "our friends and people of goodwill around the world to call out racism against Jews and against the Jewish state."

David (Borowich) Ya'ari — a former CEO of Hillel Israel who was involved in organizing Monday's discussion — said, "It is the responsibility in Israel to support our brethren who have remained in the Diaspora."

He urged the diplomats present at the meeting to "reach out to their respective governments to ban all expressions of antisemitism," and called on Israeli lawmakers and non-government groups to "share knowledge and resources with our brethren in the Diaspora," in order to help Jewish communities "properly defend themselves."

Germany's ambassador to Israel, Clemens Von Goetze, took the opportunity to emphasize his country's "historical responsibility" to fight against antisemitism, adding that over the past year, "in our case, most of the crimes that have been committed have been committed by right-wing extremists."

Austrian Ambassador Martin Weiss conversely noted that his country was experiencing "a phenomenon of imported antisemitism," which led to a slight increase of cases in 2016 over the year before.

American diplomats were also invited to the meeting, but did not send a representative, a decision that was called "very disappointing" by Zionist Union MK Nachman Shai on Twitter.

Shai, who co-chairs the Knesset caucus for US-Israel relations with Neguise, later added that he spoke with American representatives at length and was told that the embassy and its officials were "committed and devoting great efforts to the struggle against antisemitism."



An IDF soldier overlooking a Hamas terror tunnel in Gaza in 2014. Photo: IDF.

U.S. News.

Wisconsin Becomes 24th US State to Bar or Condemn Anti-Israel BDS Movement

BY BEN COHEN

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker issued an executive order last Friday to ban state agencies from engaging with businesses with ties to the anti-Israel BDS movement.

"We stand firmly against discrimination in any form and we wholly support our friends in Israel," said Walker. "I look forward to leading a trade delegation to Israel to foster new trade partnerships between Wisconsin and Israeli businesses."

With the passing of the order, Wisconsin became the 24th US state to enact official measures condemning BDS or prohibiting government business with entities that boycott Israel.

"Consistent with existing Wisconsin nondiscrimination provisions and regulations governing purchases... agencies may not execute a contract with a business entity if that entity is engaging in a boycott of Israel," the order stated. "Further, agencies shall reserve the right to terminate any contract with a business entity that engages in a boycott of Israel during the term of the contract."

The initiative came just before Walker departed on a trip to Israel at the head of a 15-member business delegation. The delega-



Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker. Photo: Michael Vadon via Wikimedia Commons.

tion will be in Israel until Nov. 2.

Also last week, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan signed an executive order that blocked his state from awarding contracts to companies that support BDS.

New Survey Reveals Steady Support for Israel Among British Public

BY BEN COHEN

Despite the prominent role of UK pro-Palestinian organizations in the international BDS movement, many ordinary Britons are well-disposed toward Israel and see the Jewish state as an ally, a new poll by the Britain-Israel Communications and Research Center (BICOM) — a pro-Israel advocacy body based in London — revealed on Monday.

The BICOM survey recorded the lowest level of support for boycotts since 2014, at 11 percent. Forty-eight percent of respondents "do not support boycotts of Israel and find it difficult to understand how others do given everything else that is going on in the world."

A notable drop in the support for the BDS movement among young people was also visible. "Young people have significantly reduced their level of support for boycotts in the last three years," a BICOM analysis noted. "This year, 45 percent of 18-24s said they opposed singling out Israel for boycotts, in 2015 just 28 percent opposed boycotts."

Meanwhile, 46 percent of respondents believe that "hating Israel and questioning its right to exist" is antisemitic, the survey reported. Since 2015, when far-left politician Jeremy Corbyn was elected its leader, Britain's opposition Labour Party has been immersed in scandals involving antisemitic attacks on Jewish supporters of Israel, often disguised as "criticism" of Israeli policy.

As Brexit negotiations between the UK the European Union drag on, 37 percent of respondents agreed that Israel was a vital trading partner for Britain — 54 percent said the same of Saudi Arabia, while Iran was named by just 22 percent.

With Britain marking over the coming week the centenary of the Balfour Declaration — in which the UK government expressed its support for a "Jewish national home" in Palestine — 38 percent of respondents said they agreed with the goal of the declaration, with 17 percent agreeing and the remainder holding no opinion.

As an overall issue, Israel still polarizes the British public, the survey showed. Fifty percent of respondents said they felt "cold" towards the Jewish state, 21 percent "warm," and 30 percent "neutral."



British support for Israel remains solid, according to a new poll. Photo: File.

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American Soullessness and the Opioid Epidemic



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Citing his own family's struggles with addiction, President Donald Trump last week movingly declared the opioid epidemic a public health emergency.

As the president of the United States, Trump will battle addiction with the swords at his disposal. He will announce federal funding, prescription regulations and initiatives to develop non-addictive alternatives.

Americans must, however, supplement these steps with an evaluation of our national soul, so as to understand the sullenness that drives records numbers of Americans to addiction and even death.

America must reflect. And so, let us offer this reflection.

When Thomas Jefferson penned the Declaration of Independence — the very foundation for our option to exist — he listed three “unalienable rights” that America would provide to its citizens. Familiar to any child, they have achieved unparalleled fame:

“Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.”

The first two, for the most part, have been largely obtained by America since its founding. At least, we've come a long way. With regard to happiness, though, we have

been far less — if at all — successful.

Sadness, anxiety and depression have long been on the rise in the United States. The rate of antidepressant use in the United States rose by 400% in the past thirty years. This rise is evident even amongst our children. The number of children aged 12-17 who have experienced major forms of depression has risen by 37% in the past decade alone. It's far worse for girls, among whom one in five have experienced at least one major depressive episode (defined as one lasting over two weeks) in just the last year.

In line with our decline in happiness is the surge in our dependence on pharmaceuticals. Over 119 million Americans aged twelve and over used prescription psychotherapeutic drugs — such as Prozac, Zoloft and, most popular of all, Xanax. Opioids have become more popular than tobacco, with over 95 million Americans using prescription painkillers. Two million have become addicted — hence, the term “epidemic.” Drug overdoses have become the leading cause of death among Americans under fifty and are rising at a staggering rate — 19% between 2015 and 2016. Sadly, none of these statistics show the slightest sign of abating, and most are expected to worsen. Taken together, they point to one unavoidable fact:

In the United States of America, happiness is as elusive as ever.

Sure, we've pursued it. We've achieved historically unprecedented success, wealth and power. In the past half-century alone, the

American income has tripled. The standard of living, life expectancy, and the opportunities available to most Americans are better than they've ever been before. How, then, could we be so profoundly unhappy?

Perhaps, we must posit, it is the very pursuit of happiness that is to blame.

When America was founded, we rid ourselves of the European noble-birth model in favor of a system based on merit. Suddenly, the common man had a chance at greatness. And with the gates of our potential now open before us, we would dedicate our lives to the endless pursuit of success. And it is in that dire chase that I believe our problem lies.

It is said that trying to be happy is akin to trying to fall asleep. The harder you try, the harder it becomes. Happiness, like sleep, cannot be caught. Nor can it be bought. Happiness, put simply, is not a product, a goal, or a destination.

On the contrary, happiness is the by-product of a life filled with meaning. And it is the meaningful aspects of our lives — such as family, faith and community — that we have allowed to become eclipsed. With good reason; this shallow-take of success is all we ever see. Every magazine and television program features only the wealthiest, the smartest, the funniest, the richest and the impossibly beautiful. All of this, of course, only serves as the most disheartening contrast with our own self-image, which we try obsessively to augment.

It is, however, a grave mistake. None of



President Donald Trump hosts an Opioid and Drug Abuse Listening Session at the White House, March 2017. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

these passing joys, be it the numbness of a drug or the cashing of a check, will truly bring us happiness. On the contrary, it is the long slogs of marriage, parenthood and community service that will truly do the trick, as will the difficult steps of charity, prayer, and random acts of kindness. It's hard to see how these can make a person happy, but that's precisely the point. Happiness hangs hidden in the air about the life of meaning. Like air, it cannot be held, but only noticed. We need only go toward the place of purpose where those airs abound — whether it be in playing with our children, contemplating our lives in a house of worship or lending help to a stranger in need.

We must now, like our forefathers before us, affirm our own independence. Not an independence from a foreign crown, but from the foreign drags of insecurity and self-loathing, and all the endless voyages they commission toward the mythical lands of success.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, whom Newsweek and The Washington Post calls “the most famous Rabbi in America,” is the only rabbi to have won the London Times Preacher of the Year competition and is the international best-selling author of 30 books. His website is www.shmuley.com. Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

Commemorating the ANZAC Liberation of Beersheba



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Today, Australia is one of Israel's best friends in the world — in every respect.

The origins of this relationship date back 100 years, with the spectacular victory of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), which liberated Beersheba on October 31, 1917; this paved the way for the conquest of Jerusalem.

The liberation was followed two days later by the issuance of the Balfour Declaration and the British Mandate, which served as the basis for the establishment of a Jewish state.

The Battle of Beersheba was a turning point in the war against the Ottoman Empire, after successive failures to capture Gaza. And it was the first time that Australians and New Zealanders had a critical impact.

The stunning charge of the ANZAC Light Horse Brigade that overcame the Turkish defenses was hailed as a milestone of military bravery comparable to that of the Light Brigade at Balaklava in 1854; the liberation is remembered as the last great cavalry charge. It represented Australia's first outstanding achievement as a fighting force, predating the 1918 Western Front victories.

With the disaster at Gallipoli, where over

8,000 Australians needlessly lost their lives, many initially predicted that this attempt was doomed to failure — and represented yet another example of Australian military incompetence and willingness to cynically sacrifice soldiers.

Beersheba was heavily fortified, making the town a virtual fortress, and the battle was considered a last-ditch effort to defeat the Ottoman Empire in the region.

Late in the afternoon of October 31, following an order by their commander, Sir Harry Chauvel, 800 Australian light horsemen, brandishing bayonets, galloped directly into machine-gun fire, many dismounting and engaging in hand-to-hand combat. This surprised the Turks, who did not imagine that the Australians would act so brazenly.

Galopping over two kilometers at top speed, the Australians overcame the stunned Turkish defenders in less than an hour. Thirty Australian horsemen were killed and 36 wounded. More than 500 Turks were killed, and 1,500 surrendered.

It was a glorious victory, and a turning point in the struggle; it enabled General Edmund Allenby to defeat the Ottomans in Palestine.

The victory also heralded the beginning of an extraordinary close relationship between Australia and Israel.

On the personal and individual level, this relationship was enhanced by Australian soldiers who were temporarily stationed in Palestine at the outset of World War II; they developed good relations with the Jews. Old

timers still relate nostalgically to the friendship extended by the Australians as tensions were rising with British officials.

This week, the Australian and Israeli governments will jointly celebrate the centennial anniversary of the heroic Light Brigade's extraordinary role in Beersheba.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, New Zealand Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and a major entourage of ministers, officials, descendants of the ANZAC soldiers, and over 100 Australian horsemen — as well as private citizens from both countries — will participate in commemorative ceremonies. These will include a joint Australian-New Zealand service at an Israeli war cemetery, the opening of an ANZAC museum and a re-enactment of the charge by the Australian Light Horse Brigade.

It is anticipated that huge numbers will attend what promises to be a spectacular event highlighting the Australian-Israeli relationship.

Australian Jews enjoys an outstanding Jewish lifestyle, and can be considered a jewel in the crown of the Diaspora. Jews were among the first boatloads of convicts transported to Australia in the 18th century.

The first military commander of Australian forces during World War I was Sir John Monash, a proud Jew, who was also the founding president of the Zionist Federation of Australia.

In the 1930s, the Australian Jewish community was declining and rapidly assimilating, but over the course of time it became reinvigorated by Holocaust refugees and survivors. Most of the newcomers were passionately Zionist and created a unique network of Jewish schools ranging from secular Zionist to Chabad, from Modern Orthodox to Reform and even a Bundist Yiddish school. In the 1980s, the community

expanded further with the immigration of large numbers of Russians and South Africans.

Many penniless Jewish immigrants to “the lucky country” became leading industrial titans. Jewish leaders were appointed to prominent roles in public life, including two governors general. One, the late Sir Zelman Cowan, was an outspoken Zionist and champion of Jewish rights. My brother, Mark Leibler, a long-standing Zionist leader and head of the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, was appointed by the government as co-chairman of the expert panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal Peoples.

Today, Australian Jewry numbers over 120,000, has the highest percentage of Holocaust survivors and their descendants in a Diaspora Jewish community, and is one of the most Zionist communities in the world with 15,000 people — more than 10% of the community — having made aliyah.

The community, united under the umbrella of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and the Australia/Israel & Jewish Affairs Council, could well serve as a template for other Jewish communities to emulate. The Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce has emerged as probably the most successful chamber of commerce in the nation.

Despite its geographical distance, except for two minor aberrations, Australia has consistently maintained a positive bipartisan relationship with Israel since the Jewish state's creation, when Labor leader Dr. H.V. Evatt chaired the UN General Assembly.

Successive governments made major global contributions toward ameliorating the plight of Soviet Jews, particularly in 1962, when Australia became the first country in the world to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry at the UN, condemning Soviet antisemitism and calling for the right of Jews to emigrate.

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Opinion.

Balfour, the Palestinians — and No Peace



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It was a minor news story in the summer of 2016. Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas announced that he was suing Great Britain over the Balfour Declaration — which was issued on November 2, 1917.

But as we prepare to observe the centennial of that document, it's important to understand that although his lawsuit was a stunt, Abbas was serious. More than that, the symbolism of his protest tells us more about what is preventing peace between Israel and the Palestinians than any of the usual explanations about settlements, borders, the status of Jerusalem or criticisms of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

As Elliot Jager, author of a new and timely book on the topic, *The Balfour Declaration: 67 Words, 100 Years of Conflict*, has written, Abbas' decision to focus on Balfour wasn't a joke.

Ten decades after British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour publicly expressed his government's "sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations" and its support for "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people," the Palestinian Arabs are still unreconciled to the fact that this goal was realized with the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948.

To Abbas and his Fatah party — as well as their Hamas rivals, Balfour is the original sin of the Middle East that explains all the suffering of their people in the last century. More than that, Balfour is, as Jager — a former *Jerusalem Post* editor and author — writes, the key to understanding why negotiations between Israel and the PA have remained stalemated in the more than two decades since the Oslo Accords.

"The 1993 Oslo Accords notwithstanding, the PLO covenant — with its denunciation of the Balfour Declaration — has never been legally amended, and for good reason. The problem Palestinian Arabs have with Israel is its existence — not 'settlements,' 'occupied' territory or the security barrier," writes Jager.

"Abbas has consistently made the point that the Palestinians won't recognize or accept Israel as a Jewish state. That would acknowledge the legitimacy of a Jewish national home and doing so would basically end the conflict."

This means the conflict remains, as Jager

notes, an "all or nothing (zero sum) clash."

Jager's book provides an easy-to-understand guide for general readers. The British decision was based, in part, on genuine sympathy for the aspirations of a homeless people whose ties to the land was part of the bible that the English loved — as well as Zionist diplomacy. But Balfour was also the product of a mistaken belief — fueled by antisemitic myths — that the Jews had the power to aid the Allied war effort at a moment when the outcome of World War I was in doubt.

In truth, the Jews had no such power. It was Balfour that allowed them back onto the stage of world history and, following the Allied victory that brought Palestine under British control, gave Jews the opportunity to begin building a state in their ancient homeland — and to rectify the injustices of the past two millennia.

Yet it is not so much the events of 1917 — as the events that followed — that we need to understand.

Subsequent British governments not only whittled down the size of the Jewish home, but also betrayed their promise by limiting the rights of the Jews there in order to appease the Arab and Muslim world. That led to a series of proposals for further dividing the land, but the Arabs refused every such offer, including the United Nations partition plan of 1947 that called for the creation of both a Jewish and an Arab state.

Sharing even part of the country was unthinkable. To the Arabs, the return of the Jews was an injustice — because it would mean that even a tiny sliver of the region they considered Muslim might be under the sovereignty of a dhimmi — a despised minority. That same spirit is why the Palestinians are still unreconciled to the consequences of Balfour's promise. As Jager writes, "continued Arab rejection of the Balfour Declaration one hundred years on makes any compromise leading to a genuine conflict resolution impossible."

Just as many Palestinians remain in denial about the impossibility of their dream of eventually eradicating Israel, it is just as important that they come to terms with the Jews' 1917 diplomatic triumph and understand why the Jews also have a right to be there. Until that happens, they will remain doomed to live in a limbo in which they can neither reverse the verdict of history, nor find a way to live in peace alongside those who benefited from Balfour's historic promise.

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of mollycoddling.

It is this drama of separation that Abraham symbolically enacts in his relationship both to his father and to his two sons. In this world-transforming moment of the birth of the individual, God is teaching him the delicate art of making space, without which no true individuality can grow.

In the lovely words of Irish poet John O'Donohue our challenge is: "To bless the space between us."

Jews and instructed the Australian Embassy in Moscow to provide me with maximum assistance. The embassy was regarded as a haven for refuseniks despite the tension this created with the Soviet authorities.

New York Times Displays Double Standards on Gay, Jewish Identities



IRA STOLL
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A recent New York Times article was headlined "Classic Rock 'n' Roll and Its Gay Architects."

It extensively discusses Brian Epstein, who was the manager of the Beatles. It also mentions "Larry Parnes (who molded pre-Beatles British rockers including Tommy Steele and Billy Fury)." And "Americans including Nat Weiss (who oversaw the Beatles business interests and later managed James Taylor)...as well as music moguls including David Geffen and Clive Davis (who identifies as bisexual)."

The Times article also discusses "Jann Wenner, the co-founder of Rolling Stone," who is the subject of a new biography.

The story dwells on the gay identity of these individuals, but it totally ignores their Jewish identity or backgrounds. It's almost as if the Times can only see one dimension — as if the newspaper hasn't been brought up to speed about intersectionality.

It's not the first time in recent weeks that the newspaper has applied a double standard, treating gay identity one way and Jewish identity a different way. A September 28, 2017, Times art review by Holland Cotter wrote of an exhibit's goal being "to inject the disruptive power of not-normal back into the discussion of difference at a time when the edge of mainstream gayness has been dulled by the quest for assimilation."

The Times loves gay particularity. But it loathes Jewish particularity. A passage from a recent Times op-ed underscores that point. It was by Devorah Baum, a Britain-based academic who signed a petition of an organization that backs "targeted boycott, divestment and sanctions initiatives against Israeli and foreign organisations which

Australia was directly involved in efforts to rescind the infamous 1975 UN resolution that equated Zionism with racism. It also served as a crucial intermediary for Jewish leaders seeking to promote diplomatic relations between Israel and Asian countries.

The Jewish community can claim much of the credit for this.

In contrast to their American and European counterparts, Australian community leaders have not hesitated to confront their government on the rare occasions that they thought it was acting in a biased manner or applying double standards against Israel. The all-encompassing Zionist orientation of the bipartisan Jewish community is undoubtedly a major factor contributing to the pro-Israel orientation of the mainstream political parties.

However, there are now dark clouds emanating from sectors of the Australian Labor Party, whose former foreign minister — Bob Carr — has become a spokesman for extremist Arab causes and vitriolically lambastes the Jewish community for being extremely right-wing. He is supported by former Prime Minister Bob Hawke, who was once one of Israel's greatest supporters. The growing electoral power of more than 500,000

maintain, promote or profit from the illegal occupation." (Who else would the Times ask for an op-ed on a Jewish topic?)

Baum wrote, under the headline "We Are All Jew-Ish Now":

Not unlike Jews themselves, Bruce's definition of "Jewish" seems to have uprooted, wandered and dispersed. It no longer corresponds to anything fixed. It's not necessarily an identity. Better to call it a sensibility: the sensibility of whoever feels a bit unsure of who they are — a bit peculiar or out of place, a bit funny.

But isn't that now everyone's modern condition? While modernity promised Jews and other minorities that they could move from the margins to the center, it's the reverse that may have actually occurred. In the era



Beatles manager Brian Epstein. Photo: Wikipedia.

of radical globalization and the internet, it doesn't matter who you are — even if you're male, white, straight, middle-class — you're probably feeling that your group or identity has been, if not existentially threatened, then at the very least marginalized. These days we're all mobile and unsettled, even if we stay put. We're all hyper-connected but insecure. So you're liable now to be somewhat Jewish even if you do live in Butte, Mont.

If everyone is "Jew-Ish," than who needs actual Jews, or Judaism, or a Jewish state? If the Times ran an op-ed claiming that everyone "marginalized" or "a bit unsure of who they are" is gay, and therefore "we are all gay now," it would doubtless trigger a backlash fretting about cultural appropriation and edge-dulling. But when it comes to the Jews, alas, it's open season.

Muslims, especially concentrated in the Labor electorates, also strengthens these trends.

Yet, despite a growth of antisemitism and intensified anti-Israeli activity at Australian universities, overall, the public tends to support Israel. But there are legitimate concerns that if the current government is defeated by Labor in the next elections, the Arab lobby — which now has a powerful electoral influence within Labor and its left-wing allies — will pressure Australia to adjust its Israel policy in line with that of the hostile EU.

But the 18 months to the next election is a long time, and meanwhile, the Australia-Israel relationship has exceeded all expectations. Netanyahu's visit to Australia earlier this year was a resounding success and undoubtedly Turnbull's visit to Israel will further cement this relationship.

We warmly welcome the Australian prime minister and his entourage to Israel, and are confident that this will further strengthen the burgeoning economic, technological, defense and investment ties that bind our countries.

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of champions, but he adds:

Letting go — that is the essential paradox of parenthood. You care, you nurture, you sacrifice, and then you watch as the little ones fly into the great unknown, often shouting recriminations as they depart. You will experience the stomach clenching pain of separation, but you do so with a smile and a hug, aware that the desire to protect and love must never morph into the tyranny

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Beersheba*

On a personal note, two successive prime ministers from each of the two major parties directly intervened to enable me to assist Soviet

Impressions.

Time to Boycott Trader Joe's?

BY ELDER OF ZION

From the Trader Joe's website:

Science has proven that elephants have better memories than most of their wild animal counterparts, hence the saying, "An elephant never forgets..." With science as our guide, we can say with certainty that after sampling a trunk-ful, an elephant would



Bamba snacks for Trader Joe's. Photo: Trader Joe's.

truly never forget Trader Joe's Bamba Peanut Snacks.

Small and unassuming (much like peanuts themselves), Bamba Peanut Snacks are light, crunchy, and positively bursting with rich, peanut flavor. It's a snack unlike any other, and once you give them a try, even non-elephant types like yourself are sure to have Bamba on the brain,

Made for us in Israel, where Bamba is far and away the best-selling snack in the country, Trader Joe's Bamba Peanut Snacks contain just four, simple ingredients: corn grits, peanut paste, palm oil, and salt. First, the corn grits are "popped" under high pressure, turning them into long rope-like lines of white, puffed, unflavored "Bamba." Next, the Bamba is cut into peanut-sized nuggets and air-baked for 20 seconds in a drying chamber, which gives it an even crispier texture.

Finally, the Bamba is moved into large, rotating drums, where they are coated with hot, liquid peanut butter (made from peanut paste, palm oil, and salt). The resulting snack is crunchy, airy, peanutty and highly craveable — kind of like a cheese puff without the cheese.

Not only is Bamba tricky to find in general (most U.S. grocers don't carry the stuff), it's darn near impossible to find it at a price better than ours — because we're selling each 3.5-ounce bag of Trader Joe's Bamba Peanut Snacks for just 99 cents. That's practically peanuts! Pass the Bamba, please...

Bamba is manufactured by Osem.

Osem is targeted for boycotting by BDS.

So shouldn't they be boycotting Trader Joe's?

Why Do Zionists Celebrate Unfulfilled Promises?

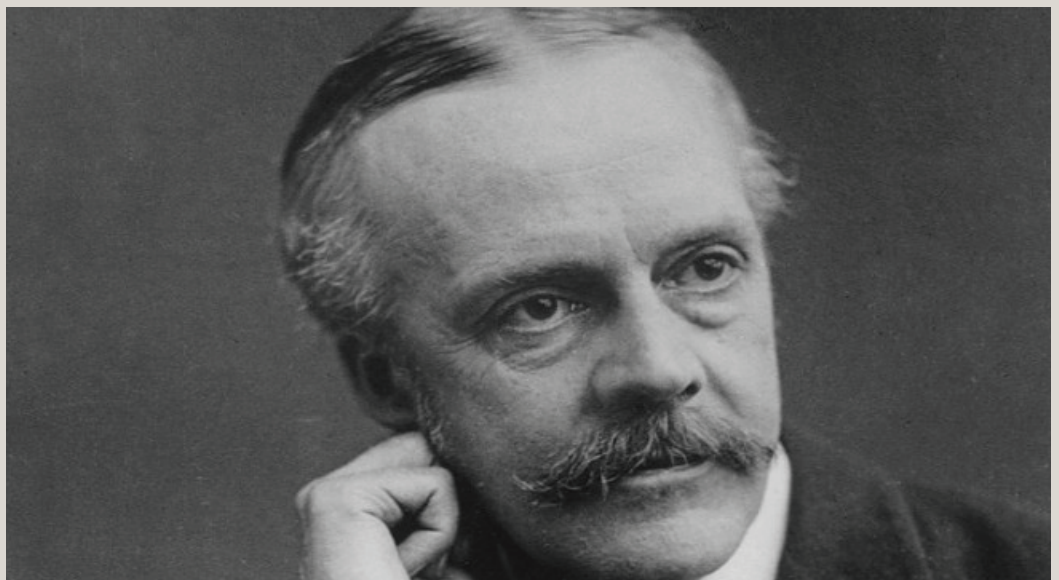
BY RAFAEL MEDOFF

In the coming weeks, numerous Jewish organizations and institutions will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration, and the 50th anniversary of the United Nations partition plan for Palestine.

Remarkably, however, the proposals that will be celebrated were just that — proposals. Neither of them actually was implemented, at least not in the

The UN proposed to create separate Jewish and Arab states in western Palestine. (The eastern 78% of the country already had been severed by the British many years earlier, and renamed Transjordan.) The Zionist leadership accepted the UN proposal, but both the Palestinian Arabs and neighboring Arab regimes rejected it.

As Arab armies mobilized and the Arab League's secretary-general vowed to carry out "a war of extermination and momentous massacre" of



Arthur Balfour. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

way that their authors intended.

The Balfour Declaration, issued in the form of a letter from the British foreign minister on November 2, 1917, endorsed "the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people" and pledged to "use [Great Britain's] best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object." Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann said that he "heard the steps of the Messiah" in Balfour's proclamation.

For a short time, the British Mandate authorities opened Palestine's doors to Jewish immigration, and permitted Jews to purchase land without restrictions. But when Palestinian Arabs began to riot, British policy began to change. Each new wave of Arab terrorism in the 1920s and 1930s resulted in new limits on the development of the Jewish national home.

The 1939 White Paper reduced Jewish immigration to a trickle, and the 1940 Land Transfer Regulations allowed unrestricted Jewish land purchases in just 5% of the country. At protest rallies throughout the country, the new regulations were compared to laws in Nazi Germany that likewise prohibited Jews from owning land.

Instead of "facilitating" Jewish statehood as Balfour had pledged, the British were now blocking it. If a Jewish state were to come into being, it would be despite British obstruction of the Balfour Declaration.

The plan adopted in 1947 by the United Nations likewise was never implemented.

the Jews, the UN stood idly by. Its member-states were not even willing to send soldiers to enforce partition.

So why all the celebrating next month?

Mostly because the two documents conveyed a certain legitimacy. The Balfour Declaration represented the endorsement of Jewish statehood by the world's greatest power. And the adoption of the partition plan by the UN General Assembly meant that the idea of a Jewish state was supported by the majority of the international community.

For a people who had been persecuted and relegated to national homelessness for close to 2,000 years, these developments offered the psychological comfort that Jewish isolation might soon be coming to an end.

But when it came to the Jewish people's most urgent practical need — a state of their own — the failure of both the British and the United Nations to implement what they promised illustrated the gap between rhetoric and reality.

In the end, the Jews would have to fight for what was theirs. They did fight, and they won. Next year's 70th anniversary of the establishment of Israel will therefore provide an opportunity to celebrate what was achieved, rather than merely what was promised.

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of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 3, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 16th Day of November, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 546 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. (Block: 1517, Lot: 117) Approximate amount of lien \$625,716.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501136/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: September 27, 2017
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff -against- GISELE CADET AKA GISELE NICHOLAS ADA GISELE NICOLAS CADET AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF THE ESTATE OF GERARD CADET; ETC..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated September 11, 2017 and entered on September 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on November 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 57th Street, distant 300 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 57th Street with the southerly side of Linden Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 30 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet. Block: 4682 Lot: 22 Said premises known as 116 EAST 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$621,435.76 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 7244/2011. AARON D. MASLOW, ESQ., Referee Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1201 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST 2006-3, Plaintiff -against- PETRONILLA HUNT, NEW YORK

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

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: UNTIL HELP ARRIVES,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/27/2017. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity
AJ; 10/13/20/27; 11/3/10/17

Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) MWC MusicalWorks LLC ARTICLES OF Organization filed with the Secretary of the State of New York on September 18, 2017 NY. Office location: Bronx County. Secretary of the State of New York has been designated as an agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him is C/O the LLC Michael William Caesar 626 East 240th Street Bronx, NY 10470 Purpose of LLC: To engage in any lawful act or activity.
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 7th STREET CAPITAL 285,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2017 Office location: Richmond County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta, LLC, 1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island NY 10314. purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: NR1A 7th STREET CAPITAL Manager, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/28/2017 Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to: Gabor & Marotta, LLC,

1878 Victory Blvd., Staten Island NY 10314. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/20/27; 11/3/10/17/24

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Alishea Lambert; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 259 Sumpter Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 1520 Lot 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$857,250.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511289/2015. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835

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Dated: September 28, 2017 49002 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-03, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST CARLAN MURRAY, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 05, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 30, 2017 at 2:30PM, premises known as 713 JEROME STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207-7509. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4333, LOT 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$811,502.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501179/2015. SHMUEL DUVID TAUB, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 49333
AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Acceptance Corp., CSFB Mortgage Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2004-7, Plaintiff -against- Sammy Esses, Molly Esses, Citibank, N.A., New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, United States of America - Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 25, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1405E 7th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230-5712. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough

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Tradition.

The Space Between Us



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The stories told in Bereishit chapters 21 and 22 – the sending away of Ishmael and the binding of Isaac – are among the hardest to understand in the whole of Tanakh. Both involve actions that strike us as almost unbearably harsh. But the difficulties they present go deeper even than that.

Recall that Abraham was chosen “so that he would instruct his children and his household after

Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” These words inevitably remind us of God’s first summons: “Go forth [lekh lekha] from your land, your birthplace and your father’s house” (Gen. 12:1). These are the only two places in which this phrase occurs in the Torah. Abraham’s last trial echoed his first.

But note that the first trial meant that *Abraham had to abandon his father, thereby looking as if he were neglecting his duties as a son*. So, whether as a father to his sons or as a son to his father, Abraham was commanded to act in ways that seem the exact opposite of what we would expect



him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just.” *He was chosen to be a father*. The first two letters of his name, *Av*, mean just that. *Avram* means “a mighty father.” *Avraham*, says the Torah, means “a father of many nations.”

Abraham was chosen to be a parental role model. But how can a man who banished his son Ishmael, sending him off with his mother Hagar into the desert, where they nearly died, be thought of as an exemplary father? And how could a man who was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac be a model for future generations?

These are not questions about Abraham. They are questions about the will of God. For it was not Abraham who wanted to send Ishmael away. To the contrary, it “distressed Abraham greatly,” because Ishmael was his son (Gen. 21:11). It was God who told him to listen to Sarah and send the child away.

Nor was it Abraham who wanted to sacrifice Isaac. It was God who told him to do so, referring to Isaac as “your son, your only one, the one you love” (Gen. 22:2). Abraham was acting on both occasions against his emotions, his paternal instincts. What is the Torah telling us about the nature of fatherhood? It seems very difficult indeed to draw a positive message from these events.

There is an even deeper problem, and it is hinted at in the words God spoke to Abraham in summoning him to the binding of his son: “Take your son, your only son, the one you love—Isaac—and go [lekh lekha] to the region of

and how we should behave.

This is too strange to be accidental. There is a mystery here to be decoded.

The barrier to our understanding of these events lies in the sheer abyss of time between then and now. Abraham, as the pioneer of a new kind of faith and way of life, was instituting a new form of relationship between the generations. Essentially, what we are seeing in these events is the birth of the individual.

In ancient times, and in antiquity in Greece and Rome, the basic social unit was not the individual but the family. Religious rituals were performed around the fire in the family hearth, with the father serving as priest, offering sacrifices, libations and incantations to the spirits of dead ancestors. The power of the father was absolute. Wives and children had no rights and no independent legal personalities. They were mere property and could be killed by the head of the household at will. Each family had its own gods, and the father was the sole intermediary with the ancestral spirits, whom he would one day join. There were no individuals in the modern sense. There were only families, under the absolute rule of its male head.

The Torah was a radical break with this entire mindset. The anthropologist Mary Douglas points out that the Torah was unique in the ancient world in making no provision for sacrifices to dead ancestors, and forbidding the attempt to communicate with the spirits of the dead.

Monotheism was more than simply the belief in one God. Because each human was in His image, and because each could be in direct relationship with Him, the individual was suddenly given significance – not just fathers but also mothers, and not just parents but also children. No longer were they fused into a single unit, with a single controlling will. They were each to become persons in their own right, with their own identity and integrity.

Such changes do not happen overnight, and they do not happen without wrenching dislocations. That is what is happening at both ends of the Abraham story. At the beginning of his mission, Abraham was told to separate himself from his father, and towards the end he was told to separate himself, in different ways, from each of his two sons. These painful episodes represent the agonising birth-pangs of a new way of thinking about humanity.

First separate, then connect. That seems to be the Jewish way. That is how God created the universe, by first separating domains – day and night, upper and lower waters, sea and dry land – then allowing them to be filled. And that is how we create real personal relationships. By separating and leaving space for the other. Parents should not seek to control children. Spouses should not seek to control one another. It is the carefully calibrated distance between us in which relationship allows each party to grow.

In his recent book on sporting heroes, *The Greatest*, Matthew Syed notes how important the encouragement of parents is to the making

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of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 6570 Lot: 81 Approximate amount of lien \$733,640.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507879/2013 Dominick J. Famulari, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 69027 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

File No.: 2016-1269/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Patricia Berry, Anna Mae Cohen, Joann Baker, Bradley H. Dichter, Steven R. Dichter, Lance E. Dichter, Burton Kopito, Sondra Shatsky, Jeffrey Kopito, Howard Levine, Vincent Antonacchio, Frances Antonacchio, Gerard McGann, Carol McGann, Henry Stern, The Queens Library Foundation, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Michael Davidowitz, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Michael Davidowitz,

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deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 77-11 35th Avenue, 5L, Jackson Heights, NY 11372, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Michael Davidowitz, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate’s Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 14th day of December, 2017 at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$20,194.57 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 19th day of October, 2017 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff -against- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP, CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY

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CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 20, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on November 30, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 66757 AJ; 10/27; 11/3/10/17

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

Application for Authority of Exocode LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/12/17. Formed in DE 4/6/17. Office loc.: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to is 620 Wilson Ave., #101, Brooklyn, NY 11207. The office address required to be maintained in DE is 203 NE Front St., Ste. 101, Milford, DE 19963. Cert. of formation filed with Jeffrey W. Bullock, DE Secy. of State, Div. of Corporations, PO Box 898, Dover, DE 19903. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 11/3/10/17/24;12/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LNV Corporation, Plaintiff -against- Vincenzo Stanzone a/k/a Vincent Stanzone, FJC, Captial One Bank (USA), N.A., City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Mrs. Stanzone, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on December 7, 2017 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2371 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 8448 Lot: 12 Approximate amount of lien \$496,432.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507445/2013 Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 27, 2017 FILE #: DOVEN 63793 AJ; 11/3/10/17/24;

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Gal Gadot. Photo: Instagram.

Israeli Star Gal Gadot Reveals She Almost Quit Acting Before Getting 'Wonder Woman' Role

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Israeli actress Gal Gadot nearly gave up on her acting career to stay in Israel with her family after continuously facing rejection from casting directors, she admitted in the December issue of *British Glamour*.

Gadot said that before she landed the lead role in "Wonder Woman," she had considered never returning to Los Angeles to search for acting gigs. She told the magazine, "[I thought I'd] stay in Israel, work as an actress here and there, go back to university and do something else. Because there had been so many 'no's.'"

She added, "You go to the audition and you have a callback, then another callback and then a camera set-up, and people are telling you your life will change if you get this part. And then you don't get it. I reached a place where I didn't want to do that anymore."

The 32-year-old mother-of-two also noted that her husband — real estate developer Yaron Versano — has a lot of business in Israel, so the idea of moving her family to Los Angeles for her to find a job put "a lot of pressure" on her.

Her doubt in her ability to perform as an actress was already taking over when she got the call about "Wonder Woman." She told *Glamour*, "I was like, 'Why am I doing this?' Hearing no, over and over, I was thinking, 'What am I good for?' And that's when I got *Wonder Woman*."

Gadot said if she had not been an actress she likely would have gone on to practice law, but she told *Glamour* she was "happy it didn't work out."

"You convince yourself to do these things," she said. "I'll be a lawyer so I can make peace and people will be able to reach agreements.' Whereas, in real life, lawyers deal with conflict non-stop. Conflicts are not good for



me. I'm all about harmony and Zen. I would be the sh-ttiest lawyer."

The December issue of *British Glamour* will be out on Monday, Oct. 30.

'I Feel Closer to My Religion,' American-Jewish Actor Paul Rudd Says

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

American-Jewish actor Paul Rudd recently learned about the antisemitism his grandfather experienced in England following World War II.

Rudd discovered facts about his family while taping an upcoming episode of the PBS series "Finding Your Roots." In a promo video released this week for the segment, which will air on Tuesday, the show's host — historian Henry Louis Gates, Jr. — presented the 48-year-old actor with a Jewish Telegraphic Agency news brief that was published on Jan. 12, 1947.



Paul Rudd on "Finding Your Roots." Photo: Screenshot.

The clipping was about synagogues in London that received threats by telephone "warning that the structures would be either blown up or burnt down."

The brief continued, "One of the new fascist groups — Union for British Freedom — held a meeting this week at Edgware, at which Victor Burgess, who was detained during the war as a 'dangerous person,' suggested that four British Jews should be flogged publicly."

Rudd's grandfather, David Rudnitsky, served five years in the British military during World War II and then returned home to London only to face antisemitism from neighborhood fascist groups.

"Now think about your grandfather," Gates told Rudd in the promo clip. "He had served in World War II to fight fascism and he comes home to fascism. Can you imagine?"

Rudd replied, "I mean, it must have been awful."

JTA reported that, in the episode, Rudd also learned some other details about his grandfather, who changed his last name to Rudd hoping that it would boost his chances of finding a job. The actor says that according to his family's knowledge, David found work after the name change at a kosher butcher. Rudd also said that he grew up without a strong connection to Judaism and his family moved frequently during his adolescent to places where there were not many Jews. Still, he told Gates, he used to be called "Jewboy" at school.

Rudd also stated that hearing about his Jewish relatives made him "feel closer to them and closer to my religion."

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