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New York Charges Times Square Bomb Suspect With Terrorism



A New York City Police (NYPD) officer stands in the subway corridor, near the site of an attempted detonation Dec. 12, 2017. Photo: Reuters / Brendan McDermid.

**BY REUTERS &
ALGEMEINER STAFF**

New York officials on Tuesday said they charged a Bangladeshi man with terrorism, accusing him of setting off a pipe bomb a day earlier in a crowded Manhattan commuter hub, as investigators in his home country questioned his wife.

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of a weapon, supporting an act of terrorism, and making a terroristic threat under New York state law, the New York Police Department said, adding US authorities may also bring federal charges.

Investigators in Bangladesh were questioning Ullah's wife, according to two officials who declined to be identified as they were not permitted to discuss the matter publicly. They did not provide details on the questioning,

but said the couple have a six-month-old baby boy.

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Hundreds of Thousands in Israel Mourn Death of Prominent 104-Year-Old Ultra Orthodox Rabbi

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Hundreds of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Jews crammed into the streets of a Tel Aviv suburb on Tuesday to mourn a 104-year-old rabbi who had significantly influenced a succession of Israeli coalition governments.



The funeral ceremony of Rabbi Aharon Yehuda Leib Shteinman in Bnei Brak, Dec. 12, 2017. Photo: Reuters / Baz Ratner.

Rabbi Aharon Yehuda Leib Shteinman led a council of sages that controlled the small Degel Hatorah lawmakers' faction, part of the United Torah Judaism party, which has often held the balance of power in Israel.

In particular, Shteinman broke with tradition by giving tacit consent to the enlistment of religious soldiers in the first ultra-Orthodox unit set up by the Israeli military.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose government includes ultra-Orthodox political parties, said the

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Opinion.

Jews Shouldn't Befriend Qatar

STEPHEN M. FLATOW/
JNS.ORG

In a stinging rebuke to those who claim that Qatar is becoming “moderate,” a senior Qatari cabinet minister last week visited and embraced the leaders of the most anti-Israel, terror-sponsoring country on earth — Iran.

Qatar's minister of the economy, Sheikh Ahmed bin Jassim Al-Thani, visited Tehran in order to seek a huge expansion of Qatari-Iranian trade. According to Forbes, Al-Thani met with Iran's foreign minister and industry minister in the hope of increasing trade from the current \$1 billion annually to a whopping \$5 billion annually. This follows Qatar's recent decision to restore full diplomatic relations with Iran, following a nearly two year suspension.

All of this leaves a handful of American Jewish leaders with a bit of egg on their faces.

Earlier this year, Qatar hired a Jewish-owned public relations firm in Washington to improve Qatar's image in the United States. Soon afterward, officials of a few Jewish groups met privately with Qatari officials; some of them even visited the Gulf kingdom.

There were some rumors — perhaps spread by Qatar's Jewish friends — that the Jewish contacts with Qatar were secretly approved by the Israeli government. But

Israel's ambassador to the United States, Ron Dermer, specifically told Forbes that Israel has not approved them.

In a lead editorial, The Jerusalem Post last week challenged the claim by one Jewish official that he was secretly negotiating with Qatar to get Hamas to hand over the bodies of two deceased Israeli soldiers. If Qatar wants Hamas to hand them over, it does not need to meet with American Jews to do so. Hamas' top leaders, Khaled Mashaal and Yusuf al-Qaradawi, are living right there in Qatar's capital, Doha.

That's the same al-Qaradawi who has publicly praised Hitler, and prayed for Allah to help him finish the job.

“Oh Allah,” al-Qaradawi declared in one sermon broadcast on Al Jazeera, “take this oppressive, Jewish, Zionist band of people ... count their numbers and kill them, down to the very last one!”

The Jerusalem Post editorial asked: “Given that Qatar openly supports Hamas in its declared goal of Israel's destruction, could Qatar be using American Jews to whitewash itself? ... Is Qatar playing them?”

The Post pointed out that Al Jazeera, the viciously anti-Israel television network, is an arm of the Qatari government; Qatar “has pledged more than \$1 billion to Hamas's declared campaign for Israel's destruction and offers refuge to its top leaders,” and “Qatar is Hamas's ally and single largest donor, paying out hundreds of millions of so far.”

A regime that harbors terrorists who vow to kill all Jews should not be considered an

President Donald Trump meets with the emir of Qatar in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, May 2017.
Photo: White House / Shealah Craighead.

appropriate partner for negotiations, visits or any contacts with American Jewish leaders. Otherwise, those Jews risk being “used to whitewash the crimes of terrorism and antisemitism,” as the Post puts it.

One Jewish official recently wrote: “Maybe by engaging the Qataris, Jewish leaders can help lead the world's richest country from the dark side to the light.” Historical experience suggests that it is more likely to be the other way around.

Those who lower themselves into the swamp of terror-supporting dictators might find themselves sinking deeper and deeper into the muck of moral compromise, as they make one excuse after another for a regime whose behavior is inexcusable.

Fortunately, members of Congress from both parties are speaking out against Qatar.

In a recent letter to Trump administration officials, a bipartisan group of lawmakers expressed their “deep concern” that Doha continues to serve as “a sanctuary to Hamas terrorist officials.” The House of Representatives also recently adopted a resolution condemning Qatar for providing “significant financial and military support” to Hamas.

Congress and The Jerusalem Post are right.

It's not a morally complicated issue. It's clear-cut. Governments that sponsor murderers of Jews should not be rewarded. Meetings with Jewish officials, visits by Jews to Qatar, articles by Jews claiming that Qatar might be changing — these are rewards for a regime that is desperate to improve its image. Qatar does not deserve such rewards.

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New York Times Finally Shows Some Improvement in Anti-Israel Bias

IRA STOLL
BOSTON

The New York Times is gradually improving.

That's the happiest face to put on the slight improvement in how the newspaper's editorial and op-ed page greeted President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, compared with how it treated Trump's decision on the Iran nuclear deal.

Back in October, the Times published seven editorial or opinion pieces in favor of Trump keeping the deal, and just two opposing it, a tally that I described at the time as “lopsided,” and an “unprecedented Times onslaught of cheerleading for the Iran nuclear deal.”

It sure looks like the Times took that criticism to heart and has made a real effort to provide more balanced coverage. This time around, on the Jerusalem decision, the Times also published two articles representing what might be called a pro-Israel perspective. And instead of seven articles on the other side, the Times has published (at least as of this writing), a mere six.

Got that? Instead of seven anti-Israel op-eds or editorials for each two pro-Israel pieces published, the Times has slightly ratcheted back its bias, so that there's only a six to two ratio of disparity. Time for celebration in the pro-Israel media advocacy community!

It's almost as if the argument for continuing to pretend, contrary to reality, that Jerusalem is not Israel's capital is so weak that the Times feels the need to repeat it over and over again, as if sheer volume of words will compensate for lack of logic.

In case you were fortunate enough to miss any of the articles, here is a roster:

The cascade of commentary aimed at denying Israel its capital began with a Times staff editorial dated December 5. The online version of that editorial now carries a correction. Uncorrected, however, is the Times contention that Trump's decision “Almost certainly will make an agreement harder to reach by inflaming doubts about America's honesty and fairness as a broker in negotiations, raising new tension in the region and perhaps inciting violence.”

On December 6, under the headline “Trump, Israel, and the Art of the Giveaway,” the Times published an op-ed by Thomas Friedman attacking Trump's decision. “He feels the need to keep feeding his base by fulfilling crude, ill-conceived promises he threw out to them during the campaign,” Friedman wrote. “Today, again, he put another one of those promises ahead of United States' national interest.”

On December 7, the Times published a piece by an executive committee member of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Hanan Ashrawi, headlined, “Trump Is Making a Huge Mistake on Jerusalem.” It claimed, “Mr. Trump is giving Israel a free hand to accelerate its policies of creeping annexation of

the occupied Palestinian territories and its deliberate attempts to erase the Palestinians' historical, political, cultural and demographic presence in historic Palestine.”

Also on December 7, the Times published a piece by a former Obama administration official, Steven Simon. That article criticized what it called Trump's “ill-timed plan to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Such recognition limited to West Jerusalem might make sense to clinch Israel's buy-in at the endgame of a negotiation, but not at the very outset, when an ill-defined pledge will antagonize Palestinians and most likely inflame the Arab world.”

On December 8, Times columnist Roger Cohen announced what he described as a “more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger reaction to Trump's announcement.”

On December 9, under the headline, “Our Dashed Hopes For Jerusalem,” the Times published a piece by Raja Shehadeh, the author of “Where the Line Is Drawn: A Tale of Crossings, Friendships and Fifty Years of Occupation in Israel-Palestine.” Shehadeh described “feeling dismayed that Washington's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital was made with no consideration of the discrimination and underdevelopment of the past 50 years designed to drive Palestinians out of the city. The United States not only has confirmed its bias in favor of Israel but also has given approval to the kind of relations between Israel and Palestine that cannot possibly be the basis for peace and coexistence.”

Against those six articles — more than

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World News.

Top Hezbollah Leader Boasts of New Military Skills Acquired Defending Assad

BY BEN COHEN

The second-in-command of Hezbollah, Iran's Shia proxy in Lebanon, has told an audience in Tehran that the terrorist organization vastly improved its military and fighting capabilities during its defense of President Bashar al-Assad's regime in Syria in recent years.

Speaking with students at the Imam Sadegh University in Tehran on Sunday, Hezbollah deputy secretary-general Naim Qassem said that before engaging in the fighting alongside Iranian troops to rescue Assad's crumbling rule, Hezbollah fighters only knew how to use "weapons like machine guns and missiles but did not have heavy weapons and equipment like tanks."

Qassem underlined that Hezbollah had now "gained more experience" as a result of the fighting in Syria. "When we went to Syria, we learnt how to fight in the desert and we also learnt urban warfare and how to liberate cities, one house and one street at a time," Qassem said, in remarks reported by Iranian official news agencies. "We became skilled in driving tanks and using all types of missiles."

Qassem — who answers directly to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah — also ridiculed the idea that Hezbollah forces in Lebanon would ever disarm, in a speech to a separate "International Islamic Unity" conference in the Iranian capital.

"America and Israel and their allies speak of disarmament because Hezbollah has been successful in defeating Israel in Lebanon," Qassem declared. "Lebanon's resistance was also able to effectively fight against Takfiri (ISIS) terrorism, so nobody talks about disar-

mament of Hezbollah in the current situation."

Hezbollah's complete disarmament is regarded by the United Nations Security Council as a critical step toward creating peace in Lebanon. Resolution 1701 — adopted in August 2006 at the end of the 34-day Second Lebanon War — mandates "the disarmament of all armed groups in Lebanon, so that... there will be no weapons or authority in Lebanon other than that of the Lebanese State."

Described by Western military experts in a recent report as the world's "most powerful" terrorist organization, Hezbollah has significantly built up its arsenal in the subsequent decade, and now possesses over 100,000 missiles, according to Israeli intelligence estimates. Last month, Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri accused Iran and Hezbollah of plotting his assassination and destabilizing the country.



Hezbollah deputy leader Naim Qassem alongside top Iranian regime adviser Ali Akbar Velayati at a conference in Beirut in 2016. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher.

them, the newspaper looks as if it's trying to serve an audience that denies Israel's capital, and as if it is using Stephens and Rosner to cloak its anti-Israel coverage with a veneer of respectability. I suppose six to two is modestly better than the seven to two tilt on the Iran deal, at least until or unless the Times chooses to publish one more anti-Israel piece on Jerusalem in addition to the six it already has published. Some improvement.

several hundred thousand people gathered for the funeral procession, dressed in traditional black ultra-Orthodox garb.

Shteinman, born in what is now Belarus, had led his community of Lithuanian-rooted ultra-Orthodox Jews since 2012.

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"We have found his wife and in-laws in Dhaka. We are interviewing them," one of the police officials told *Reuters*.

New York police say Ullah set off a pipe bomb in an underground corridor of the subway system that connects Times Square to the Port Authority Bus Terminal at rush hour on Monday morning, injuring himself and three others.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio called it an attempted terrorist attack, and US officials said it appeared to be a rare, if not unprecedented attempt, at a suicide bombing on US soil.

Ullah survived with burns and lacerations

Hamas Threatens to Make Israel 'Pay a Price,' Amid Latest Gaza Flare-Up



Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip, January 2017. Photo: Abed Rahim Khatib / Flash90.

BY JNS.ORG

The IDF struck several of the Hamas terror group's positions in the northern Gaza Strip on Monday night, after several rockets were launched from the territory at the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon.

The IDF tweeted that it "holds the Hamas terror organization accountable for this hostile act originating in the Gaza Strip."

Following the retaliatory Israeli strikes, Hamas warned that "the enemy must be afraid and know it will pay a price for breaking the rules of engagement with the Gaza resistance."

"The coming days will prove the enormity of the enemy's mistake and miscalculation as to the resistance's willpower," the Gaza-ruling terror group threatened.

The rockets from Gaza were fired over

Ashkelon around midnight and set off Code Red sirens in the city as well as in several other Israeli communities in the vicinity of Gaza, including Berekhya, Hodaya, Mash'en, Nir Yisrael, Beit Shikma, Bat Hadar, Ge'a, Zikim, Karmia, and Yad Mordechai.

One of the rockets was intercepted by the Israel's Iron Dome aerial defense system. Explosions were heard in the area, but no injuries or damage were reported.

Monday night's rocket fire from Gaza followed a similar incident early Monday morning in which a rocket fired from the territory exploded in an open area of the Eshkol Regional Council.

Last week, Hamas called for a violent uprising in response to US President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

tions and was taken to hospital in police custody. The three bystanders sustained minor injuries.

The NYPD and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were conducting the investigation in conjunction with other agencies through the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and were asking the public for any information about the suspect.

Authorities in Bangladesh began to track down Ullah's family soon after news of the attack broke and they first found a cousin, said a third official, Mahiuddin Mahmud.

"We learned from his cousin that he had a wife and a baby in Bangladesh," Mahmud said.

The cousin, Emdad Ullah, told *Reuters* that Ullah and his family originally lived in the Chittagong region in southern Bangladesh, but had moved to the capital, Dhaka, years ago.

Ullah married a Bangladeshi woman about two years ago and she lived in Dhaka, the cousin said, adding that he was educated in Bangladesh before he moved to the United States.

Bangladesh's police chief had told *Reuters* on Monday that Ullah had no criminal record in his home country, which he last visited in September.

Ullah lived with his mother, sister and two brothers in Brooklyn and was a green card holder, said Shameem Ahsan, consul general of Bangladesh in New York.

A US enforcement official familiar with the investigation into Monday's attack said officers had found evidence that Ullah had watched Islamic State propaganda on the internet.

Immigration reform

Bangladesh strongly condemned the attack.

"A terrorist is a terrorist irrespective of his or her ethnicity or religion, and must be brought to justice," the government said in a statement.

President Donald Trump on Monday said the attack emphasized the need for US immigration reforms.

"America must fix its lax immigration system, which allows far too many dangerous, inadequately vetted people to access our country," he said in a statement.

The president also criticized the visa program that allowed Ullah to enter the United States in 2011 because he had family members already in the country, saying such family visas are "incompatible with national security."

H.T. Imam, a political adviser to Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, said he believed the attack would have no "negative impact" on relations with the United States.

"The US government is well informed about the Bangladesh government's attitude regarding terror activities," Imam said.

The US Supreme Court last week handed a victory to Trump by allowing his latest travel ban, targeting people from six Muslim-majority countries, to go into full effect even as legal challenges continued in lower courts.

The ban covers people from Chad, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Syria and Yemen seeking to enter the United States. Trump has said the travel ban is needed to protect the United States from terrorism by Islamist militants.

Bangladesh is not among the countries impacted by the ban.

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one a day — the Times deemed fit to print only two on the other side of the issue. One was by Bret Stephens, and the other was by Shmuel Rosner. They were both fine, but pro-Israel Times readers have a right to wonder — where are the other four pieces in favor of Jerusalem as Israel's capital that the newspaper would have to print to achieve even a 50-50 balance on the issue? Without

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Rabbi

Jewish people had "lost a central beacon of spirit, heritage and morality."

Special buses and trains ferried mourners to Bnei Brak, a religious town on the outskirts of Tel Aviv. Police estimated that

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World News.



The Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron. Photo: Sarah Junik

Israel Arrests Would-Be Palestinian Terrorist at Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron

BY JNS.ORG

A 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist was arrested by the Israeli Border Police on Tuesday in possession of a knife at the entrance to Hebron's Cave of the Patriarchs — one of the holiest sites in Judaism — in the fourth such incident since early November.

After the terrorist attempted to enter the holy site through a security checkpoint, police discovered that he was concealing a box cutter and detained him for further questioning.

On Nov. 27, a 16-year-old Palestinian

terrorist was arrested outside the Cave of the Patriarchs in possession of a knife. Days before that incident, a 17-year-old Palestinian terrorist attempted to enter the site with a knife hidden in his shirt. A similar incident occurred on Nov. 9.

The latest instance of attempted terrorism at the Cave of the Patriarchs came after a Palestinian terrorist stabbed an Israeli security guard in the heart at the entrance to the Jerusalem Central Bus Station on Sunday. The terrorist was apprehended, while the security guard remains in serious condition.

German Chancellor Leads Condemnation of Antisemitic Outrages in Wake of US Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday condemned the angry antisemitic demonstrations that broke out in various cities in her country in recent days following President Donald Trump's announcement of US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Merkel spoke out in the wake of widespread shock in Germany over the brazenly antisemitic character of the string of incidents, which also took place in other major cities around the world.

"On Friday, we saw severe disturbances with the burning of Israeli flags and Stars of David," Merkel said.

The chancellor said that her ruling CDU Party "condemns these violations of the rule of law. We condemn all kinds of anti-Semitism and xenophobia, and no disagreements, not even over the status of Jerusalem, justify such actions. The government must fight all such incidents with full force."

Merkel's comments followed an earlier comment by a government spokesman who spoke of feeling "ashamed" by the anti-Israel rallies.

"At certain rallies over the weekend, slogans were chanted, Israeli flags were burned and slander against the State of Israel and Jews in general were spread which were

shameful," Steffen Seibert said on Monday. "One has to be ashamed when hatred of Jews is put on display so openly on the streets of German cities."

Meanwhile, in Canada, B'nai Brith condemned demonstrations in Vancouver on Friday and Saturday, where it said "children were encouraged to chant terrorist slogans and protestors stole and destroyed Israeli flags."

"This is merely the latest in a worrying string of antisemitic incidents in Vancouver in recent months," said Michael Mostyn, chief executive officer of B'nai Brith Canada. "It is simply unacceptable for pro-Israel Canadians to be physically intimidated while pro-Palestinian protesters call for violence and martyrdom."

According to local broadcaster News 1130, one of the organizers of Saturday's protest was local imam Tarek Ramadan. In November, B'nai Brith filed a police complaint against Ramadan after he urged his congregants in a sermon to wage "jihad" against Israel and send "money, weapons and expertise" to Palestinians.

"It was a very threatening and antisemitic atmosphere," said Jake Reznik, a Jewish student at the University of British Columbia who arrived at the protest carrying an Israeli flag. "We came to peacefully share our viewpoint, but they grabbed our flag right out of my friend's

Guatemalan Lawmakers Ask Their President to Move Embassy to Jerusalem

BY JNS.ORG

Ten representatives from the Guatemalan Congress sent a letter to President Jimmy Morales last Friday asking him to relocate the country's embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The letter was also delivered to MK Haim Jelin (Yesh Atid), who along with MK Yifat Shasha-Biton (Kulanu) visited Guatemala last week as part of an Israeli legislative delegation to the Central American country.

The Guatemalan lawmakers' letter followed a report in the Spanish-language Aurora Digital website on Sunday that Guatemala's Integration Director Sandra Hovel had expressed the country's support for President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Speaking at a meeting of Latin American foreign ministers, Hovel called Guatemala "an ally of the State of Israel."



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (right) meets with Guatemalan President Jimmy Morales, Nov. 29, 2016. Photo: Haim Zach / GPO.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hosted Morales in Jerusalem last year. He told the Guatemalan president at the time, "Latin America has always been friendly to Israel, but I think we're at a position where these relationships can be far, far, far advanced."

Palestinians Pushing UN Security Council to Reverse US Recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

BY JNS.ORG

The Palestinians are pushing the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to demand that the US reverse its recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

At an emergency session of the UNSC on Friday convened by eight of the council's 15 members, 14 member states condemned the US move.

"We are satisfied that there are 14 countries in the Security Council that are defending international law, defending Security Council resolutions as they relate to Jerusalem and rejecting the unilateral, illegal decisions by President [Donald] Trump two days ago," said Palestinian Ambassador to the UN Riyad Mansour.

Due to US being one of five permanent members of the UNSC, the passage of a resolution on the matter is unlikely.

hands and then ripped it to shreds. They clearly weren't interested in peace."

Similar scenes were also witnessed outside the US Embassy in London on Friday, where demonstrators chanted an Islamist antisemitic slogan that mocks the Jewish tribes of Arabia for having been defeated by the Prophet Muhammad's army at the Battle of Khaybar in 628 CE.

"The 'Khaybar, Khaybar' chant heard and documented at Friday's protest outside the US Embassy in London can only be interpreted as a call to incite violence against Jewish people," a statement from the Board of Deputies of British Jews noted. "It is outrageous that these protesters thought that such a chant would be acceptable on the streets of London in 2017. That this comes in the context of a firebombing of a synagogue in Sweden and an attack on a kosher restaurant in Amsterdam only increases our concern. These acts are not

US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley defended the recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, stating that America remains a credible peace partner in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She blamed the world body for being the real obstacle to peace.

"The United States has credibility with both sides. Israel will never be, and should never be, bullied into an agreement by the United Nations, or by any collection of countries that have proven their disregard for Israel's security," Haley said.

The US ambassador added that the UN has done "much more to damage the prospects for Middle East peace than to advance them."

The US position on Jerusalem has put it at odds with the four other permanent members of the Security Council — Russia, China, the UK and France — who have all condemned Trump's Jerusalem moves.

criticisms of a decision by the US government but demonstrations of antisemitism."



Demonstrators in Berlin brandish Turkish and Palestinian flags. Photo: Screenshot.

U.S. News.

White House: Palestinians 'Walking Away' From Peace Talks by Snubbing Pence

BY JNS.ORG

The Trump administration said Sunday that the Palestinian Authority (PA) is "walking away" from peace talks after PA President Mahmoud Abbas declined to meet with Vice President Mike Pence during his upcoming Middle East visit this month.

"It's unfortunate that the Palestinian Authority is walking away again from an opportunity to discuss the future of the region," stated Jarrod Agen, Pence's deputy chief of staff.

The Trump administration "remains undeterred in its efforts to help achieve peace between Israelis and Palestinians and our peace team remains hard at work putting together a plan," Agen said.

The PA's move came in response to President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital as well as his expression of plans to move the US embassy to that city.

Abbas's meeting with Pence was cancelled "because the US has crossed red lines" on Jerusalem, Abbas's diplomatic adviser Majdi Khalidi said last Saturday.

In his announcement of the US policy changes last week, Trump emphasized that he was not defining the borders of Jerusalem nor altering the status quo at the city's holy sites.

During his visit to the region, Pence will



US Vice President Mike Pence. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons.

meet with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem and with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi in Cairo.

Advocates Call for Action Against UN Official Who Headlined Anti-Israel Event at University of Toronto

BY SHIRI MOSHE

Advocacy groups are urging action against a United Nations official who headlined an event organized by an anti-Israel group at the University of Toronto (UT) last month.

Michael Lynk — special rapporteur for human rights in the occupied Palestinian territory — was the featured lecturer at a November 29th event cosponsored by Canadian Friends of Sabeel and Emmanuel College, UT's theological school.

According to the Jewish human rights group B'nai Brith Canada, "attendees at the event were required to pay for tickets, with the proceeds earmarked for Sabeel's operations."

Sabeel is a leading proponent of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, with its work largely focused on Christian congregations in North America and Europe. The group peddles a Palestinian variation of "liberation theology," which rejects a Zionist interpretation of the Christian Bible, and has accused Israel of operating a "crucifixion system" against Palestinians.

Lynk in turn is charged by the UN with investigating "Israel's violations of the principles and bases of international law" — a mandate criticized for both presupposing Israeli guilt and failing to address potential abuses committed by Palestinian factions. A law professor at Western University in London, Lynk has previously endorsed boycotts of Israel and was described before his appointment as "an ardent anti-Israeli activist" who "plays a leadership role in groups that advocate against Israel" by the monitoring group UN Watch.

"By headlining a fundraiser for an extremist group that seeks to boycott Israel, Rapporteur Lynk breached the UN Code of Conduct," charged UN Watch chief Hillel Neuer. "He promoted a group that targets the same state he is investigating, thereby violating his duty of impartiality, as well as the prohibition against using his office for third party gain."


"Rapporteur Lynk must step down from his position or be removed," said Michael Mostyn, CEO of B'nai Brith Canada, who shared his concerns in letters sent to United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland.

"It is now obvious that he sees himself as an advocate, rather than the unbiased expert this position requires," Mostyn added.

Adam Austen, a spokesperson for Freeland, told The Algemeiner on Monday that "the Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories is an independent appointment of the United Nations Human Rights Council."

"Canada closely follows the work of the Special Rapporteur," Austen added, "and as is always the case, we expect that the highest standards of impartiality be applied."

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Opinion.

The Mysterious Motivation of Jewish Leaders Who Visit Hamas' Funders in Qatar



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

The Al Jazeera network, founded and owned by Qatar, has featured some of the most grotesque antisemitism ever aired on television. For example, they famously televised the talks of arch Jew-hater Sheikh Yousef al-Qaradawi, a leading figure in the Muslim Brotherhood movement.

In one sermon, obtained by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), al-Qaradawi claimed that the Holocaust was divine punishment of the Jews, adding that "next time, God willing, it will be at the hands of the believers" — his way of beseeching Muslims to engage in a genocide of the Jews.

Another segment on Al Jazeera, also discovered by MEMRI, was a birthday party put on by the network for a terrorist who brutally murdered a four-year-old Jewish girl by smashing her head against the rocks of Nahariya's coast. As one might expect in a tribute to such a "hero," the party was complete with an oversized cake, a melodious band and a fireworks show.

Now, the virulently anti-Israel government of Qatar, which pays for and distributes these videos, has launched a well-funded propaganda

offensive in the American Jewish community — hoping to influence its leading members to support the regime. With Qatar deeply embroiled in a diplomatic crisis with much of the Arab world — which has in turn blockaded the small, yet powerful emirate — the Qataris seem to be using the American Jewish community to help them appear moderate.

Of course, the thought of Qatar actually changing its egregious stance on Israel, the Jewish people and support for terror is absurd. There has been no word on toning down the antisemitism and bitterly anti-Israel content on Al Jazeera. Hamas, which Qatar is the chief funder of, has not only refused to adopt a more peaceful approach toward Israel, but seems to be doubling down on its blood-drenched, murderous methods. The emirate hasn't even threatened to expel the Hamas leaders who call Qatar home should they continue to espouse their genocidal hatred of the Jews.

Qatar, it appears, won't actually do anything productive to earn Jewish friendship. As the world's wealthiest per-capita country, it has decided instead to purchase a new image.

What we know so far is that Qatar has already put a substantial amount of cash towards hiring a Jewish-owned Washington PR and lobbying firm to make inroads in the Jewish community. I recently saw the person who is leading this effort at a right-wing Jewish charity event. We also know, according to reports in The Jerusalem Post, that at least three major Jewish leaders — Malcolm

Hoenlein of the Conference of Presidents, Rabbi Menachem Genack of the Orthodox Union and Martin Oliner of the Religious Zionists of America — have recently been to Doha, the capital of Qatar.

More shocking than the fact that some Jews have allowed themselves to be used as tools of Qatar's false philosemitic facelift is the fact that this development has been met by a deafening silence in the very community it threatens. Even as Qatari influence creeps into and throughout the American Jewish community, one barely hears any protest.

That's not to say that the Jewish community has lost its voice.

When Linda Sarsour spoke on an antisemitism panel at The New School, the Jewish community was in justifiable uproar, with its leaders offering extraordinary eloquence in their censures. The Jerusalem Post editorial board, which alone has published courageous editorials condemning the Qatari propaganda effort, decried the event as "a forum of 'anti-Semites on anti-Semitism'" that "makes as much sense as a KKK forum on civil rights." The Anti-Defamation League's CEO, Jonathan Greenblatt, tweeted that "Having Linda Sarsour ... leading a panel on #antisemitism is like Oscar Meyer leading a panel on vegetarianism."

These denunciations were significant and impactful. But Sarsour's maximum capacity for harm against Israel pales besides Qatar's funding of a terror organization like Hamas,



President Donald Trump meets with the emir of Qatar in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, May 2017.
Photo: White House / Shealah Craighead.

and the daily anti-Israel poison of Al Jazeera.

There was recently a wave of criticism against the Zionist Organization of America, headed by Mort Klein, over its decision to host Steve Bannon as a speaker at its annual gala. At the ZOA dinner, Bannon identified Turkey, Qatar and Iran as the foremost threats in the Middle East, especially because of their hostility toward Israel. Astonishingly, while he spoke, there were Jewish leaders in the audience who had just returned from a visit to the emir of Qatar.

So why are Jewish leaders suddenly parading themselves in Doha?

The passage of time will no doubt unearth significant information about the mysterious hold that Qatar suddenly has on Jewish leaders, and the strange and deafening silence that has gripped so many communal organizations, as the chief funder of Hamas slowly spreads its tentacles and its resources in elite New York Jewish circles.

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In Decades-Long AMIA Jewish Center Affair, the Truth Will Come Out



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Like so many pins in a bowling alley, the treacherous former Argentine leaders who signed a secret pact exonerating Iran of its responsibility for the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center in Buenos Aires are, finally, collapsing under the rolling weight of judicial scrutiny.

In a week that saw President Donald Trump recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, one can be forgiven for not having noticed the momentous events that took place in Argentina at the same time. But these events are vitally relevant to the future of the Middle East, where Iran — with or without a US embassy in Jerusalem — remains the greatest threat to Israel and to the region.

For much of this year, Argentine judge Claudio Bonadio has been heading a federal inquiry into the allegation that in 2011, Argentina and Iran signed a secret memorandum of understanding that, in exchange for trade and other benefits, Tehran and Buenos Aires would establish a laughably named "truth commission" to establish the facts of the AMIA bombing — until 9/11, the single worst terror atrocity since World War II. Eighty-five

people were murdered and hundreds more were wounded when a fuel truck rammed into the AMIA building on Pasteur Street in downtown Buenos Aires.

Bonadio's inquiry is based on the complaint against former President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner and her colleagues compiled by Alberto Nisman, the federal prosecutor investigating the AMIA bombing. Nisman was found murdered in his Buenos Aires apartment on Jan. 18, 2015, the night before he was due to unveil the complaint before Argentina's Congress.

Nisman began working on the AMIA case in 2005, when his courageous efforts resulted in Interpol releasing six "red notices" for the Iranian and Hezbollah officials wanted in connection with the bombing. But as Kirchner fell under the sway of the late Venezuelan tyrant, Hugo Chavez, her policy toward Iran shifted accordingly. Nisman found himself out in the cold; and for all that remains to be established, he may have even been murdered on the instructions of Kirchner or someone close to her.

There is now, as a result of Bonadio's inquiry, the prospect that all this will be the subject of a major treason trial. While Bonadio has asked Argentina's Senate to strip Kirchner of her immunity from prosecution, former Foreign Minister Hector Timerman — who signed the pact with his Iranian counterpart in January 2011 at a meeting hosted by Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad — is under house

arrest, and a host of political aides, intelligence officials and Kirchner enforcers have been either locked up or forbidden from the leaving the country by Argentina's police.

The developments are the most important in the AMIA case since Nisman's murder almost three years ago. All the lies that Kirchner and her acolytes told — when they denied there had been a pact with Iran in the first place, when they tried to smear Nisman's reputation after his murder and when they insisted that his death had been a suicide — have been exposed as lies. Those who continue to stand with Kirchner do so because of their radical political orientation, and not because they respect the truth about AMIA and Nisman's murder.

How extensive any trials in Argentina might be is debatable. Stripping Kirchner of her immunity will be a difficult task, and her successor Mauricio Macri will be wary of giving his rival more opportunities to take the center stage with the protestations of innocence at which she is, one has to concede, a master. Timerman, meanwhile, is gravely ill and may not live much longer. (Although one of his singular contributions — admitting, in a February 2013 conversation with Argentine Jewish leaders, that Iran was responsible for the AMIA bombing — was fortunately captured on tape as part of Nisman's evidence.) As for the others on Bonadio's list, many of them could end up serving lengthy prison sentences, thus delivering a modicum of justice to the AMIA victims and their families after 23 years of agony.

Of course, the real prize here — the convictions of the Iranians and their

Hezbollah allies who planned and executed the bombing — remains more unattainable than ever. Former Iranian President Ali Akhbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, at whose home the plan to bomb AMIA was approved, is dead. So is Imad Mughniyeh, the Hezbollah leader wanted by Interpol, who was killed by a car bomb in Beirut in 2008. As for those who remain with us, they remain, as well, under



Before being murdered, prosecutor Alberto Nisman had accused Argentina's President Cristina Kirchner of covering up Iranian involvement in the 1994 bombing of the AMIA Jewish center.
Photo: Twitter.

Iran's protection.

What has emerged from the AMIA tragedy, at long last, are three indisputable truths. First, that Iran was responsible for the bombing. Second, that Kirchner, Timerman and their collaborators willfully conspired to cover this up. Third, that a good and decent man paid with his life for efforts to establish the truth about the criminality that collusion with Iran inevitably brings. Is that justice? For now, it's the best we are going to get.

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Opinion.

Did Trump Help the Israel-Diaspora Divide?



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If there's one thing that the overwhelmingly liberal American Jewish community generally agrees on these days, it's President Donald Trump. The vast majority of Jews are, for the most part, supportive of the anti-Trump "resistance."

But a curious thing happened after Trump announced that the US is finally officially recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Groups representing mainstream Jewish opinion, even those that are clearly liberal, like the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), applauded.

The key question, however, is whether this is a last gasp of the old pro-Israel establishment — or evidence of its continued strength.

Given the fact that most American Jews don't like the current US administration and are not thrilled with the government in Jerusalem either, it wasn't a given that a decision that was widely panned in the mainstream media would meet with approval from most Jewish groups.

While AIPAC was predictably favorable, the backing for Trump from the American Jewish Committee and the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, an umbrella group that is often paralyzed by the ideological and denominational splits in American Judaism, was significant.

The favorable stand of the ADL was particularly important, because the organization has been prone to taking stands that smack of partisanship — both against Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government — since longtime leader Abe Foxman was replaced by former Obama staffer Jonathan Greenblatt. But rather than play politics over Jerusalem, the ADL welcomed Trump's announcement.

This debate came only a week after the major dustup in which Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely criticized American Jews in an interview on the i24 News cable station. Many in both countries took this controversy — though overblown and the result of comments that have to some extent been taken out of context — as reason to start to writing off the Israel-Diaspora connection. But the willingness of so many mainstream Jewish groups to stick their necks out even a little bit for Trump can't be dismissed.

Even in an American Jewish community that is probably less interested in Israel than it

used to be, Jerusalem still means something. While most American Jews are not supportive of West Bank settlements, backing for Israel's hold on Jerusalem is arguably still as much of a consensus issue in the US as it is in Israel. That Trump embraced the reality of Israel's capital and the rights of the Jewish people to Jerusalem in a way that didn't foreclose the theoretical (though unlikely due to Palestinian intransigence) possibility of a two-state solution helped shore up that consensus.

But while the support for Trump's move is encouraging for those hoping to strengthen the bonds between American Jews and Israelis, celebrations must be tempered.

That groups that are primarily partisan Democrats — including most Jewish Democratic officeholders — would oppose Trump on Jerusalem or any issue is to be expected. The same is true of left-wing organizations like J Street, whose primary purpose was to serve as cheerleader for President Barack Obama's effort to pressure Israel to make concessions — including on Jerusalem — or open anti-Zionists like Jewish Voice for Peace.

But the willingness of the Reform movement — the largest Jewish denomination in the US — to express "concern" because of its negligible impact on the dead-in-the-water peace process rather than support for Trump's move was an ominous indication that all is not well in the relationship between Israel and American Jews. The same is true of the similar opposition from the small Reconstructionist movement and the initial silence from the Conservative movement on the issue.

If groups that require those studying for the rabbinate to spend a year in Jerusalem are not prepared to enthusiastically and openly back Israel's rights there, it begs the question of how much they are being influenced by liberal politics that have nothing to do with the Middle East as well as by anger stemming from an understandable dismay about the lack of religious pluralism in Israel. Since these groups can claim to represent the bulk of affiliated Jews, there is still good reason to worry that the pro-Israel consensus is fraying, if not in danger.

Let's hope that rank-and-file Jews in the pews and among the groups will send their leaders a message that whatever their views on Trump or other issues, the vast majority still maintain their solidarity with Israel on Jerusalem. For all of the warning signs of trouble, what Trump may have done is to signal that the emotional pull of Jewish affection for Israel's capital is, at least for the moment, still capable of matching partisan fervor even in our hyper-partisan times.

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and human free will. As Rabbi Akiva put it most famously: "All is foreseen, yet freedom of choice is given."

On the face of it, these two propositions cannot both be true. If G-d knows in advance that we are going to do X, then we are not free not to do it. If, on the other hand, we are genuinely free, then no one can know what we will choose before we choose it.

The paradox arises because of the nature of time. We live in time. G-d lives beyond it. An analogy: imagine going to see a soccer match. While the match is progress, you are on the edge of your seat. You do not know — no one knows — what is going to happen next. Now imagine watching a recording of the same match on television later that night. You know

'P Is for Palestine' Author Got One Thing Right



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The P is for Palestine children's book that is causing so much controversy features anti-Israel propaganda and deeply disturbing justifications for "intifada" violence. But it also contains one very important truth.

Golbarg Bashi, the tome's Iranian-born author, decided to use the device of an alphabet book to indoctrinate children with anti-Israel messages. The most incendiary part of the book, which has been at the center of much of the public debate, declares: "I is for Intifada, Arabic for rising up for what is right, if you are a kid or grownup!"

The accompanying illustration shows a father and child, wearing keffiyahs, standing near barbed wire (a symbol of "Israeli oppression") and flashing the V-for-victory sign. Victory over Israel, that is.

Not surprisingly, many Jews are troubled by Bashi's attempt to justify and glorify the waves of Palestinian "intifada" violence, in which more than 1,300 Israeli Jews have been murdered in recent years.

Rabbi Ammiel Hirsch of Manhattan's Stephen Wise Free Synagogue, a leading critic of the book, correctly described it as "the glorification of the Palestinian intifada — a cruel, murderous, and terroristic campaign that purposely targeted innocent Israelis, including children, in restaurants, buses, hospitals, schools and shopping malls. ... The intifada was not 'a rising up for what is right.' It was a mass descent into immorality."

In a Facebook post, Bashi blamed criticism of her book on what she called "self-proclaimed powerful neighborhoods of New York City." That's pretty obvious code language for "the Jews."

But it's also important to pay close attention to the explanations that Bashi and her supporters have presented in several recent interviews. "Intifada is part of Palestinian life, to resist occupation," she told JTA. In an interview

exactly what is going to happen next.

That knowledge does not mean that the players have had their freedom retroactively removed. All it means is that you are now watching the match from a different time perspective. When you were in the stadium, you were watching it in the present. On television you are watching it as an event in the past.

So it is with life itself. As we live it day by day, we choose in the present in order to shape what is for us an unknown, undetermined future. Only looking back are we able to see the consequences of our actions, and realize their part in the unfolding of our autobiography.

It is then, with hindsight, that we begin to see how providence has guided our steps, leading us to where G-d needs us to be. That is one meaning of the phrase spoken by G-d to Moses:

"Then I shall take away My hand, and you will see My back, but My face cannot not be seen." (Exodus 33: 23)

Only looking back do we see G-d's providence interwoven with our life, never looking forward ("My face cannot not be seen").

How subtly and deftly this point is made in the story of Joseph — the supreme example

with Haaretz, Bashi elaborated: "Intifada is an aspect of Palestinian life just as Bethlehem is the birthplace of Jesus Christ." An Israeli-Arab educator named Areej Masarwa added that, "It's part of Palestinian identity."

Exactly right.

Mass violence against Jews is indeed a central part of "Palestinian" identity. And that tells us a lot about Palestinian identity.

Palestinian Arab nationalism did not arise because of any major historical, linguistic, religious or cultural differences between Palestinian Arabs and, say, Jordanian Arabs or Syrian Arabs. That's because there aren't any. Palestinian nationalism arose as an anti-nationalism. Its raison d'être is to murder Jews and destroy the State of Israel.

Other nations express their distinctive identity through positive cultural expressions. The Palestinians express their identity by bombing, shooting, hijacking, stabbing and stoning Jews. Witness Sunday's stabbing attack at Jerusalem's Central Bus Station.

And why does the character of Palestinian-Arab identity matter? Because the fight for Israel's survival is not just a military conflict. It's also a war of ideas. Understanding the legitimacy of Jewish nationalism, and the falseness of Palestinian nationalism, is vital. We must understand why our side is right — and why their side is wrong. So, thank you, Golbarg Bashi, for helping to remind us of the true nature of Palestinian nationalism.

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Palestinian boys during a class in Gaza.
Photo: UN Photo / Shareef Sarhan.

of a life in which human action and Divine intervention are inextricably entwined. It is all there in the verse about the doubling of Pharaoh's dream. By delaying this information until later in Joseph's life, the Torah shows us how a later event can force us to re-interpret an earlier one, teaching us the difference between two time perspectives: the present, and the understanding that only hindsight can bring to the past. It does so not by expounding complex philosophical propositions, but by the art of story-telling — a far simpler and more powerful way of conveying a difficult truth.

These two time perspectives are embodied, in Judaism, in two different literatures. Through halakhah, we learn to make choices in the present. Through aggadah we strive to understand the past. Together, these two ways of thinking constitute the twin hemispheres of the Jewish brain. We are free. But we are also characters in a Divinely scripted drama. We choose, but we are also chosen. The Jewish imagination lives in the tension between these two frames of reference: between freedom and providence, our decisions and G-d's plan.

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may seem to be a mere sequence, without design or purpose. Told another way, looking backwards, it can be made to resemble a plot, a plan, a cunningly involuted development leading to a necessary conclusion. Being both narrator and subject, how am I to know which way to look?

This is a truth not only about literature but about life. There is an intrinsic connection between time and meaning. The same series of events that once seemed mere happenstance becomes, with hindsight, the unfolding of a script.

This allows us to resolve one of the great paradoxes of the religious life — the seeming contradiction between divine providence

Impressions.

New York Times Movie Review Praises ‘Devastating Indictment’ of Israel

BY IRA STOLL

Sometimes the worst anti-Israel venom from The New York Times shows up not in the news or editorial columns, but in the movie reviews.

The latest example of this phenomenon (earlier cases were covered here and here) comes in a review by Times movie critic Manohla Dargis of a movie, “Foxtrot,” that the review describes as “Israel’s Oscar entry in the foreign language category.”

Dargis describes the film as “a devastating indictment of a nation.” She sees the movie as saying that



A scene from the Israeli film “Foxtrot.” Photo: Screenshot / YouTube.

“normalizing catastrophic violence — and routinizing mourning — is finally little else than nihilism.”

That’s certainly one way to view this movie. But it’s not the only way. Jordan Hoffman, writing in Vanity Fair, said, “this is an allegorical film and, although its temperament is very Israeli, its content could just as well be about any nation and its Army.” Hoffman called the movie “a fascinating look at the grieving process.”

Dargis makes much of the fact that the Israeli soldiers in the film “bunk in what looks like a repurposed, derelict shipping container.” Yet when it was Catskills hipsters rather than Israeli soldiers who were living in shipping containers, the Times took a different approach. “Eco-friendly and affordable, shipping containers are gaining popularity as an alternative to traditional houses,” the Times reported in September in its real estate section. “Containers are loved by the hip and the practical, artisans and DIY-ers, engineers and construction foremen, as they are both sustainable and affordable... some industry professionals consider them the future of home building.” It’s a classic Times double standard.

Even if the film is critical of Israel, one might view its existence not as an “indictment,” but rather as an endorsement. Truly tyrannical societies, after all, don’t allow films critical of the security establishment even to be made, let alone enter them in the Academy Awards.

Then there’s the possibility — a possibility the Times shows no sign of having considered — that the nation being “indicted” by the movie isn’t Israel, but rather the nation or nations violently attacking it and denying its right to exist peacefully. Or the possibility that “routinizing mourning,” as the Times review puts it, isn’t “nihilism,” but rather a time-tested religious tradition’s way of embracing the continuation of life.

If the Dargis review is a “devastating indictment” of anything, it’s not Israel, but of the Times itself, which, sadly, can’t even seem to publish a movie review without letting its anti-Israel bias seep in..

An Open Letter to The New School and Parsons on Linda Sarsour

BY SIDNEY GROSS

Dear President Van Zandt,

My dream was always to attend a school like the Parsons School of Design, currently housed at The New School. I am committed to a career in fashion design, and I know that Parsons would provide me with a phenomenal education in this field.

and the uncertainty of our future.

Linda Sarsour is salt in all of those wounds. She has demonized my community and people. She has spoken recklessly and hurtfully about Jewish people and the Jewish state. Does Ms. Sarsour reserve the right to express her views? Absolutely. But not in this setting. Putting her on a panel to address antisemitism is an appalling, egregious decision.



Linda Sarsour (right). Photo: Screenshot.

And yet today, I am making one of the most painful decisions of my life thus far. Despite spending significant time on my application and design project, I will NOT be proceeding with my application to your prestigious school.

The impetus for my decision is the recent choice by The New School to host Linda Sarsour as a member on a panel discussion on the topic of antisemitism. In case you were not aware, Linda Sarsour has applauded convicted Palestinian terrorists and murderers like Rasmeh Odeh, and has proclaimed that “nothing is creepier than Zionism” and that “Zionists could not be true feminists.”

It’s crucial for me that you understand the following: I do not aspire to hide in a “safe space” during my university years. Quite the opposite. My upbringing and my schooling has taught me to embrace dialogue and nuance, and to seek to understand opinions across the spectrum — especially those that are not my own.

I believe in the marketplace of ideas, and I want to trade in that marketplace. I believe, wholeheartedly, in the protection of free speech as a core civil liberty.

And yet ... there are times to take a stand. And the offensive decision regarding Sarsour make this one of those times.

As a young Jewish person, I worry about the recent spike in antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiment across America, and what it means for my generation. For me, it strikes the most personal of chords. It speaks to the travails of our Jewish past —

Harvey Weinstein is entitled to his opinions about women, but should he be invited to speak on a panel about feminism? Should David Duke speak on a panel about black people and racism? Wouldn’t it be our responsibility to speak up about the hypocrisy of such an appearance?

It’s preposterous to imagine that Linda Sarsour could speak about solutions to a problem that she is at the very center of. By allowing her to participate in the panel, your university is seriously undermining the credibility of this panel, the goals it claims to be in service of, and the venue that has chosen to host it.

When researching this issue, I have found that it is not the first time that Parsons has been on the wrong side of the topic of antisemitism. As an Asian Jew who was born in China and raised by Jewish parents, I am a double minority — and I must be an advocate. This is my moment to do so, and I hope it might compel the school to change its ways.

For me, this was an agonizing choice. Attending The New School would be a dream beyond words. But there are values more important than personal ambition. The voice that compels me to send this letter is the voice of conscience, the voice of responsibility for myself and for my people. For most of us, the day comes that we must speak not just with our words — but with our actions. For me, that day is today.

Sincerely,
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Supreme Court County Of Kings Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered certificate holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-FF5, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-FF5, Plaintiff AGAINST Christopher Grey, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1/26/2017 and entered on 2/16/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at

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public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 04, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1207 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8202, LOT: 21. Approximate amount of judgment is \$536,440.96 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503201/2015. Shmuel D. Taub, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Selene Finance LP, Plaintiff AGAINST Mary Gomes a/k/a Mary A. Gomes a/k/a Maryann Gomes; Dayne Gomes; 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 January 4, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 133 Milford 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 of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4189 Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$446,679.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 512354/2015. ***No Cash Deposits Accepted*** Doron A. Leiby, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October 25, 2017 49571
AJ; 12/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST Jose Valdez a/k/a Jose M. Valdez; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 25, 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 January 4, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 17 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3922 Lot 22. Approximate amount of judgment \$311,718.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504851/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October 25, 2017 49578
AJ; 12/1/8/15/22/

984 BERGEN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/28/17. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 44 Ferris Estates Road, New Milford, CT 06776. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 12/1/8/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Winston

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Rose; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 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 January 11, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: October 26, 2017 49583
AJ; 12/8/15/22/29;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of Park Place Securities, Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-WCW3, Plaintiff AGAINST Karen Black, Margaret Carroll, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 7/29/2016 and entered on 8/23/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 11, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 733 East 102nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8190, LOT: 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$585,101.53 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502049/2012. Sean R. Smith, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/8/15/22/29;

347 BERRY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/09/2017. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 32 Court Street Penthouse, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.
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Notice of Formation of Brooklyn Perfume Company LLC. Art. of Org. filed Sec'y of State (SSNY) 9/21/17. Principal Office: 120 Wyckoff St. Brooklyn, NY 11201, Kings County. SSNY designated as process agent. Process Service address: 120 Wyckoff St. Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Successor Trustee to Bank of America, N.A., as Successor By Merger to LaSalle Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of The MLMI Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-AR1, Plaintiff AGAINST Cheryle Williams a/k/a Cheryle E. Williams a/k/a Cheryle E. Dent a/k/a Cheryl E. Dent; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 5, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme

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Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 18, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 297 Decatur 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: 1675 Lot: 42. Approximate amount of judgment \$754,004.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20070/2013. Meryl L. Wenig, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 22, 2017 50188
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association as Trustee for Merrill Lynch First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-5, Plaintiff AGAINST Hector Rodriguez; Rosario Rodriguez; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 16, 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 January 18, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 842 Belmont 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 City of New York, County of Kings and State of NY, Block 4039 Lot 0016. Approximate amount of judgment \$874,653.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 505837/2014. Leo Salzman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 8, 2017 49973
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS QUICKEN LOANS INC., Plaintiff against ALEKSANDER KHARKOVER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 18th day of January, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises Lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn and State of New York. In the condominium known as "THE 235 OCEAN PARKWAY CONDOMINIUM." Together with an undivided 5.56% interest in the Common Elements. Said premises known as 235 Ocean Parkway, 2A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11218. (Block: 5339, Lot: 1103). Approximate amount of lien \$ 504,479.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501108-14. Robert L. Howe, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C. Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - LUIS BUSTAMANTE A/K/A LUIS ALBERTO BUSTAMANTE, et al
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Tradition.

Divine Providence and Human Choice



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Joseph is languishing in prison. Then, at the beginning of this week's sedra, a sequence of events takes place, leading to the most rapid, radical change of fortune in the Bible. Pharaoh has two dreams that trouble his spirit. None of his priestly retinue can decode the dreams in a way that satisfies him. Pharaoh's butler remembers Joseph. Hurriedly he is taken from prison,



given a wash and change of clothes, and brought before the ruler.

Not only does he interpret the dreams: he becomes the world's first economist, inventing the theory of trade cycles. The dreams mean seven years of plenty followed by seven of scarcity. Having diagnosed the problem, Joseph proceeds to solve it: store surplus grain in the years of plenty, then use these reserves in the years of famine. Pharaoh invites him to implement the strategy, appointing him second in command in Egypt. Joseph moves from prisoner to Prime Minister in one effortless leap.

That is the narrative on the surface. One apparently insignificant detail, however, stands out. Pharaoh has had not one dream but two: one about cows, the other about ears of grain. Joseph explains that they are the same dream, conveying the same message through different images. Why then were there two? This is his explanation:

That Pharaoh has dreamed this twice means that G-d is firmly resolved on this plan, and very soon He will put it into effect. (Genesis 41:32)

At first sight, this looks like just another piece of information. Understood in the full context of the Joseph narrative, however, it changes our entire understanding of events. For it was not Pharaoh alone who had two dreams with the same structure. So too did Joseph at the very beginning of the story: one about sheaves of wheat, the other about the sun, moon and stars.

At that stage we had no idea what the dreams signified. Were they a prophecy, or were they the fevered imagination of an over-indulged, overambitious young man? The tension of the Joseph narrative depends on this ambiguity. Only now, chapters and years later, are we given the vital information that a dream, repeated in different images, is not just a dream. It is a message sent by G-d about a future that will soon come to pass.

Why were we not given this information earlier? It may be that it was only later that G-d disclosed this to Joseph. Or perhaps Joseph has only now come to understand it.

Or it may simply be a literary device to create and maintain tension in the unfolding plot. It may, though, signal something altogether deeper about the human condition seen through the eyes of faith.

It is only in retrospect that we understand the story of our life. Later events explain earlier ones. At the time, neither Joseph nor his brothers could know that his dreams were a form of prophecy: that he was indeed destined for greatness and that every misfortune he suffered had a part to play in their coming true. At first reading, the Joseph story reads like a series of random happenings. Only later, looking back, do we see that each event was part of a precise, providential plan to lead a young man from a family of nomadic shepherds to become second-in-command of Egypt.

This is a truth not about Joseph alone but about us also. We live our lives poised between a known past and an unknown future. Between them lies a present in which we make our choices. We decide between alternatives. Ahead of us are several diverging paths, and it is up to us which we follow. Only looking back does our life take on the character of a story. Only many years later do we realise which choices were fateful, and which irrelevant. Things which seemed small at the time turn out to be decisive. Matters that once seemed important prove in retrospect to have been trivial. Seen from the perspective of the present, a life can appear to be a random sequence

of disconnected events. It takes the passage of time for us to be able to look back and see the route we have taken, and the right and wrong turnings on the way.

The novelist Dan Jacobson puts this thought in the mind of the narrator of his novel, *The Confessions of Josef Baisz*:

Told one way, looking forward as it were, and proceeding from one event to the next, my story

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Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 14, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 18th Day of January, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings City and State of New York. Premises known as 1425 East 98th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. (Block: 8263, Lot: 21) Approximate amount of lien \$438,999.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11772/2013. Roger Siegel, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: November 14, 2017
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, CIT Bank, N.A. f/k/a OneWest Bank, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. Katherine A. Chavis, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 25, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 310 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 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 1967 and Lot 22. Approximate amount of judgment is \$591,015.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500301/2016. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Windels, Marx, Lane & Mittendorf, LLP, 156 West 56th Street, New York, New York 10019, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

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, Pltf. vs. ALEXANDER KOGAN, et al, Defts. Index #507379/15. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and entered May 11, 2017 and order amending the judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Oct. 10, 2017, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St. Brooklyn, NY on Jan. 18, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., prem. k/a 135 Oceana Drive East, Unit 2F, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a The Residential Unit (the "Residential Unit") in the Condominium Oceana Condominium No. 9 (the "Condominium") (comprised

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of the building known by the St. No. 125 and 135 Oceana Drive East, Brooklyn, New York 11235) which Residential Unit #2F is situated on the building known as and by the St. No. 135 Oceana Drive East, Brooklyn, NY 11235 (the "Building") said Residential Unit being designated and described as Residential Unit No. 2F in that certain declaration dated Mar. 9, 2005 made by the Grantor under the 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 Land) upon which the Building is situated (which Land is more particularly described on Schedule A annexed hereto and by this reference made a part hereof) which declaration was recorded, collectively, as the Declaration); the Residential Unit is also designated as Tax Lot 27256 in Block 8720 Section 6 on the Tax Map of the Real Property Assessment Department of the City of New York for the Borough of Brooklyn and the Floor Plans of the building (the "Floor Plans") certified by Schuman, Lichtenstein, Clamon and Efron, Architect and filed in the City Register's Office, County of Kings on April 11, 2005 in CRFN No. 2005000206354. Together with an undivided 0.91% interest in the Common Elements (as such terms is defined in the Declaration) appurtenant to the Residential Unit Approx. amt. of judgment is \$2,201,391.27 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale LEO SALZMAN., Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Ste. 28, Mineola, NY. #93492
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff AGAINST JACQUELINE R. REID and 591 OSBORN LLC, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 28, 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 January 18, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 591 OSBORN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212. 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 3628, LOT 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$418,007.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 504109/2015. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 49894
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Plaintiff AGAINST Edgardo G. Marquez, Valeria T. Marquez, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/2/2017 and entered on 4/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 18, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 163 Montauk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or

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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: 4008, LOT: 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$492,922.05 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502154/2014. David J. Hernandez, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: ALWAYS A DOLLAR LLC .Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/24/2017. Office location Bronx 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 4022 Baychester Ave., Bronx, NY 10466. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE AS SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-HE2, Plaintiff AGAINST Davrin Faison, Stephanie Faison FKA Stephanie Bennett, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 12, 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 January 18, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 937 EAST 103RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. 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 8211, LOT 25. Approximate amount of judgment \$919,651.37 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 9736/13. Nancy Mottola Schacher Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50308
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5/

Notice of Formation of With Gratitude Box LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/7/17. Office location: Kings County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 305 Nevins St, Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: any lawful activity.
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5/12/19

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SEAY STRATEGIES LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 08/14/2017. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon Whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Seay Strategies LLC 57 Herkimer apartment 208, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 12/15/22/29; 1/5/12/19

Social.



Gal Gadot. Photo: Instagram.

Supermodel Bella Hadid Protests Trump's Jerusalem Recognition at 'Free Palestine' March in London

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Famed supermodel Bella Hadid joined a demonstration outside the US Embassy in London on Friday night against President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

The 21-year-old — whose father is of Palestinian descent — marched alongside posters proclaiming “Free Palestine” and “End Israeli Occupation,” while still wearing her gown from a fashion event earlier in the evening.

Some protesters at the event were later criticized by leading Jewish groups for chanting in Arabic, “Khaybar, Khaybar, oh Jews, the army of Muhammed is returning.” The slogan refers to a 7th-century battle fought by the Islamic prophet Muhammad against Jewish tribes, and is often invoked by Islamist terrorist groups. The popular anti-Israel slogan, “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free” can also be heard in video footage of the march.

Organizers of the event later condemned antisemitic chants that were used there.

Last Thursday, Hadid took to Instagram to denounce Trump's Jerusalem move. Alongside a skyline photo of Jerusalem's Old City, she told her 16 million followers that the announcement marked a “very, very sad day” in history. She added that seeing the “pain of the Palestinian people” following the president's decision makes her “cry for the many many generations of Palestine.” Expressing further solidarity with the Palestinians, she wrote:

Seeing the sadness of my father, cousins, and Palestinian family that are feeling for our Palestinian ancestors makes this even harder to write. Jerusalem is home of all religions. For this to happen, I feel, makes us take 5 steps back making it harder to live in a world of peace.

The TREATMENT of the Palestinian people is



unfair, one-sided and should not be tolerated. I stand with Palestine.

Hadid also noted that many of her friends are Jewish and added that she believes “there are no side, all religions [are] living side by side.”

Hadid's father, well-known real estate developer Mohamed Hadid, was born in Nazareth during the 1948 Arab-Israeli War and fled to Syria with his family when he was 18 months old, according to The Huffington Post. He lived in both Syria and Lebanon before immigrating to the US at age 14.

After Bella posted for Vogue Arabia in September, she wrote about being proud to “represent and cherish my half-Palestinian blood from my father and his strong, loving, wonderful Arab side of my family.”

Former Knicks Star Amar'e Stoudemire Returns to Madison Square Garden to Light Hanukkah Menorah

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Former New York Knicks player Amar'e Stoudemire is set to return to Madison Square Garden to light a menorah for the first night of Hanukkah, the New York Daily News reported.

The menorah-lighting ceremony was to be held at Tuesday evening's showdown between the Knicks and the visiting Los Angeles Lakers.

“Lighting the menorah on the first night of



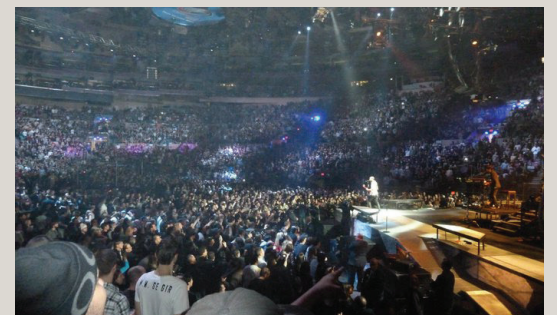
Amar'e Stoudemire. Photo: Instagram.

Hanukkah is a privilege in any location but having the opportunity to do it at Madison Square Garden and with the Knicks during their first ever Hanukkah Night is special,” the 35-year-old said in a statement.

The six-time NBA All-Star moved with his family to Israel in the summer of 2016 to play for the Hapoel Jerusalem basketball team — which he helped win the Israeli League championship in June.

He is deeply connected to Judaism, and has said in the past that his family mostly keeps kosher and gathers for weekly Sabbath meals.

Stoudemire returned to the US this summer.



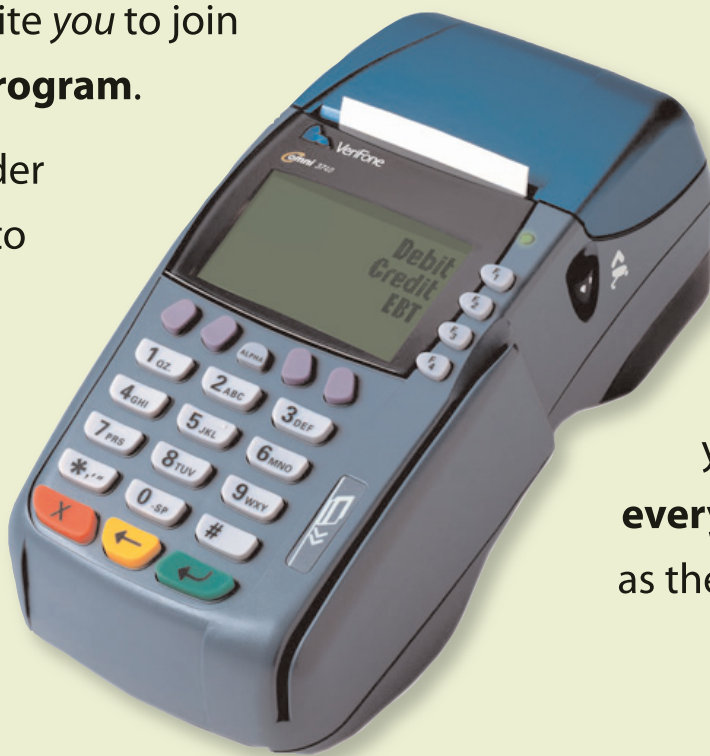
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