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In Phone Call, Trump Tells Abbas He Intends to Move US Embassy to Jerusalem



US President Donald Trump and Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Erns

BY REUTERS

President Donald Trump told Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday that he intends to move the US Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem, a Palestinian spokesman said, amid a growing outcry across the Middle East against any unilateral US decision on the ancient city.

Senior US officials have said

Trump is likely on Wednesday to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital while delaying relocating the embassy from Tel Aviv for another six months, though he is expected to order his aides to begin planning such a move immediately. The officials said, however, that no final decisions have been made.

US endorsement of Israel's claim to all of Jerusalem as its capital would break with decades of US policy that

the city's status must be decided in negotiations with the Palestinians, who want East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state. The international community does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over the entire city.

Abbas joined a mounting chorus of voices saying the US move could unleash turmoil.

"President Mahmoud Abbas received a telephone call

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Israeli Labor Party Leader Gabbay: We Shouldn't Let Our Enemies Scare Us

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Turmoil is the new status quo in the halls of the Knesset, amid a number of deepening police investigations into corruption allegations against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. And while it is too soon to write the long-serving leader's political epitaph (he denies any wrongdoing, repeatedly claiming, "There won't be anything, because there isn't anything"), some observers are starting to ponder what a post-Netanyahu Israel might look like.

One potential key player in any new order stands to



Israeli Labor Party Chairman Avi Gabbay. Photo: Laliv G via Wikimedia Commons.

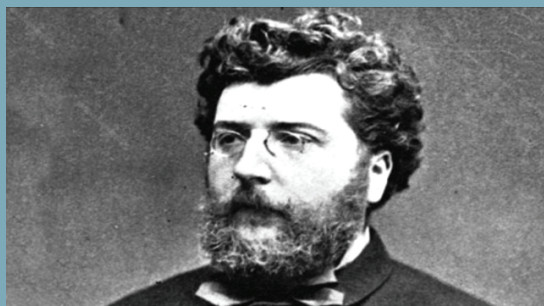
be freshly-minted Labor Party Chairman Avi Gabbay. Since winning the center-left party's leadership primaries last summer, the 50-year-old former businessman has been crisscrossing Israel, introducing himself to voters and trying to rejuvenate a movement worn down by two decades of electoral defeats.

This past week, Gabbay made his first trip to the US as the head of Labor to attend the Saban Forum in Washington, DC, and he sat down on the sidelines of the elite annual

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Opinion.

Why It's Precisely the Right Time for Trump to Recognize Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel



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Ahead of his expected recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, US President Donald Trump has faced a virtual torrent of criticism.

He should pay the critics no heed. The move is not only morally the right thing to do, it's also a political masterstroke. Let me explain.

In general, the critics can be divided into two categories.

The first group -- among them the Ramallah-headquartered Palestinian Authority and Gaza Strip-ruling terror organization Hamas (along with various Arab and Muslim states, and even the US State Department) -- has made the case against recognition as being vital to prevent the inevitable violence and outrage that will follow as a result.

But Arab blackmail doesn't feel like a compelling argument against implementing American law and doing what's right -- certainly for the United States. In addition, neither of these entities has much of a track record in furthering the cause of peace.

The second group, who are generally supportive of the move, have questioned the timing, ahead of the expected unveiling of a White House peace initiative in the coming weeks.

The timing however, appears to be very well considered. It's highly appropriate to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel at the outset of a peace push for the following reason.

When Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, whom Trump has tasked with the Mideast peace brief, embarked on their listening tour soon after the president took office, they were advised by at least one regional actor that -- in the words of Albert Einstein -- one can't keep doing the same thing and expect different results. In many ways, it seems, that this word of advice -- frankly, a matter of common sense -- has served as a guiding principle in the nascent peace efforts.

From what we have seen so far, the peacemaking team has sought to implement new approaches on at least four fronts.

Firstly, there's the "regional approach" concept which was mentioned by both Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Trump in their first White House meeting. The practical manifestation of this alignment between Israel and the Sunni Arab states has yet to be clearly presented, but remains a constant subject of peace discussions.

Second is the commitment to push the parties to the table without imposing a predetermined outcome. "We're trying to find a solution that comes from the region, not to impose," Kushner told attendees at the Saban Forum over the weekend.

Third, there's the focus on "bottom up" actions, seeking to build cooperation between individual Palestinians and Israelis by appealing to interests. This "economic peace" concept was behind the US-facilitated landmark water deal inked in July by Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there is the administration's willingness to apply pressure to the Palestinian Authority. Whereas some past presidents have handled PA leaders with kid gloves, Trump has taken a far more forthright approach, bringing up prickly issues like PA payments to terrorists without thinking twice.

This is vital because, as has been very well documented, the greatest obstacle to progress in the region has been Palestinian intransigence. The Israelis have shown -- perhaps mistakenly -- an incredible capacity to offer painful concessions for the cause of peace, including land transfers and dangerous security arrangements, often at great political risk. Time and again, these gestures were rebuffed, and the Palestinians were excused as being the weaker, aggrieved, more delicate party.



Israeli Intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz.
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

The Palestinians first introduced the Trump administration to their duplicitous strategies when PA President Mahmoud Abbas told Secretary of State Rex Tillerson that they were ending payments to terrorists, only to recommit themselves to the sponsorship shortly afterwards.

But here you have a White House that favors results over process, and understands that presenting the Palestinians with real, permanent and painful costs for their rejectionism may present the best opportunity for progress. Both carrots and sticks are necessary, and the White House appears to be preparing one hell of a stick.

There's the ever present threat to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem; the threat to shut down the PA office in DC; the

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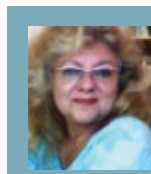
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Salon Mainstreams the Vile Antisemitism of Max Blumenthal and Joseph Massad



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There is a German expression about framing something odious -- like antisemitism -- in a way that would make it "salonfähig," i.e. fit for the living rooms of 19th-century intellectuals.

Salon -- a website that claims to have "driven the national conversation since 1995 through its fearless journalism" -- has just given an example of such an effort to legitimize bigotry, by giving Max Blumenthal a platform to mainstream some particularly vile claims that are already popular among Jew-haters on the far-right and far-left.

Under the title, "The shocking alliance between Zionism and Anti-Semitism," Max Blumenthal promises *Salon* readers an "in-depth discussion with renowned Palestinian scholar Prof. Joseph Massad." The article is illustrated with an image of President Donald Trump flanked by Israel's President Reuven Rivlin and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

As *Salon* editors could have easily found out, Blumenthal's 2013 book *Goliath* promoted the antisemitic notion that Israel is today's equivalent of Nazi Germany; the book earned a well-deserved listing in the category "The Power of the Poison Pen," by the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

Blumenthal could thus be described as an award-winning antisemite, and it is hardly

surprising that he's gone on to enhance his reputation as a "gonzo journalist" -- who has fans on neo-Nazi forums and many other outlets that cater to Jew-haters -- by writing a book that reflects his admiration for the Palestinian terror group Hamas.

So the idea that any truly "renowned" scholar would have an "in-depth discussion" about Zionism and antisemitism with Blumenthal is a priori questionable. Indeed, renowned scholars with expertise in these subjects will all know that talk about a "shocking alliance between Zionism and Anti-Semitism" is primarily popular among Jew-haters, who love to accuse Jews of profiting from disasters -- even if the Jews are the victims of the disaster.

Enter Columbia professor Joseph Massad, whose obsessive quest to tar Zionist Jews as eager Nazi collaborators was widely noted in May 2013, when he wrote a column under the title, "The last of the Semites," for *Al Jazeera*. Jeffrey Goldberg called it "one of the most anti-Jewish screeds in recent memory,"



Max Blumenthal. Photo: Facebook.

and the resulting outcry prompted *Al Jazeera* to temporarily delete the piece -- though it was soon restored and remains on the site as an impressive testimony of Massad's vile views. It is noteworthy that the article was based on a lecture that Massad had delivered a few days earlier at a "Palestine Solidarity Conference" in Germany.

Just some two weeks before *Al Jazeera* first published Massad's screed, The Algemeiner had published an article in which I documented that the material Massad relies on to make his case against Zionist Jews happens to be the same material that is used on neo-Nazi forums like Stormfront to make a very similar case.

But while the far-right's fabrications are widely recognized and denounced as Jew-hatred, the far-left is often given considerably more respect for spouting comparable antisemitic nonsense, thinly veiled as "anti-Zionism." As a result, we now have numerous articles where some of the world's most respected historians see a need to explain in all seriousness that "History shows Hitler never was a Zionist," and that it is preposterous to claim that "Hitler supported Zionism," and that "the Haavara Agreement does not mean the Nazis were Zionists."

None of this has deterred either Blumenthal or Massad. Quite obviously, Blumenthal has no reputation to lose, while Massad has tenure at Columbia University, and is thus free to embarrass his employer as much as he likes -- though it is by no means clear that

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World News.

Israeli Satellite Images Show Destruction of Buildings at Purported Iranian Base in Syria

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli satellite photos published on Monday show the destruction of several buildings at a purported Iranian military base that was under construction in Syria. The buildings were allegedly hit by an Israeli airstrike last weekend.

The images, which were taken by the Israeli satellite company ImageSat International, apparently show the destruction of seven buildings at the base located near the Syrian city of Al-Kiswa, just 31 miles from the Israeli border in the Golan Heights. The structures that were damaged appear to be barracks and garages.

In a BBC report that revealed the Iranian base's presence in November, satellite images showed the construction of some two dozen

new structures in the area that are likely used for housing soldiers and vehicles. Analysts estimate that up to 500 troops could be housed in those facilities.

Several Arab media reports last weekend suggested that the strike purportedly killed 12 Iranian military personnel.

Although he did not confirm the alleged strike, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last Saturday reiterated Israel's oft-stated position that the Jewish state will not allow Iran to maintain a military presence in Syria.

"We will not allow a regime hell-bent on the annihilation of the Jewish state to acquire nuclear weapons," Netanyahu said. "We will not allow that regime to entrench itself militarily in Syria, as it seeks to do, for the express purpose of eradicating our state."

Israeli Officials Respond Angrily to Turkish President's Threat to Cut Ties

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli officials responded angrily on Tuesday after Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan threatened to cut his country's ties with the Jewish state if the US recognizes Jerusalem as its capital.

"Jerusalem has been the capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years and the capital of Israel for 70 years, whether Erdogan recognizes it as such or not," an unnamed senior Israeli diplomatic figure stated.

Intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz (Likud) said, "We are not accepting instructions or threats from the Turkish president. The days of the sultan and the Ottoman Empire have passed." And Education Minister Naftali Bennett (HaBayit HaYehudi) tweeted, "Better a united Jerusalem than Erdogan's sympathy."

Similar sentiment was expressed by a top Israeli opposition leader, Yesh Atid chief Yair Lapid, who tweeted, "The Israeli government must send a clear message to Erdogan: Don't threaten us. Jerusalem is our capital, and the time has come for the world to recognize this.

The US embassy and the embassies of the rest of the world should be housed in Jerusalem."

US President Donald Trump is expected to give a speech on Wednesday in which he could recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

On Monday, the Trump administration announced that a decision had yet to be reached on whether or not to move the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Monday was the deadline for Trump to sign a six-month waiver to the 1995 "Jerusalem Embassy Act," which mandates the relocation of the embassy.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.
Photo: File.

Abbas "warned of the dangerous consequences such a decision would have to the peace process and to the peace, security and stability of the region and of the world," Abu Rdainah said.

Israeli Intelligence Minister Yisrael Katz, who met last week with US officials in Washington, told Israel's Army Radio: "My impression is that the president will recognize Jerusalem, the eternal capital of the Jewish people for 3,000 years, as the capital of the State of Israel."

Poll: Netanyahu Has Double-Digit Lead Over Top Potential Competitors for Prime Minister Role



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on *The Andrew Marr Show*, on Nov. 5, 2017.
Photo: YouTube screenshot.

BY JNS.ORG

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a double-digit lead over his top potential challengers in a new Israeli general election, according to a poll released Monday.

The poll, conducted by the Midgam agency on behalf of Israel's Channel 2, surveyed 525 Israelis and found that 39 percent believe Netanyahu is best suited to be prime minister in a runoff against Zionist Union alliance leader Avi Gabbay, who received 19 percent support among respondents.

Yesh Atid party leader Yair Lapid received 20 percent of the vote in a theoretical runoff against Netanyahu, with the incumbent prime minister receiving 35 percent. The survey also indicated

that Netanyahu's Likud party would defeat Yesh Atid in a legislative election, with 24 seats in the Knesset for Likud and 22 for Yesh Atid.

In Israel's election system, the head of the party that garners the most Knesset seats has the first opportunity to form a governing coalition, which requires a minimum of 61 seats among the 120-member legislature.

According to the poll, the Zionist Union would receive 18 Knesset seats in a new election, Education Minister Naftali Bennett's Jewish Home party would receive 12 and the Joint List, an alliance of Arab parties, would also receive 12. Netanyahu's current coalition partners would lose a combined six seats, falling from 67 to 61, with the Knesset's opposition parties rising from 53 to 59 seats, the survey said.

Asked if Israel was preparing for a wave of violence if Trump recognizes Jerusalem as the Israeli capital, he said: "We are preparing for every option. Anything like that can always erupt. If Abu Mazen (Abbas) will lead it in that direction then he will be making a big mistake."

Turkey threatened on Tuesday to cut diplomatic ties with Israel if Trump recognizes Jerusalem.

Senior US officials told Reuters some officers in the State Department were also deeply concerned and the European Union, the Palestinian Authority, Saudi Arabia and the Arab League all warned that any such declaration would have repercussions across the region.

"Mr. Trump, Jerusalem is the red line of Muslims," Turkey's President Tayyip Erdogan told a parliamentary meeting of his ruling AK Party.

"This can go as far as severing Turkey's ties with Israel. I am warning the United States not to take such a step which will deepen the problems in the region."

Fears of backlash

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has so far declined to speculate on what Trump might say.

But Katz took to Twitter to reject Turkey's threat and reiterate Israel's position on the ancient city, which is one of a long list of stumbling blocks in years of failed peace talks with the Palestinians.

"We don't take orders or accept threats from the president of Turkey," he wrote.

Two US officials said on condition of anonymity that news of the plan to recognize

Jerusalem as Israel's capital had kicked up resistance from the State Department's Near Eastern Affairs bureau (NEA), which deals with the region.

"Senior (officials) in NEA and a number of ambassadors from the region expressed their deep concern about doing this," said one official, saying that the concerns focused on "security."

The State Department referred questions to the White House. The White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

A fourth US official said the consensus US intelligence estimate on US recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital was that it would risk triggering a backlash against Israel, and also potentially against US interests in the Middle East.

It could also derail a fledgling Israeli-Palestinian peace effort led by Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, Jared Kushner.

US allies added their warnings.

The European Union's top diplomat, Federica Mogherini, said on Tuesday that "any action that would undermine" peace efforts to create two separate states for the Israelis and the Palestinians "must absolutely be avoided."

Speaking alongside US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson in Brussels, she said Jerusalem's status would have to be agreed through negotiations.

The Arab League and Saudi Arabia repeated past warnings, following statements by France and Jordan in recent days.

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from US President Donald Trump in which he notified the president of his intention to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem," Abbas spokesman Nabil Abu Rdainah said.

The statement did not say whether Trump, who was also due to talk to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jordan's King Abdullah on Tuesday, specified the timing of such a move.

World News.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a videotaped message to the 2017 Saban Forum. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

War on Israel's Northern Border Possibly 'Weeks' Away, Says Ambassador Dermer

BY JNS.ORG

A war along Israel's northern border could be just "weeks" away, according to Israeli Ambassador to the US Ron Dermer.

Dermer made the comments in a wide-ranging interview published by Politico on Monday, stating that the probability of direct conflict with the Iranian terror proxy Hezbollah is "higher than people think because of Iran's continued push through the region."

"If Iran is not rolled back in Syria, then the chances of military confrontation are growing," Dermer said. "I don't want to tell you by the year or by the month. I'd say even by the week."

The ambassador explained that as Iran continues to aggressively expand its military presence near Israel's border, the Jewish state

is forced to enforce its "red lines," which risks an escalation in tension.

"The more they push, we have to enforce our red lines, and you always have the prospects of an escalation, even when parties don't want an escalation, because we will not allow Iran to establish that presence and establish another terror front against Israel in Syria," said Dermer.

"So in taking action to defend ourselves, you don't know what could happen," he said.

In line with Dermer's comments, the Israeli Air Force reportedly conducted an airstrike on Monday night on a "military scientific research center" on the outskirts of Damascus.

The purported strike followed an alleged Israeli airstrike last Friday on an Iranian military base in Syria.

street. I want to be the prime minister of every Israeli. I don't want to be the prime minister of one camp or one side. I don't want to be the prime minister of Tel Aviv. I want to be the prime minister of all of Israel.

And I want to run the country in favor of the people and restore the trust of young people in the country. Today, because of the corrupt culture of politics in Israel, with politicians not working for the public, young people in Israel don't believe in the system.

Also, we should improve the economy, based on a free market.

Q: Tell me about your personal background.

A: My parents came from Morocco in 1964 and I was born in 1967. I lived until I was about 15 in a transit camp. My parents were hard workers, my father was a technician with Bezeq (Israel's largest telecommunications firm). Surprisingly, I later became the CEO of this same company. I grew up in a family of eight kids, went to the army and was a combat intelligence officer in Lebanon for four years, dealing mainly with Hezbollah and Iran. Later on, I studied, getting a B.A. in economics and a M.B.A. I worked in the Ministry of Finance for four and a half years and later on I joined Bezeq. I was promoted very quickly and I became the CEO of the company. And for six years that's what I did. During that time, the company was privatized.

Later on, I joined with Moshe Kahlon and we formed a new party — Kulanu. I was minister of environmental protection for one

year and I then resigned in May 2016 because of the nomination of Avigdor Lieberman as minister of defense, a nomination that in my opinion was corrupt, because everybody knew he was not suitable for this job. I said to myself, this is a red line that cannot be crossed.

I joined Labor at the end of last year and I became its chairman in six months.

Q: What is the greatest security challenge facing Israel?

A: First of all, Israel is very strong. It's very powerful country. We should scare our enemies, instead of letting them scare our people. That's the difference between Netanyahu and me. Netanyahu tends to scare our people. I want to scare our enemies.

Second, there is no existential threat to Israel. We have to have enough confidence in ourselves.

The only issue that is really a serious threat is the Iranian nuclear project. We have to fight it and do what is needed to not let Iran go nuclear. We cannot permit it to happen.

Another issue is the missiles in Lebanon and Syria. This is the next war — a war of missiles, not Iranian troops or militias that will come and try to conquer the Golan Heights. So we have to be well-prepared for that, in terms of technology and having enough anti-missile systems.

Q: What was your view of the Iran nuclear deal?

A: Do I like this agreement? No. Do I think

I really appreciate that Donald Trump came to Israel during his first overseas trip. And he came to the Kotel (Western Wall). This was very symbolic.

we should just abolish it? No. We should fix it, in order to improve it. Because the second phase of this Iran deal is something we cannot live with. We cannot give Iran an opportunity to be a nuclear country. And this agreement, that's what it says, at the end of 15 years, Iran can be nuclear. And we can not accept it. That's why we should have a comprehensive policy — built on diplomacy, sanctions and military action, if needed — in order to prevent it.

Q: What is your approach to the conflict with the Palestinians?

A: What we see with the Palestinians today is a blame game. That's what we do and that's what they do. The blame game doesn't serve us or them and it won't be remembered, it's a sentence in history. We have to try to build trust with them, in order to negotiate. I believe we have to try to negotiate over a two-state solution. This is the only solution that I know can maintain our security, my grandchildren's security, and keep us as a Jewish-majority, democratic state.

Q: What do you think you can do differently than others whose peacemaking bids have failed in the past?

A: I think the major issue is building trust. I come from business, so I've managed many negotiations in my life. I know that you cannot negotiate without trust. Politicians today don't build trust. They don't build relationships with Arabs and Palestinians.

It's not that I'm saying the Palestinians are ok. They've refused many good offers. They've made many mistakes. But, in the end, we're the strong party here and we have to try to make progress in negotiations, even without an agreement. This would be good for us, it would serve us in the world, serve us here in American and serve our economy, so we have to try.

Q: What are your thoughts on the Trump administration's attempt, led by Jared Kushner, to renew the peace process?

A: I really appreciate that Donald Trump

came to Israel during his first overseas trip. And he came to the Kotel (Western Wall). This was very symbolic. And I really appreciate the fact they are making an effort and trying to solve the problem. It looks like they are very serious about it and it looks like they are getting very deep into the issue. So we are all looking forward to see the results of this.

Q: Do you think Trump should relocate the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem?

A: Of course I'm in favor of moving the embassy to Jerusalem. This is our capital. So I hope that Trump will make the right decision about this.

Q: Has there been a paradigm shift in the Middle East in recent years regarding Israel? And, if so, does this make peace more likely?

A: First, I don't think we'll reach any agreement without the regional countries. So we have to combine negotiations with the Palestinians and the others. And, second, it looks like some countries, such as Saudi Arabia, which 20 years ago were not really in favor of a peace agreement with Israel, are now very in favor. So while in the past they might have been an obstacle, today they are fostering negotiations and they want to see peace here. This is very positive.

Q: What should Israel do to counter the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement?

A: Sometimes phenomena that are small get bigger and bigger and you lose control of them, so we have to fight it. Still, as far as I've heard, it's a relatively non-significant movement, and part of the problem is we talk about it too much, and we might have even amplified the issue. But we do have to handle it and be aware of the consequences of such a movement.

Q: Are you concerned that Israel seems to have become a more partisan issue in America in recent years?

A: It looks like it's a part of policy, a policy that I don't accept. At the end, we should always be bipartisan. This is one of the goals of our relations with America. We are not a part of your politics, and you are not a part of our politics. So we should be bipartisan and put effort into that. We should not rely on one administration, because administrations change all the time. It's a risk that Israel cannot take.

Q: Do you believe, as many assert, that the gap between Israel and American Jews is getting wider?

A: This is my sixth day here in America, and I've met many American Jewish leaders. And among them there were leftists and rightists, Reform, Conservative and Orthodox. And there's one thing they united on — that there is a crisis between American Jewry and the government of Israel. I've met many people who, it's like Israel hurts them, instead of hugging them, loving them and appreciating the great contributions of American Jewry to Israel. They feel that we are going opposite ways, and this is something we have to take care of.

First of all, there is the issue of educating our kids in Israel to know American Jewry. They know about the history of Jews in France 200 years ago, but they don't know American Jewry.

Second, there are issues like the Kotel (Western Wall) reform, that we should accept it. There was a deal about it, after negotiations. It's not an issue of religion, because, as you know, the rabbi of the Kotel was in favor. And we have to do it.

It's an issue of attitude. What is your attitude toward American Jews? We should improve it, and it should be much more understanding.

In the end, we're one people, we're one nation. How come one nation is divided over nothing? There's nothing that we have to fight over. We have to be together.

U.S. News.

'Poorly-Funded' White Supremacists Turning to Digital Platforms for Fortune Boost, New Anti-Defamation League Report Reveals

BY BEN COHEN

White supremacist groups in the US are "particularly poorly funded" but are turning in droves to crowdfunding platforms and digital currencies in a bid to turn their fortunes around, a new report from the Anti-Defamation League revealed on Tuesday.

The report, "Funding Hate: How White Supremacists Raise Their Money," observed, "Small in numbers and containing many adherents of little means, the white supremacist movement has a weak base for raising money compared to many other causes."

However, the report continued, "recent developments, particularly in crowdfunding, may have provided the white supremacist movement with more fundraising opportunities than it has seen in some time. This raises the disturbing possibility that some white supremacists may become better funded in the future than they have been in the past."

Traditional fundraising methods pose numerous challenges for white supremacists, the report stated. While many political organizations sell merchandise online to boost income, leading platforms like PayPal try to prevent Neo-Nazi and racist groups from holding accounts. Other avenues, such as advertising or fee-paying events, are similarly difficult because of the highly-limited appeal of racist politics. Neither, the report pointed out, is there much chance of a wealthy benefactor emerging from the shadows.

"There aren't that many wealthy people out there truly sympathetic to hardcore white supremacist ideology — and of the few who exist, most would not want to be revealed as

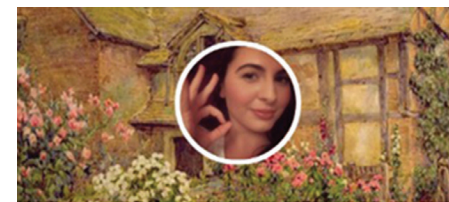
such," the report said.

By contrast, white supremacists are meeting with some success on crowdfunding platforms. "For white supremacists, such campaigns can raise relatively small amounts of money far more quickly and easily than traditional methods," the report noted. At the same time, conducting transactions using cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin — now the preferred option for at least one high-profile white supremacist website — is attractive to these groups because of the relative ease of staying anonymous.

Announcing the publication of the report, Oren Segal — director of ADL's Center on Extremism — emphasized the "need to remain vigilant as white supremacists exploit emerging technologies to fund their activities."

"The funding platforms and payment

processors have a crucial role to play in this ongoing battle," Segal said.



Tara McCarthy

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White supremacists in the US are using crowdfunding platforms like 'Hatereon' to raise money. Photo: Screenshot.

Survey Finds Waning Support for Israel Among Millennial Evangelical Christians

BY JNS.ORG

A new survey has found that millennial evangelical Christians support Israel less than older generations, a possible troubling new trend for one of Israel's strongest and most vocal support groups in the US.

According to the survey, titled "Evangelical Attitudes Toward Israel and the Peace Process," despite the fact that nearly 76 percent of evangelicals say Christians should support Israel, 41 percent of younger evangelicals have no strong views about Israel.

Additionally, the survey found that 77 percent of evangelicals 65 and older say they support "the existence, security and prosperity of Israel," while only 58 percent of younger evangelicals (18-34) hold similar views and say they are less sure Israel's rebirth in 1948 was a positive development for Palestinians.

"For the most part, younger evangelicals are indifferent about Israel," said Scott McConnell, executive director of LifeWay Research, which conducted the survey in conjunction with Chosen People Ministries and author Joel Rosenberg.

The survey asked 2,002 American evangelical Christians about their beliefs concerning a wide range of issues involving Israel, from its place in the Bible to its treatment of Palestinians.

Sympathy for the Palestinians was found to be higher among younger evangelicals. While 59 percent of evangelicals say Christians should do more to "love and care" for the Palestinians, that number rises to 66 percent for evangelicals ages 18-34.

"They believe God wants Israel to be there," McConnell said, "but they also think God cares how the nation of Israel acts."

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Opinion.

Ten Questions for Malcolm Hoenlein on Qatar



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

This leads to our first question: Are we to believe that this exercise has suddenly morphed into Qatar wanting to help anguished Israeli families retrieve their loved ones, while the emir continues to fund Hamas terror against those same Israelis? Will Jewish leaders really be taken in by such obvious duplicity?

Second, why should we believe anything that Qatar says when they remain a terror-funding government? Qatar is lavishly paying a Jewish PR firm to promote the country as a peace-loving nation that is an ally of the United States — despite its sponsorship of terrorism and ties to Iran.

If Qatar had a sincere interest in serving as an intermediary in negotiations to free the Jews held by Hamas, why not just do it? They could easily reach out to Israel through backchannels at the UN or some traditionally non-aligned country like Switzerland. If the Qataris wanted to involve American Jews, they know how to contact people like Hoenlein without needing the intervention of a Jewish PR firm.

Third, if Qatar wants to release murdered Israeli soldiers, their quickest route is not through Hoenlein, or any other Jewish figure who can be expropriated for propaganda purposes. Instead, their best means of doing so are through the United States government.

Qatar hosts America's largest air base in

the Middle East. Why haven't they used their considerable ties with the American government to help release the Israeli MIAs? One can only conclude that this desire to release the bodies of murdered Israeli soldiers is a ruse by the Qataris to lure in Jewish leaders for propaganda purposes.

Qatar is interested in whitewashing its image as a funder of terror, and to use Jews as their scrub brush. Clearly, the emir, whose country is being crushed by the Saudi-led boycott, believes that showing a parade of Jewish leaders coming to pay homage to him will help with his image.

And what is the timetable to release the IDF soldiers? Does Qatar get to meet every Jewish leader in America over the next few years in protracted talks that will surely burnish their reputation as a friend of the Jews, even as they finance Hamas to murder Israelis?

Fourth, before meeting with the emir, shouldn't Qatar be required to take some action, or make a statement, indicating a new policy toward Israel? For example, Qatar once had an Israeli economic office in Doha. Why not call for that to be reopened?

At a minimum, Jewish leaders should demand that the emir abandon his anti-Israel rhetoric. I listened to his speech at the UN this September, during which he castigated Israel for obstructing peace and "Judaizing Jerusalem." He outright lied about Israel "restricting the performance of religious rituals at the Al-Aqsa Mosque." The emir also hypocritically called for a two-state solution, while simultaneously funding Hamas, which is committed to Israel's annihilation.

Fifth, is the Jewish community adopting

a new policy of recognizing unrepentant funders of terror by conferring legitimacy on the emir of Qatar and his family?

Sixth, while the emir may or may not have the authority to release the bodies of IDF soldiers, he can surely expel Hamas officials, such as Khaled Mashaal, who are granted sanctuary by the emir to mastermind terror and rocket attacks against Israel from the comfort of their Doha homes. Shouldn't Jewish leaders have demanded that Qatar expel mass murderers of Jews from their midst before accepting Qatari hospitality?

Seventh, before granting legitimacy to the emir, could there not have been a request that Al Jazeera, which he owns and operates, tone down the antisemitism and Jew-baiting that are regular features of the channel? For example, Yusuf al-Qaradawi, whose speeches appear on the channel, has praised Hitler for his slaughter of European Jews, and prayed for Allah to help him finish the job. "Oh Allah," he cried in a sermon, "take this oppressive, Jewish, Zionist band of people ... count their numbers, and kill them down to the very last one!"

The Saudis have demanded that Qatar close down Al Jazeera; Jewish leaders could at least insist that the network stop such broadcasts.

Eighth, before legitimizing Qatar and inviting their leaders to meet our family and friends at our family simchas, shouldn't we first show solidarity with the Israelis whose family celebrations have been destroyed forever by Hamas terror — which was funded by Qatar? In 2012, Qatar pledged \$400 million to Hamas. After Hamas used this money to launch more than 5,000 rockets against Israeli civilians, Qatar promised another billion dollars to the



Qatar maintains close relations with Iran and terrorist groups such as Hamas. Photo: File.

bloodthirsty leadership of Gaza in 2014.

Ninth, do we not have a responsibility to the 67 murdered IDF soldiers, and countless victims of rocket attacks, to refrain from breaking ranks with their families by letting Qatar off the hook? Our family friend Aviram Shaul, the brother of murdered Israeli soldier Oron Shaul, whose body is being held by Hamas, published a letter condemning American Jewish engagement with Qatar — so long as his brother and other Israeli soldiers have not been returned by Hamas.

Tenth, the Jewish people are entrusted by God to be a light unto the nations, and commanded in Leviticus 19: "Do not stand idly by the blood of your neighbor." Shouldn't we send a clear message to the world that financiers of terror will never be brought in from the cold until they stop enabling the murder of innocent men, women and children?

As Richard Minitzer wrote in Forbes, the use of the murdered Israelis as bargaining chips by Qatar and its hired apologists, is "perhaps the strangest, most distasteful part of Qatar's unprecedented outreach to America's Jewish groups." Jewish leaders should think twice before allowing themselves to be used.

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The Crime: Walking While Jewish



STEPHEN M. FLATOW/
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Back in the 1990s, civil rights activists coined the term "DWB" (driving while black) to highlight the frequency of incidents in which African-American motorists were stopped by the police without just cause. It was as if the drivers were considered guilty of something simply because they were black.

In the wake of last Thursday's mob attack in Israel, it's time to coin a new term: "WWJ" — walking while Jewish.

On Thursday, two parents and a group of young Jewish children set out on a hike in the Shomron (Samaria) region, as part of a bar mitzvah celebration. The hike was coordinated in advance with the Israeli army, which gave its approval. Each of the parents carried a weapon, at the army's request.

They didn't hike through any Arab villages. They didn't create a settlement. They didn't bother anybody, violate any law or do anything wrong. Their only "crime" was that they were walking while Jewish.

Some Palestinian Arabs spotted the

children. Keep in mind that these are Palestinians who have been educated in Palestinian schools. You would think that if the Palestinians were sincere when they signed the Oslo Accords, they would have changed the curricula in their schools, in order to encourage peace and co-existence.

But as Palestinian Media Watch and other groups have repeatedly documented, Palestinian school textbooks still teach vicious hatred of Israel. They portray all of Israel as "occupied Palestine." They depict Jews as devils, rats, insects and butchers. And they hail Arab murderers of Jews as "heroes" and "martyrs."

Every time that Palestinian children turn on official Palestinian Authority television, they are greeted with messages of incitement. Just a few days ago, Palestinian Media Watch cited a new song that is being broadcast on PA TV. Here's an excerpt from the lyrics: "We will raise the Fatah flag with the rifle ... We will come at you from the sea like the wave ... Yasser Arafat said this statement in a loud voice: 'For you O homeland, by Allah, death is sweet for me' ... Jerusalem is ours, and we are marching, and will bring millions of martyrs."

As the song was played, viewers were shown an image of one of those "martyrs" — Dalal Mughrabi, the teenage terrorist who

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10 Democratic Senators Express an Anti-Israel Bias



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NEW YORK

Last Wednesday, ten Democratic senators — including Bernie Sanders (D-VT), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Al Franken (D-MN) — penned an open letter to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. In it, they implored him "not to demolish the Palestinian village of Susiya and the Bedouin community of Khan al-Ahmar."

It is absolutely imperative that the Netanyahu administration not proceed with the demolitions, the senators fretted, because doing so would be "distressing" and would represent nothing short of "an irreversible step away from a two-state solution," and a threat to "Israel's future as a Jewish democracy."

The concerns expressed in the letter about Israeli policies towards Palestinians represent not merely an isolated incident of disquiet over the impending demolitions, but rather a tendency of several of the letter's signees to assume the worst of the current Israeli administration, and to accuse it of

being cruel and undemocratic.

In 2011, Patrick Leahy (D-VT) sought to curtail US military aid to three of the IDF's most elite combat units, citing his fear that these units were committing gross human rights violations against Palestinians in the West Bank. In 2016, Leahy asked the State Department to investigate "possible gross violations of human rights by security forces in Israel." Another signee of the letter, Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), called a February 2017 Israeli bill regarding land seizure in the West Bank "brutal," and gratuitously fretted that it would lead to a total Israeli "takeover of the West Bank."

The fact that a number of the senators had previously voiced grievances against Israel, coupled with the knowledge that the bases of both Sanders and Warren are — at best — highly skeptical of Netanyahu's administration, places doubt on the objectiveness and fairness of the senators' critiques. Of course, the political motivations of the letter's authors have no bearing on the validity of the letter's claims. If the criticism is fair, the criticism is fair, regardless of who the critic may be. A problem only arises when the criticism is unfair — as it is in the case of the upcoming demolitions.

Misleadingly, the letter describes the

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Impressions.

France's Greatest Composer — Georges Bizet — Was Jewish

BY JOSHUA GELERNTER

Few operas are performed more than Georges Bizet's *Carmen*; none are better loved. It was his magnum opus and a glimpse of the direction that music might have taken had he lived longer. Bizet died of a heart attack at age 36 in 1875, three months after *Carmen*'s premier.

Since the year 2000, Bizet has had 188 television and movie composer credits — because people can't stop playing his music. Even the least musically inclined know a few of his most famous tunes. His "Toreador Song" and "Habanera" are perhaps the two most famous arias ever written.

Purely by chance, I stumbled across the following footnote in "Tschaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 (Pathétique)," a scholarly work by Professor Timothy L. Jackson, published by the Cambridge University Press:

"Whether Bizet was Jewish has been the subject of considerable debate. Gdal Saleski reports (*Famous Musicians of Jewish Origins* [New York: Bloch Publishing Company, 1949], p. 14):

While preparing my Famous Musicians of a Wandering Race (1927), I based my research both on previous documentary publications and on personal contacts. I visited Paris in 1922 and again in 1924, to gather additional material on the lives of French-Jewish composers and musicians. Several persons were interviewed regarding the Jewish ancestry of Bizet. A friend of long standing, Dr. Henri Sliosberg, a renowned lawyer in pre-Soviet Russia, who I visited several times in Paris, introduced me to an eminent French septuagenarian musicologist who, in his youth, had known Bizet personally.

*From him I learned that Bizet's maternal grandparents were Spanish Jews. May I also refer you to a book written by Dr. Adolph Kohut, entitled *Berühmte Israelitische Männer und Frauen*, published originally in 1871, in which Bizet's biography and photograph were included. ... In 1892 this volume was translated into several versions, which did not omit Bizet's biography. In view of the fact that Dr. Kohut's book originally appeared during Bizet's lifetime (he died in 1875), and he was at no time thereafter forced to repudiate or retract the statement of the composer's origin, it is safe to assume that Bizet had Jewish blood in his veins. ... In *Das Judentum in der Musik* by Simon Levy, Erfurt, 1930, Bizet is described as "erin halb-spanischer Jude."*

"According to Jewish law, which traces lineage matriarchally, Bizet was Jewish."

The footnote goes on to point out the curiosity that Bizet's wife's family had objected to their union on religious grounds — peculiar given that his wife, Geneviève, née Halévy, was Jewish. However, it appears that their concern did not stem from Bizet being a titular Christian (his father was Christian, and he himself was baptized as an infant): Bizet wrote to a friend that his wife's family objected to him as "penniless, left-wing, anti-religious and Bohemian." It's hard to imagine there was a time when being a leftist, atheist bohemian was consid-



Georges Bizet. Photo: YouTube.

ered unsuitable for a Jew.

Like many music-lovers, I regard Bizet as the greatest opera composer who ever lived, behind Mozart, and the greatest French composer who ever lived, behind no one. The fact that I didn't know he was a Jew strikes me as curious. I knew, for instance, that his primary librettist (like Mozart's) was a Jew; that's commonplace opera trivia. How could Bizet's Semitic origin — evidently well-known in the late 19th century — have been suppressed?

One clue may be the story of Henri Herz — a French-Jewish pianist and composer. When Georges Bizet was just three, Herz specifically requested that his Judaism be excluded from his entry in the *Biographie Universelle des Musiciens*, for fear that it would damage his career. Herz died in 1888 — six years before the Dreyfus affair.

The French have produced a substantial proportion of history's best and most important art, philosophy and science. But they've always been world-champion antisemites, so I suppose it's not surprising that they were inclined to bury Bizet's Jewishness. The Germans did the same thing with the greatest of all waltz writers — the Johann Strausses Sr. and Jr. *C'est la vie.*

Anyway — the record ought now to be corrected. I look forward to some new street in Jerusalem being named Georges Bizet Boulevard.

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Walking

led the massacre of 37 Israelis (plus the niece of US Senator Abraham Ribicoff) on the Tel Aviv coast in 1978. So maybe it's no surprise that the Palestinians who spotted the Jewish children on Thursday decided that they wanted to be "heroes" and "martyrs," just like Mughrabi. The mere sight of vulnerable Jewish passersby inspired the Palestinians to try to stone the children to death.

Don't think for a second that these Palestinians don't realize that rocks can kill. At least 13 Israeli Jews and two Arabs mistaken for Jews have been murdered by Palestinian rock-throwers since the 1980s. Many more have been maimed, some permanently.

Unfortunately, Palestinian rock-throwers can also assume that their victims will quickly be forgotten. Who, today, remembers Asher Palmer and his young son, Yonatan — both American citizens — who were murdered by Palestinian rock-throwers in 2011? In



A hiking trail in Israel. Photo: Dov Greenblat.

fact, who today remembers the names of any of the stoning fatalities?

The Shomron mob surrounded the Jews, hurling rocks. Two men and three of the children were injured. The mob surged forward, with several of the attackers trying to wrest the gun from one of the parents' hands. The parent fired in self-defense; one of the would-be murderers was killed.

"The children fled to a nearby cave and waited to be rescued by Israeli security forces," according to one of the news reports. One can only imagine how they felt, huddled in fear, not knowing who would arrive first, the soldiers or more Arab attackers. Fortunately, the soldiers reached the children in time to preempt a massacre.

In recent days, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism, and some other prominent American Jews have denounced Israel's deputy foreign minister, Tzipi Hotovely. They said that they were "insulted" because she pointed out that Jews in the US do not face the same kind of dangers that Israeli Jews face. The attempt to stone Jewish children to death in the Shomron on Thursday shows how right she was. Rabbi Jacobs and his colleagues owe the deputy foreign minister an apology.

Stephen M. Flatow, a vice president of the Religious Zionists of America, is an attorney in New Jersey. He is the father of Alisa Flatow, who was murdered in an Iranian-sponsored Palestinian terrorist attack in 1995.

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LEGAL NOTICE



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, Millford, 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.

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Notice of formation of AROMA FOOD BANQUET LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/25/2017. Office location: Kings County. SSNY designated as service for process. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2670 Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BROOKLYN CAMERA,LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY)on 05/18/2015 . 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: The LLC 302 Weirfield St, Brooklyn, NY 11237 Purpose: all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY WELLS FARGO

LEGAL NOTICE

BANK, N.A.; Plaintiff(s) vs. CESAR L. ROCHA; MARVIN E. ZUNIGA; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about November 28, 2016, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 OF Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On December 21, 2017 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 41 LOGAN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208-1312 Block: 4102 Lot: 4 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$57,813.40 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 508093/2015 Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee

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LEGAL NOTICE OF POSTPONE-MENT OF SALE 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 December 14, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 57th Street, distant 300 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 57th Street with the southerly side of Linden Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 30 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet. Block: 4682 Lot: 22 Said premises known as 116 EAST 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$621,435.76 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 7244/2011. AARON D. MASLOW, ESQ., Referee Westernman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1201 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 The above sale, originally scheduled for November 16, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. has been postponed. The new sale date has been rescheduled for December 14, 2017 at the same time and place. AARON D. MASLOW, ESQ., Referee.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Brooklyn UC Group LLC .Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 01/25/2017. 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: Mark J. Nussbaum,ESQ. 225 Broadway 39th floor New York, NY 10007 Purpose: all lawful activity

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: LOLLYGAG, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/06/2017. 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: Cheyenne Moseley Legalzoom.com, Inc. 101 N Brand Blvd 10th floor Glendale Ca. 91203. Purpose: all lawful activity

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Black Don Entertainment,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 08/18/2017. 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:Raymond McClinton 1296 Sheridan Ave., Bronx, NY 10456. Purpose: all lawful activity

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, MTGLQ Investors, L. P, Plaintiff, vs. Rogelio Clark, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption 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 04, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 269 East 52nd Street, 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 4658 and Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$441,593.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510070/2014. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff

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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

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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 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

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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

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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

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Ferris Estates Road, New Milford, CT 06776. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 12/1/8/15/22/29; 1/5

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Tradition.

Improbable Endings and the Defeat of Despair



JONATHAN SACKS
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We live life looking forward but we understand it only looking back.

As we live from day to day, our life can seem like a meaningless sequence of random events, a series of accidents and happenstances that have no shape or inner logic. A traffic jam makes us late for an important meeting. A stray remark we make offends someone in a way we never intended. By a hair's-breadth we fail to get the job we so sought. Life as we experience it can sometimes feel like Joseph Heller's definition of history: "a trashbag of random coincidences blown open in a wind."

Yet looking back, it begins to make sense. The opportunity we missed here led to an even better one there. The shame we felt at our unintentionally offensive remark makes us more careful about what we say in the future. Our failures, seen in retrospect many years later, turn out to have been our deepest learning experiences. Our hindsight is always more perceptive than our foresight. We live life facing the future, but we understand life only when it has become our past.

Nowhere is this set out more clearly than in the story of Joseph in this week's parsha. It begins on a high note: "Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his sons, because he was a son of his old age, and he made a richly embroidered robe." But with dramatic speed, that love and that gift turn out to be Joseph's undoing. His brothers began hating him. When he told them his dream, they hated him even more. His second dream offended even his father. Later, when he went to see his brothers tending their flocks, they first plotted to kill him, and eventually sold him as a slave.

At first, in Potiphar's house, he seemed to be favoured by fortune. But then his master's wife tried to seduce him and when he refused her advances she accused him of attempted rape and he was sent to prison with no way of proving his innocence. He seemed to have reached his nadir. There was nowhere lower for him to fall.

Then came an unexpected ray of hope. Interpreting the dream of a fellow prisoner, who had once been Pharaoh's cup-bearer, he predicted his release and return to his former elevated role. And so it happened. Joseph asked only one thing in return: "Remember me when it goes well with you, and please show me kindness: mention me to Pharaoh, and get me out of this place. For I

was forcibly taken from the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing to deserve being put in this pit."

The last line of the parsha is one of the cruelest blows of fate in the Torah: "The chief cupbearer did not remember Joseph; he forgot him." Seemingly his one chance of escape to freedom is now lost. Joseph, the beloved son in his magnificent robe has become Joseph, the prisoner bereft of hope. This is as near the Torah gets to Greek tragedy. It is a tale of Joseph's hubris leading, step after step, to his nemesis. Every good



thing that happens to him turns out to be only the prelude to some new and unforeseen misfortune.

Yet a mere two years later, at the beginning of next week's parsha, we discover that all this has been leading to Joseph's supreme elevation. Pharaoh makes him Viceroy over Egypt, the greatest empire of the ancient world. He gives him his own signet ring, has him dressed in royal robes and a gold chain, and has him paraded in a chariot to the acclaim of the crowds. A mere thirty years old, he has become the second most powerful man in the world. From the lowest pit he has risen to dizzying heights. He has gone from zero to hero overnight.

What is stunning about the way this story is told in the Torah is that it is constructed to lead us, as readers, in precisely the wrong direction. Parshat Vayeshev has the form of a Greek tragedy. Mikketz then comes and shows us that the Torah embodies another worldview altogether. Judaism is not Athens. The Torah is not Sophocles. The human condition is not inherently tragic. Heroes are not fated to fall.

The reason is fundamental. Ancient Israel and the Greece of antiquity – the two great influences on Western civilisation – had profoundly different understandings of time and circumstance. The Greeks believed in moira or ananke, blind fate. They thought that the gods were hostile or at best indifferent to humankind, so there was no way of avoiding tragedy if that is what fate had decreed. Jews believed, and still believe, that God is with us as we travel through time. Sometimes

we feel as if we are lost, but then we discover, as Joseph did, that He has been guiding our steps all along.

Initially Joseph had flaws in his character. He was vain about his appearance; he brought his father evil reports about his brothers; his narcissism led directly to the advances of Potiphar's wife. But the story of which he was a part was not a Greek tragedy. By its end – the death of Joseph in the final chapter of Genesis – he had become a different human being entirely, one who forgave his brothers the crime they committed against him, the man who saved an entire region from famine and starvation, the one Jewish tradition calls "the tzaddik."

Don't think you understand the story of your life at half-time. That is the lesson of Joseph. At the age of twenty-nine he would have been justified in thinking his life an abject failure: hated by his brothers, criticised by his father, sold as a slave, imprisoned on a false charge and with his one chance of freedom gone.

The second half of the story shows us that Joseph's life was not like that at all. His became a tale of unprecedented success, not only politically and materially, but also morally and spiritually. He became the first person in recorded history to forgive. By saving the region from famine, he became

first in whom the promise made by God to Abraham came true: "Through you, all the families of the land will be blessed" (Gen. 12:3). There was no way of predicting how the story would end on the basis of the events narrated in parshat Vayeshev. The turning-point in his life was a highly improbable event that could not have been predicted but which changed all else, not just for him but for large numbers of people and for the eventual course of Jewish history. God's hand was at work, even when Joseph felt abandoned by every human being he had encountered.

We live life forward but we see the role of Providence in our lives only looking back. That is the meaning of God's words to Moses: "You will see My back" (Ex. 33:23), meaning, "You will see Me only when you look back."

Joseph's story is a precise reversal of the narrative structure of Sophocles' *Oedipus*. Everything Laius and his son Oedipus do to avert the tragic fate announced by the oracle in fact brings it closer to fulfilment, whereas in the story of Joseph, every episode that seems to be leading to tragedy turns out in retrospect to be a necessary step to saving lives and the fulfilment of Joseph's dreams.

Judaism is the opposite of tragedy. It tells us that every bad fate can be averted (hence our prayer on the High Holy Days that "penitence, prayer and charity avert the evil decree") – while every positive promise made by God will never be undone.

Hence the life-changing idea:

Despair is never justified. Even if your life has been scarred by misfortune, lacerated by pain, and your chances of happiness seem gone forever, there is still hope. The next chapter of your life can be full of blessings. You can be, in Wordsworth's lovely phrase, "surprised by joy."

Every bad thing that has happened to you thus far may be the necessary prelude to the good things that are about to happen because you have been strengthened by suffering and given courage by your ability to survive. That is what we learn from the heroes of endurance from Joseph to the Holocaust survivors of today, who kept going, had faith, refused to despair, and were privileged to write a new and different chapter in the book of their lives.

Seen through the eye of faith, today's curse may be the beginning of tomorrow's blessing. That is a thought that can change a life.

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Palestinian village of Susiya as having existed since the 1830s, and being home to around 45 families. In short, according to the senators, Israel is savagely displacing Palestinians from a village that has been in their hands for close to 200 years. The truth is far less sinister (on Israel's part, that is).

Rather than a small, functional village home to 45 families, as the letter portrays it, Susiya is a desolate patch of land on top of a hill, which is home to a tiny smattering of tents – built illegally without Israeli permits. As William Booth wrote in an August 2016 piece for *The Washington Post*, Susiya is entirely devoid of "streets, shops, or mosques [and] permanent home[s]." In other words, rather than the bustling small town that occupies the imagination of Elizabeth Warren's staff, Susiya should really evoke images of cowboy-style ghost towns. Moreover, as Booth comments in his article, "there do not seem to be many people here, either."

Other key details about the Susiya were also conveniently omitted from the letter, because they too undermine the letter's "charity case" narrative. For one, the site is directly adjacent to a religiously significant historical site for Jews, which is controlled by Israel. As a result, many suspect that the residents of Susiya are sticking it out as an expression of political dissidence.

What's more, Susiya does not exactly "survive through subsistence farming" as the letter claims. The hamlet's solar panels (how many communities with a population under 100 in the world have solar panels?) were provided by Germany. Its water pumps that provide the village with a water supply? Thanks to Ireland. Susiya's school? Gracias, Spain. The town's playground? Bedankt, Belgium. The UN even directly gifted the herders with tents and shelters through its Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs – and so it goes for the downtrodden victims of Israel's unspeakable savagery and barbarism.

The case against demolishing

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specter of White House support for the Taylor Force Act, which will see significant cuts to US financial aid to the Palestinians; Trump's unwillingness to specify the two-state solution as the only solution to the conflict; and even the threat to withhold funds from international bodies that give the PA and the PLO full membership that was circulated in the administration's early days. In addition, the Palestinians will not be quick to forget that it was a matter of months before they were even able to establish contact with Trump's team. They should not be taking that access for granted.

The Israelis have long been concerned -- with due reason -- that the Palestinians have never intended to pursue a genuine peace and that the peace process is a tactic to secure more land from which to launch continued attacks on the Jewish state. Leaders of the PA have paid lip service to the peace initiatives over the years, but the statements in the PA's founding and guiding documents, its payments to, and glorification of, terrorists, its education curriculum and its constant incitement on social media among other things have all long told another story.

Here we have an administration that for the first time seems prepared to call the Palestinians' bluff. The recognition of Jerusalem at the onset of a peace initiative -- and the lining up of further repercussions -- shows them and the international community just how serious the president is. It's a thoroughly worthwhile and commendable move.

the Bedouin village of Khan al-Ahmar is almost identical. Israel asserts that aspects of the village have been built illegally without permits, something which is virtually uncontested even by staunch advocates of the pro-Palestine cause. The European Union, Italy and Belgium all contributed to the infrastructure of the town. And, in a critical detail missing from the letter, Israel plans to relocate the residents of Khan al-Ahmar to a new village of similar composition a mere 10 miles away.

None of this is to say that sympathy should be withheld from the people of Susiya and Khan al-Ahmar. Their plight is saddening, to be sure. However, that does not mean that the Israeli government deserves to be criticized for carrying out laws that every country in the world enforces.

The two villages are nothing more than small outposts which were constructed illegally, are populated by fewer than 100 people, and kept alive only by generous contributions from European countries. The planned demolitions, whether one agrees with them or not, do not necessitate the moral outrage of the letter. It's time that the Democratic senators who composed the letter are called to question for their clear prejudice against the current Israeli administration.

Social.



Gal Gadot on Variety's "Actors on Actors" series. Photo: Screenshot/YouTube.

Israeli Actress Gal Gadot Says She 'Holds Flag of the Nation'

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Israeli actress Gal Gadot told a *Variety* interviewer that she accepts her role as a representative of Israel and lamented that almost everybody mispronounces her name.

The "Wonder Woman" star was speaking with fellow actor and Pakistani-American stand-up comedian Kumail Nanjiani on *Variety's* "Actors on Actors" series. The two touched on their immigrant backgrounds, playing foreigners on screen and being cultural representatives of their home countries.

Gadot admitted, "Immediately once you become famous it goes without saying that you have to hold the flag of the nation." Nanjiani agreed, saying, "whether I want to or not I do represent a group ... but I think ultimately I can only tell my story. I can't really tell the story of everybody from that part of the world because everyone has a different story."

The actors also bonded over the fact that everyone mispronounces their names. Gadot said she's always asked, "How do you pronounce your name?"

The actress also revealed that she got emotional watching a battle scene in "Wonder Woman," because she realized its significance for women.

"It was the first time for me — as a woman, a girl, a female — that I saw an image of strong women that are beautiful and confident and can take care of themselves," said Gadot. "I was shocked by it, and then I was more shocked by the fact that I never saw anything like that."

She added that she believes it to be important to share the image of independent beautiful women, especially as a mother of two daughters.

"There cannot be women empowerment if women don't have this visual in their subconscious and if men don't have it either," Gadot said. "It's as



important for boys and men to see that a woman can be super great."

Both actors will receive the Virtuosos Award this year at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, which runs Jan. 31 through Feb. 10. The award recognizes artists who have had breakthrough performances in film.

Report: Meghan Markle's Jewish Best Friend Played Matchmaker With Prince Harry

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

American actress Meghan Markle met her now-fiancé Prince Harry through her Jewish best friend, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported on Thursday.

Fashion designer Misha Nonoo introduced Markle to the British royal in 2016. According to the UK newspaper *The Sun*, in the couple's first TV interview after announcing their engagement Prince Harry revealed — without mentioning Nonoo by name — "It was through her and then we met once and then twice back to back two dates in London, last July. And then



Misha Nonoo. Photo: Instagram.

it was, I think, about three, maybe four weeks later that I managed to persuade her to come and join me in Botswana."

He added, "We camped out with each other under the stars — she came and joined me for five days out there, which was absolutely fantastic."

Born in Bahrain to an Iraqi father and English mother, Nonoo was raised in London and schooled in Paris, according to *InStyle*. Her aunt is Houda Ezra Ebrahim Nonoo, the former — and first female — Bahraini ambassador to the United States and the first Jewish ambassador from any Arab country.

The 30-year-old divorced designer now resides in New York and has her own clothing line, which has been seen on Markle as well as fellow actresses Minka Kelly, Gwyneth Paltrow and Amanda Seyfried, among others. Markle has been featured on Nonoo's Instagram account wearing her designs. In 2013, *Forbes* included Nonoo on its "30 under 30" list of influential young people and in 2016 the designer was named by the National Council of Jewish Women New York as one of its three "Women Who Dared," the *Jewish Chronicle* said.



Prince Harry. Photo: Wikipedia

Opinion.

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Salon

Columbia is embarrassed by Massad given that the university has assembled a whole crew of Jew-baiting professors.

So here is a glimpse of the combined effort of Blumenthal and Massad to convince *Salon* readers that the Nazis, who murdered 6 million Jews — i.e. almost as many Jews as live currently in Israel — and the Zionist Jews, who desperately tried to reestablish a Jewish state as a refuge for their persecuted people — were eager collaborators that saw eye to eye on the so-called “Jewish question.”

‘Anti-Semites saw in Zionism a kindred spirit and they shared with other Zionists the understanding that getting rid of European Jews somewhere else is a goal that they share,’ Massad stated. The alliance deepened during World War Two, as the Zionist movement broke the international Jewish boycott of Nazi Germany to embark on a lucrative Transfer Agreement with Hitler’s government that exchanged Jewish property for the bodies the Zionists needed to colonize Palestine.

The obvious implication of Massad’s view is that it’s a pity that the Nazis killed only six million Jews — after all, if those evil Zionist Jews hadn’t escaped Europe on time and did whatever they could to enable others to join them, the Nazis might have succeeded in killing some more.

And then consider what Blumenthal adds: there was an “alliance” between the Nazis and the Zionist Jews that “deepened” while the Nazis were busy killing most of Europe’s Jews; and the Zionist Jews even managed to clinch a “lucrative” deal “with Hitler’s government that exchanged Jewish property for the bodies the Zionists needed to colonize Palestine.”

Every Jew-hater will nod along when reading about Jews cutting “lucrative” deals — and only a Jew-hater will neglect to mention that — at the same time — the crematoria in Auschwitz could barely cope with the bodies of murdered Jews.

Every Jew-hater will also nod along when they are told that the deal was “lucrative” because it “exchanged Jewish property for the bodies the Zionists needed to colonize Palestine.” But while Blumenthal conveniently ignores the dead bodies of the Jews murdered by the Nazis, he cynically uses the term “bodies” as a nod to fashionable progressive jargon. So “bodies” in the sense used here refers to living Jews, who — to Blumenthal’s and Massad’s obvious chagrin — managed to escape the Nazis thanks to Zionist Jews.

As Professor Yehuda Bauer, one of the world’s leading Holocaust historians, put it so well last year when he talked about anti-Israel activism: “[O]f course, they love Jews. Especially dead Jews. The ones who died in the Holocaust, they’re marvellous, they were terrific. Live Jews is something else.”

If you think this take is perhaps a bit too cynical, consider what Massad wrote in his notorious *Al Jazeera* screed — to which Blumenthal linked in his *Salon* piece.

According to Massad, “the majority of Jews” in Europe were virtuous Jews because they “continued to resist” what Massad calls “the anti-Semitic basis of Zionism and its alliances with anti-Semites.” But then the Nazis “killed 90 percent of European Jews” — which means, as Massad put it, that the Nazis “killed the majority of Jewish enemies of Zionism who died precisely because they refused to heed the Zionist call of abandoning their countries and homes.”

You can’t say it much clearer: good Jews are dead Jews, while the bad Zionist Jews survived.

Incredibly enough, Massad goes on to argue that “the horror at the Jewish holocaust [sic!] did not stop European countries from supporting the anti-Semitic programme of Zionism. On the contrary, these countries shared with the Nazis a predilection for Zionism” and “would be the ones who would support the United Nations Partition Plan of November 1947 to create a Jewish State.”

Massad is driven to such downright lunatic claims by his all-consuming desire to delegitimize the world’s only Jewish state as a Nazi project. But in reality, those who want to see Israel eliminated are advocating for a Nazi project. To the great satisfaction of the notorious grand mufti of Jerusalem, Haj Amin el-Husseini, the mufti’s Nazi allies were preparing, “to wipe out the Jews who had been living in Palestine since time immemorial as well as the new arrivals from the beginning of the modern Zionist movement in the nineteenth century and following the Balfour Declaration in 1917.”

When this plan became infeasible after the battles at El Alamein, and the Allied landing in French North Africa, the grand mufti proposed “to bomb Jerusalem and Tel Aviv on the anniversary of the Balfour Declaration in November 1943.” The Nazis considered the mufti’s proposal, but it “was eventually turned down in summer of 1943 by Hermann Göring, only because of practical, not

political much less ethical, considerations.”

Let me cite one more point that illustrates how utterly ludicrous claims about collaboration between Nazis and Zionists are: more than 30,000 Jews from British Mandate Palestine volunteered to fight in British units during World War II — which is a staggering figure considering that the entire Jewish population of British Mandate Palestine numbered about 550,000 in 1945. It really requires breathtaking bigotry to write, like Blumenthal, that the Nazi-Zionist “alliance deepened during World War Two.”

If you publish the vile views of Blumenthal and Massad under the hideous headline “The shocking alliance between Zionism and Anti-Semitism,” you have only yourself to blame when decent people wonder if you

perhaps agree that dead Jews are better than living Jews. And it is hardly a surprise to see that among the few unlettered comments that Blumenthal’s piece attracted, one asked: “Do you think the Holocaust really happened in the numbers that are commonly accepted?”

Salon claims to have “approximately 20 million monthly unique visitors,” and they have over a million followers on Twitter, and almost as many of Facebook. However, the site’s reputation is another matter. A Politico report on “The fall of *Salon.com*” noted last year that “in liberal intellectual and media circles it is widely believed that the site has lost its way.” Recycling the bigoted stories from Blumenthal’s alternate universe at AlterNet may be cheap, but it’s perhaps not cost-free.

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