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Iran's Leader Blames Enemies for Unrest, as Death Toll Rises



Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.
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Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Tuesday accused enemies of the Islamic Republic of stirring unrest across the country as the death toll from anti-government demonstrations that began last week rose to 21.

Nine Iranians were killed in Isfahan province during protests

on Monday night, including two members of the security forces, state television said.

Six protesters were killed during an attack on a police station in the town of Qahderijan. The governor of Falavarjan County said the protesters were armed.

The deputy provincial governor of Tehran said police have arrested more than 450 protesters in the capital over the past three days as security forces

struggle to contain the boldest challenge to Iran's clerical leadership since unrest in 2009.

In his first reaction to the demonstrations, Khamenei said: "In recent days, enemies of Iran used different tools including cash, weapons, politics and intelligence apparatus to create troubles for the Islamic Republic."

Khamenei said on his website that he would address the nation

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EU Maintains Cautious Response to Iran Protests

BY BEN COHEN

The international divide on the continuing anti-government protests in Iran was starkly illustrated on Tuesday, as the Tehran regime's regional allies issued statements dismissing the unrest as a domestic issue, while the European Union restricted itself to a plea for the avoidance of further bloodshed.

As nationwide demonstrations completed their sixth day with little sign of easing, the Russian Foreign Ministry described the protests as "Iran's internal affair." In



EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini - far left.
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a nod to Iranian official claims that the protests have been orchestrated by Israel and the US, the Russian statement added that "external interference destabilizing the situation is inadmissible."

Turkey — which has long competed with Iran for the loyalties of the Islamic world — adopted a similar line. "We believe it is necessary to avoid violence and not succumb to provocations," a statement from the Foreign Ministry in Ankara declared. Meanwhile, the regime of Syrian President

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Opinion.

Defining 'Occupied' — and the Semantic Battle for Peace



JONATHAN S. TOBIN
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In a demonstration of how completely at odds his views are from those of the foreign policy establishment, US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman reportedly asked the State Department to stop using the term "occupied territories" and instead refer to the area as the "West Bank."

According to accounts that have filtered out of Foggy Bottom, the State Department said no. But we are also told that after pressure "from above" — i.e. President Donald Trump — the issue has yet to be decided.

If this strikes you as a lot of bother about mere words, you're wrong. These words are part of a high-stakes battle to determine the outcome of the debate about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

For some observers, Friedman's request demonstrated anew that he was a bad choice for ambassador — since he has a record of support for the Jewish presence in the West Bank. But Friedman is correct that using the term "occupied" isn't neutral. It backs up the Palestinian narrative that Israelis are alien colonists in territories where only Arabs should have rights.

Israel's position is that the ultimate disposition of the West Bank — or, to use the biblical

as well as geographic term that was applied to the area before 1949, "Judea and Samaria" — is a matter of dispute in which both sides have a legitimate argument. To call the territories Judea and Samaria is also a political statement, just like "occupied territories."

But the use of words as weapons can lead to a muddle. The term "West Bank" is itself geographic nonsense. It is a relic of the illegal Jordanian occupation of this area, as well as the Old City of Jerusalem from 1949-1967. At that time, the Hashemite kingdom had two "banks," with an East — the area currently known as Jordan — as well as the West, which was taken by Israel during the Six-Day War.

Although Gaza functions as an independent Palestinian Hamas terror state, and much of that territory, as well as most of the Arab population of the West Bank is governed by the Palestinian Authority (PA), the fact is that the Palestinians do consider themselves "occupied" by Israel. The reason? Because Israel exercises security control over the area. Many Israelis also want to rid themselves of that burden, which brings their troops into contact with Palestinians in a way that further embitters both sides.

Only a minority of Israelis support the settlement movement, which wishes to hold on to all of the West Bank forever. A majority of Israelis would probably embrace a two-state solution that would mean giving up many, but not all of the settlements. But after the last 25 years, during which the Jewish state has repeatedly traded land and gotten more terror

instead of peace, a cross-party consensus now exists that deems further withdrawals foolhardy until the Palestinians give up a political culture rooted in hatred and rejectionism.

"Occupation" isn't the only semantic battle. Critics of President Trump's statement recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital dismissed it as mere words, since the US embassy isn't being moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem anytime soon. Trump's statement didn't preclude a two-state solution or a redivision of Jerusalem — in order for part of it to serve as the Palestinians' capital. Far from demonstrating US favoritism to Israel, his was actually a neutral stance that acknowledged that at least some of the city belongs to Israel. It is those who insist on the term "occupied," and in denying recognition of Jerusalem, who are the ones showing favoritism, though not to Israel.

PA leader Mahmoud Abbas responded to Trump by denying that Jews have rights over any of Jerusalem. Though at times Abbas has spoken in support of peace, his stand reaffirmed the steady stream of PA propaganda that denies the legitimacy of a Jewish state — no matter where its borders might be drawn. When push comes to shove, even Palestinian moderates still think of



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, May 15, 2017. Photo: Rob Ghost / Flash90.

all of Israel, and not just the West Bank and Jerusalem, as "occupied" territory. That's not just symbolism or semantics. That's a prescription for endless conflict.

Seen in that light, what Trump and Friedman have said doesn't seem quite as outrageous as their detractors assert. Until the Palestinians are ready to concede that their century-old war on Zionism has been lost, the debate over whether the West Bank is disputed or occupied will be moot. As long as they think that all land under Jewish control on either side of the 1967 lines is occupied, peace will remain a purely academic concept, no matter which words are used.

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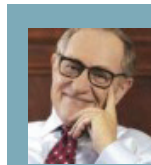
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Debating BDS With Cornel West



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I recently debated Professor Cornel West of Harvard about the boycott movement against Israel. The topic was resolved: "The boycott, divestiture and sanctions (BDS) movement will help bring about the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict."

West argued that Israel was a "colonialist-settler" state and that apartheid in the West Bank was "worse" than it was in white-ruled South Africa and should be subject to the same kind of economic and cultural isolation that helped bring about the fall of that regime.

I replied that the Jews who emigrated to Israel — a land in which Jews have lived continuously for thousands of years — were escaping from the countries that persecuted them, not acting as colonial settlers for those countries. Indeed, Israel fought against British Colonial rule. Zionism was the national liberation movement of the Jewish people, not a colonial enterprise. Nor is Israel in any way like South Africa, where a minority of whites ruled over a majority of Blacks, who were denied the most fundamental human rights.

In Israel, Arabs, Druze and Christians have equal rights and serve in high positions in government, business, the arts and academia. Jews were a majority in Israel, both when the US divided mandatory Palestine (Eretz Yisrael) into "two states for two people," and at present, although the Arab population

has increased considerably since 1948. Even the situation on the West Bank — where Palestinians have the right to vote for their leaders and criticize Israel, and where in cities such as Ramallah there is no Israeli military or police presence — the situation is no way comparable to apartheid South Africa.

West then argued that BDS was a non-violent movement that was the best way to protest Israel's "occupation" and settlement policies.

I responded that BDS is not a "movement" — a movement requires universality, like the feminist, gay rights and civil rights movements. BDS is an antisemitic tactic directed only against the Jewish citizens and supporters of Israel. The boycott against Israel and its Jewish supporters (to many Palestinians, all of Israel is one big "settlement;" just look at any map of Palestine) began before any "occupation" or "settlements" and picked up steam just as Israel offered to end the "occupation" and settlements as part of a two state solution that the Palestinians rejected. BDS is not a protest against Israel's policies. It is a protest against Israel's very existence.

West argued that BDS would help the Palestinians. I argued that it has hurt them by



Cornel West.
Photo: Darrell Nance via Wikimedia Commons.

causing unemployment among Palestinian workers in companies such as SodaStream, which was pressured to move out of the West Bank, where it paid high wages to Palestinian men and women who worked side by side with Israeli men and women. I explained that the leadership of the Palestinian Authority is opposed to broad boycotts of Israeli products, artist and academics.

West argued that BDS would encourage Israel to make peace with the Palestinians. I replied that Israel would never be blackmailed into compromising its security, and that the Palestinians are disincentivized into making compromises by the fantasy that they will get a state through economic and cultural extortion. The Palestinians will get a state only by sitting down and negotiating directly with Israel. I told my mother's favorite joke about Sam, an Orthodox Jew, who prayed every day to win the N.Y. Lottery before he turned 80. On his 80th birthday, he complains to God that he hasn't won. God replies, "Sam, help me out a little — buy a ticket." I argued that the Palestinians expect to "win" a state without "buying a ticket" — sitting down to negotiate a compromise solution.

The debate in its entirety — which was conducted in front of an audience of business people in Dallas, Texas, as part of the "Old Parkland Debate Series" — continued with broad arguments about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the refugee situation, the peace process, terrorism and other familiar issues. It can be seen in full on CSPAN. I think it is worth watching.

The audience voted twice, once before the debate and once after. The final tally was

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World News.

France Denies Targeting Jews for Tax Evasion With Secretive Investigative Department

BY JNS.ORG

The French government has denied a controversial report regarding a secretive department within the French Finance Ministry that allegedly targets Jews for tax evasion.

France's General Directorate of Public Finance (DGFIP) stated that it "categorically denies the completely unfounded assertions released today in the Globes newspaper, about the creation of a French tax department specializing in French Jews."

"There is no such structure within the French tax administration. The French tax law forbids any distinction between people based on their origin, place of residence, nationality or

religion," DGFIP added.

The denial came after the Israeli financial news outlet Globes reported last week that a "one of a kind" investigative department in France's Finance Ministry had 20 Hebrew-speaking employees and was in the process of hiring additional workers. The employees in the department were purportedly experts in Israeli law and able to discern whether or not French Jews were using Israel as a tax haven.

"Every tax authority has employees that speak a foreign language, but hiring 20 or more Hebrew-speaking investigators is very irregular," an international lawyer familiar with the secret French department reportedly told Globes.

IDF Launches Special Training School for Commando Soldiers

BY JNS.ORG

IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot has decided to establish a training school for the Israeli military's elite commando brigade, the army announced on Sunday.

Established in December 2015, the 89th Oz (Courage) Brigade brings together four special forces units, as part of the 98th Paratroopers Division: Maglan, which specializes in operations deep behind enemy lines; Duvdevan, which specializes in undercover urban warfare operations across Judea and

Samaria; Egoz, a reconnaissance unit specializing in anti-guerrilla warfare that operates mainly in the northern sector; and Rimon, which specializes in desert warfare and is deployed along Israel's southern border.

A commander identified by the military as Lt. Col. A will head the school, and has been charged with establishing it and constructing its initial training program.

The school is expected to open in 2019. Until then, soldiers from the brigade will continue to undergo basic and advanced training as they had before with existing infantry brigades

Israel Expands Deal for Satellite Service to Nepal

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel's Space Communication Ltd, operator of the Amos satellites, said on Tuesday Nepal's Dish Media Network has contracted for more capacity on the Amos-4 satellite starting in the fourth quarter.

The additional capacity will increase Spacecom's revenue from Dish Media Network

by \$16.7 million, bringing total future revenue expected from the customer to \$76.9 million.

Amos-4 provides services to customers from South Asia to East Africa.

Dish Media Network owns fast growing operator, Dishhome, whose network covers all of Nepal. With substantial satellite capacity on Amos-4, Dishhome will expand service offerings.


Dishhome's capacity on Amos-4 is contracted for the satellite's lifetime.

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US Support

Bashar al-Assad — whose survival rests on continued Iranian and Russian backing — denounced the US and Israel "for meddling in Iran's domestic affairs."

But it was the response from the EU that contrasted most dramatically with the fulsome expressions of support from American politicians led by President Donald Trump — who described the Iranian regime in perhaps the harshest terms yet in early-

morning tweet on Tuesday.

 **Donald J. Trump** @realDonaldTrump Following

The people of Iran are finally acting against the brutal and corrupt Iranian regime. All of the money that President Obama so foolishly gave them went into terrorism and into their "pockets." The people have little food, big inflation and no human rights. The U.S. is watching!

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Israel Changes Law to Make It Harder to Cede Jerusalem Control



A view of Jerusalem. Photo: Berthold Werner / Wikimedia Commons.

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& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel's parliament passed an amendment on Tuesday that would make it harder for it to cede control over parts of Jerusalem in any peace deal with the Palestinians.

The legislation, sponsored by the HaBayit HaYehudi party, raises to 80 from 61 the number of votes required in the 120-seat Knesset to approve any proposal to hand over part of the city to "a foreign party."

The amendment, long in the legislative pipeline, was passed with 64 lawmakers voting in favor and 52 against.

A spokeswoman for Federica Mogherini — the EU's foreign policy chief — emphasized the bloc's diplomatic outreach to Iran with regard to the protests.

"We have been in touch with the Iranian authorities and we expect that the right to peaceful demonstration and freedom of expression will be guaranteed," the spokeswoman said — without detailing how the EU would respond if its expectations were not met.

"We will continue to monitor developments," she added.

British Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel were similarly cautious in statements issued before the New Year, addressing only the rights of the protesters to assemble peacefully. Johnson spoke of the right to "demonstrate peacefully within the law," while Gabriel appealed to "the Iranian government to respect the rights of the demonstrators to assemble and to peacefully raise their voices."

While not entirely unexpected, the EU's stance on the protests left Iranian pro-democracy advocates exasperated and angry.

"The European Union as the largest alliance of democracies around the globe has reached another low point in its silence toward the Iranian people's quest for their inalienable human rights," Saba Farzan — executive director of the Foreign Policy Circle think tank in Germany — told The Algemeiner. "This is Europe's backyard we're talking about, and yet the EU acts as if peaceful demonstrations met with violence are happening on a different planet."

"Some figures keep silent and some figures openly apologize for the Islamist regime — both are truly disgraceful," Farzan said.

HaBayit HaYehudi leader Naftali Bennett said the vote showed that Israel would keep control of all of Jerusalem forever.

"There will be no more political skulduggery that will allow our capital to be torn apart," Bennett said on Twitter.

Opposition head Isaac Herzog said HaBayit HaYehudi was leading Israel "toward a terrible disaster."

On Sunday, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party unanimously urged legislators in a non-binding resolution to effectively annex Israeli settlements built in the West Bank.

Saeed Ghasseminejad — Iran research fellow at the Washington, DC-based Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD) think tank — spotlighted Europe's commercial relations with Iran, which imported \$10 billion of EU goods in 2016.

"I think the EU prefers to sign business deals with Iran," Ghasseminejad said. "The EU has shown that its main concern is to keep its welfare state alive through lucrative business deals with dictators around the world."

"Without pressure from the US, EU will continue supporting the Islamist regime of Tehran," he said.

The new wave of protests in Iran began last week in the eastern city of Mashhad, before quickly spreading to other cities. Hundreds of beatings by authorities and arrests have been reported since Sunday. The protests have challenged the very legitimacy of the Islamic Republic, with demonstrators calling for an end to clerical rule and the regime's imperial designs on neighboring states.

The protests are the first major challenge to Iran's rulers since the crushing of the grassroots Green Movement in 2009. In an interview on Sunday with the Abu Dhabi newspaper The National on Sunday, Nobel Peace Prize-winner Shirin Ebadi — a Tehran-based lawyer and human rights advocate — predicted that Iran's clerics would continue to face mass defiance.

"I think the protests are not going to end soon," Ebadi said. "It seems to me that we are witnessing the beginning of a big protest movement that can go well beyond the Green wave of 2009."

"It would not surprise me if it becomes something bigger," she said.

World News.



A part of a newly discovered ancient clay seal whose inscription in ancient Hebrew states that it belonged to the "governor of the city" of Jerusalem. Photo: Clara Amit / Israel Antiquities Authority.

Archaeology Agency: Clay Seal Supports Existence of 2,700-Year-Old Jerusalem 'Governor'

BY JNS.ORG

A stamped piece of clay dating back to the First Temple period, whose inscription in ancient Hebrew states that it belonged to the "governor of the city" of Jerusalem, was recently discovered during an archaeological dig in the Western Wall plaza and was presented this week to Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat.

Barkat said it is "very overwhelming to receive greetings from First Temple-period Jerusalem."

Although the clay seal is small, measuring just 0.5 by 0.6 inches in diameter and 0.1 inches thick, the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA) said its discovery is significant because

it supports biblical accounts of a Jerusalem governorship that existed 2,700 years ago.

"This shows that already 2,700 years ago, Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, was a strong and central city," said Barkat. The seal was discovered in dust piles collected during the IAA's conservationist operations in the area. The IAA's Dr. Shlomit Weksler-Bdolah, who is involved with the Western Wall Plaza excavations in association with the Western Wall Heritage Foundation, said the seal "had been attached to an important transport and served as some sort of logo, or as a tiny souvenir, which was sent on behalf of the governor of the city."

"This is the first time that such a sealing [has been] found in an authorized excavation," stated Weksler-Bdolah.

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Unrest

about the recent events "when the time is right."

He did not mention any enemies by name but Ali Shamkhani, secretary of the Supreme National Security Council, said the United States, Britain and Saudi Arabia were behind the recent riots in Iran.

"Saudis will receive Iran's unexpected response and they know how serious it can be," Shamkhani was quoted as saying by Tasnim news in an interview with Beirut-based Al Mayadeen TV.

Musa Ghazanfarabadi, head of Tehran's Revolutionary Court, warned protesters on Tuesday that those arrested would face harsh punishment.

Ghazanfarabadi said the detainees will be soon put on trial and the ringleaders would face serious charges including "moharebeh" — an Islamic term meaning warring against God — which carries the death penalty.

The semi-official ILNA news agency quoted Ali Asghar Naserbakht, the deputy governor of Tehran province, as saying that 200 people were arrested on Saturday in Tehran, 150 people on Sunday and about 100 people on Monday.

Hundreds of others have been arrested in other cities, according to agency reports and social media.

Naserbakht said the situation in Tehran was under control and police has not asked for the help of the Revolutionary Guards special forces.

Deputy Interior Minister Hossein Zolfaghari said 90 percent of the detainees were under 25-years-old, showing frustration among youths from the economic situation

and lack of social freedoms.

A judiciary official was quoted as saying by ISNA that 20 ringleaders of protests in Karaj, the fourth largest city in Iran, have been arrested.

Iran's judiciary chief Sadeq Larijani ordered prosecutors on Monday to "punish rioters firmly".

The demonstrations which broke out last week were initially focused on economic hardships and alleged corruption but turned into political rallies.

Anger was soon directed at the clerical leadership that has been in power since the 1979 revolution, including Khamenei, the ultimate authority in Iran's system of dual clerical and republican rule.

Iran is a major OPEC oil producer and regional power deeply involved in Syria and Iraq as part of a battle for influence with rival Saudi Arabia.

Many Iranians resent the foreign interventions and want their leaders to create jobs at home, where youth unemployment reached 29 percent last year.

Government spokesman Mohammad Baqer Nobakht said in a news conference that both protesters and the security forces should follow the law.

"People have the rights to protest but there is a difference between demonstration and riot... Even those who are confronting the rioters should act within the framework of law," he said.

State television reported that protesters who set ablaze four mosques in villages in Savadkuh County in northern Iran on Monday have been arrested.

Iranian President Hassan Rouhani refrained on Monday from accepting responsibility of problems raised by protesters and

Pakistan Government Reportedly Mulling 'Crackdown' on Alleged Mastermind of November 2008 Mumbai Terror Attacks

BY BEN COHEN

Pakistan is reportedly planning to seize charities and other financial assets controlled by the terrorist leader accused of masterminding the November 2008 terrorist attacks in the Indian city of Mumbai, whose targets included Nariman House, the local Chabad center.

The Pakistani government detailed its plans to crack down on Hafiz Saeed — the leader of the Islamist Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LeT) organization — in a secret order to various provincial and federal government departments on Dec. 19, three officials who attended one of several high-level meetings discussing the crackdown told Reuters news agency on Monday.

Marked "secret," a Dec. 19 document from the Finance Ministry directed law enforcement and governments in Pakistan's five provinces to submit an action plan by Dec. 28 for a "takeover" of Saeed's two charities, Jamaat-ud-Dawa (JuD) and the Falah-e-Insaniyat (FIF) Foundation.

The United States has labeled JuD and FIF "terrorist fronts" for the LeT, a group Saeed founded in 1987.

Saeed was released from house arrest last November after a court in the city of Lahore rejected the Pakistani government's arguments that he was a threat to public safety. Dozens of cheering supporters greeted Saeed as he exited the court. Saeed has repeatedly denied involvement in the Mumbai atrocities.

The Dec. 19 document, which refers to "Financial Action Task Force (FATF) issues," names only Saeed's two charities and "actions to be taken" against them.

The FATF, which is an international body that combats money laundering and terrorist financing, has warned Pakistan it faces inclusion on a watch list for failing to crack down on financing terrorism.

Asked about a crackdown on JuD and FIF, Interior Minister Ahsan Iqbal, who co-chaired one of the meetings on the plan, responded only generally, saying he has ordered authorities "to choke the fundraising of all proscribed outfits in Pakistan."

Iqbal said Pakistan wasn't taking action

he blamed his predecessor and also Iran's long-time adversary, the United States, for the government's shortcomings.

Rouhani said: "People on the streets do not ask for bread and water, but for more freedom" — implying that the protesters were not targeting his government but the more rigid establishment.

US President Donald Trump supported the protesters in a tweet on Tuesday: "The people of Iran are finally acting against the brutal and corrupt Iranian regime... The people have little food, big inflation and no human rights. The U.S. is watching!"

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Qasemi said on Tuesday "Instead of wasting his time by publishing offensive tweets to other nations, Trump should focus

under US pressure. "We're not pleasing anyone," he said. "We're working as a responsible nation to fulfill our obligations to our people and international community."

Saeed has been classed as a "Globally Designated Terrorist" by the US Treasury Department since 2008, which is offering a \$10 million reward for his capture. Following his release from house arrest in November, the US responded furiously, pointing out that "LeT is a designated Foreign Terrorist Organization responsible for the death of hundreds of innocent civilians in terrorist attacks, including a number of American citizens."

If the government follows through with the plan, it would mark the first time Pakistan has made a major move against Saeed's network, which includes 300 seminaries and schools, hospitals, a publishing house and ambulance services.

Monday's revelations come on top of a major diplomatic row between India and the Palestinian Authority involving Saeed. The PA announced on Sunday that it was withdrawing



Alleged Mumbai terror mastermind Hafiz Saeed is showered with flower petals outside a court in Lahore. Photo: Reuters / Mohsin Raza.

its ambassador to Pakistan, Walid Abu Ali, after he shared a platform on with Saeed on Friday at an Islamist rally in the city of Rawalpindi.

"The move by the Palestinian Ambassador to Pakistan was considered particularly insulting as it came close on the heels of India's vote at the UN General Assembly in support of the two-state solution and criticizing the US and Israel for supporting a shift in Jerusalem's status," The Hindu newspaper noted.

Saeed's recent sermons have included a call for Pakistan to use its nuclear arsenal to take control of Jerusalem.

"Pakistan's atomic bomb is the asset of Islam which should be used to free Jerusalem," Saeed declared at a rally in December in Lahore.

on internal affairs of America."

Turkey said on Tuesday it was concerned by reports of people dying and public buildings being damaged in Iran.

"We believe it is necessary to avoid violence and not succumb to provocations," the Turkish Foreign Ministry said in a statement, adding that it hoped foreign intervention would be avoided.

The Russian Foreign Ministry was quoted by the RIA news agency as saying external interference was destabilizing the situation and calling it "unacceptable."

Iran and Russia are the main allies of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, while the United States, Saudi Arabia and Turkey support rebel groups.

U.S. News.

Antisemitic Incidents in US Surged 67 Percent From January-September 2017, ADL Says

BY JNS.ORG

The number of antisemitic incidents in the US between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 2017, increased by 67 percent when compared with the same period in 2016, according to the Anti-Defamation League's (ADL) annual report on antisemitism.

The report documents 1,299 antisemitic incidents across the US from Jan. 1-Sept. 30 of last year, compared with 1,266 in all of 2016.

ADL's Israel director, Carole Nuriel, presented the statistics on Monday to the Knesset's Committee for Immigration, Absorption and Diaspora Affairs.

Nuriel emphasized that the report is not conclusive and that many additional antisemitic

incidents go unreported, often due to victims fearing retaliation or complications with classifying an incident as antisemitic. She also underscored an increase in antisemitic bullying and vandalism within the US school system, as such incidents more than doubled from 130 in 2016 to 269 from Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 2017.

"These figures testify to demons emerging from the bottle and are now threatening to blacken the attitude toward Jews throughout the world," said MK Nachman Shai (Zionist Union), chairman of the Israeli legislature's Caucus for Strengthening the Jewish People.

"We must not remain silent and allow the worsening of the treatment of Jews and Judaism," Shai said. "This is a significant danger to the State of Israel. Antisemitism is the fuel that nourishes the BDS phenomenon, and the worse it gets, the worse Israel's situation will be in the world."



A man holds a sign promoting an antisemitic conspiracy theory across the street from the former World Trade Center site on Sept. 11, 2011, the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Photo: Luigi Novi via Wikimedia Commons.

Netanyahu: 'I Will Not Insult the Iranian People Like President Rouhani'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared his full solidarity on Monday with anti-regime protesters in Iran, slamming Iranian President Hassan Rouhani for his "laughable" claim that the demonstrations, now in their fifth day, were being orchestrated by Israel.

"Unlike Rouhani, I will not insult the Iranian people," Netanyahu remarked in a special video addressing the Iranian protests. "They deserve better."

The Israeli leader continued: "Brave Iranians are pouring into the streets. They seek freedom. They seek justice."

Lauding the people of Iran as "smart," "sophisticated" and "proud," Netanyahu called out European Union governments "for their silence as heroic young Iranians are beaten in the streets."

"That's just not right," he said.

"When this regime finally falls, and one day it will, Iranians and Israelis will be great friends once again," Netanyahu predicted.

As 2018 Begins, Israel's Population Reaches 8.79 Million People

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's population reached approximately 8.79 million on the last day of 2017, the country's Central Bureau of Statistics said on Sunday.

Some 6.55 million Israelis — 74.6 percent of the population — are Jewish, the bureau said. About 1.83 million, accounting for 20.9 percent of the population, are Arabs. The remaining 4.5 percent — about 400,000 people — are others, including non-Arab Christians and those with no religion. The figures do not include foreign workers or people without permanent residency status in Israel.

The bureau said Israel's population increased by about 165,000 people — 1.9 percent — in 2017, similar to the average annual increase during the past decade. Most of this increase, 82 percent, was the result of natural growth (births over deaths), while the rest came from net immigration.

Some 180,000 babies were born in Israel in 2017 — 73.8 percent of them Jewish and 23.3 percent of them Arab. About 44,000 people died in Israel during the year.

About 27,000 people made aliyah in 2017, and 10,000 immigrated to Israel through other frameworks. Most of the immigrants came from Russia (27.1 percent), Ukraine (25.5 percent), France (13 percent) and the US (9.8 percent).

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Opinion.

Lorde and the BDS Bigots Should Be Boycotted and Exposed as Hypocrites



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

On the last day of the calendar year, my organization took out a full-page Washington Post ad against New Zealand singer Lorde, who recently canceled her concert in Tel Aviv and joined the antisemitic BDS movement.

Lorde is the very definition of a celebrity hypocrite. When she canceled her Israel concert, she kept her gigs in Putin's Russia intact — even though Putin has aided and abetted Bashar Assad's slaughter of 500,000 Arabs in Syria, which just goes to show you how sincere Lorde is about protecting Arab life.

At this moment, it's critical that we strike back against the BDS movement.

Jews should not have to tolerate discrimination and prejudice in the year 2018, especially when its purpose is the economic annihilation of the world's only Jewish state. Two thousands years of hatred toward Jews is quite enough. In the same way that there is a Jewish army to stop another Holocaust, there must be a media effort to stop the demonization and deligitimization of Jews and Israel.

As for Lorde, it's pretty sad to see her succumb to the corruption of celebrity, and align herself with bigotry and antisemitism. In choosing to align herself with those committed to Israel's fiscal destruction, Lorde broke with some of the biggest names in modern music, including Lady Gaga, Justin Timberlake, Rihanna, Radiohead and Sir Paul McCartney — who, in 2008, played to an audience of 400,000 people in Tel Aviv, despite getting death threats.

I knew Michael Jackson, and his strong

feelings for the Jewish community meant that he was prepared to suffer professionally for his love of Israel and the Jewish people. In 1993, Michael went to Israel on his Dangerous Tour, where he performed for 160,000 fans in Tel Aviv.

In 2001, a Jewish philanthropist called and told me that Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was coming to a reception in New York City. The philanthropist asked if Michael would come, and meet with the prime minister. I asked Michael, in the presence of some of his professional staff, if he would like to meet the Israeli prime minister. Michael immediately said yes. However, some of those who surrounded Michael thought it might not be a good idea. They said that Sharon was hated in many parts of world, especially in Arab nations. A photograph of Michael with Ariel Sharon could spark a significant backlash, including a boycott of Michael's albums and music.

Michael dismissed their concerns, and said that he felt very excited to meet the prime minister. The pictures of Michael greeting Prime Minister Sharon were published throughout the world. And Michael's professional staff were correct. The very next day, websites called for a boycott of Michael's music, saying that he supported Israel's "hated" leader. Michael didn't care. He loved Israel and the Jewish people — and he was thrilled to meet Israel's democratically elected leader.

That's why it's so sad to see a pop star like Lorde going over to the dark side of bigotry and antisemitism at such a tender age.

Lorde's decision to play in Russia while boycotting Israel makes a mockery of her tour, and will forever undermine any legitimate pretension she might otherwise have had to being a human rights activist. The Zionist Federation of New Zealand put it well when they condemned Lorde for joining the ranks of "those who wish to see the destruction of

Israel. ... singling out Israel amongst other nations whose human rights abuses make any that Israel supposedly commit seem a drop in the ocean, shows the double standards and discrimination towards the Jewish state of those in the BDS movement."

Just in case Lorde may be reading this column, let's be clear: The sole purpose of BDS is to destroy Israel. It has no interest whatsoever in Palestinian rights. If it did, it would be boycotting Egypt for destroying hundreds of Palestinian homes on the Gaza border in October 2014 (which it did to stop Hamas from smuggling weapons). If BDS was about Palestinian rights, it would be boycotting Mahmoud Abbas for becoming a dictator and running a kleptocracy in the Palestinian Authority that has made his two sons multimillionaires. If BDS were about Palestinian rights, it would be boycotting Hamas for its honor killings and assassinations of Palestinians who protest its vile and brutal rule.

BDS has no interest in protecting Arab life. If it did, it would be boycotting Syria for murdering half a million Arabs. BDS has no interest in protesting an occupation. If it did, it would be boycotting China for occupying Tibet since 1950, the longest occupation in the modern world.

BDS has no interest in promoting Arab human rights. If it did, it would be divesting from Qatar, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and every other Arab country where Arabs are denied the most basic rights — like freedom of press, freedom to protest their government and the freedom to vote, all of which are only guaranteed to Arabs in Israel.

BDS also trades in antisemitism by trivializing human rights abuses in any country but democratic Israel. BDS has nothing to say of the persecution of the Rohingya in Myanmar, the hanging of gays in Iran, the honor killings of women in Pakistan, and the political impris-



Lorde performs on the Other Stage at Worthy Farm in Somerset during the Glastonbury Festival in Britain, June 23, 2017.
Photo: Reuters / Dylan Martinez.

onment of tens of thousands of journalists, activists and others in Turkey. As far as intent, BDS stands for, "Brutally destroy Semites," with the Semites in question being Jews.

Lorde, do you not understand that joining the antisemitic BDS movement has brought you into serious disrepute? Do you not understand that you are emboldening Israel's enemies like Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah — all of whom seeks Israel's physical destruction?

Lorde, you are young. But youth is no excuse for ignorance. Might I suggest that you look to your elder in music, Lady Gaga, who said to the massive crowd of Israelis at her 2014 concert in Israel: "Ani ohevet et'chem" (I love you), and ended her songs with the words, "Todah Rabah" (thank you very much).

Best of all, she told the crowd: "Put your hands up and cheer for yourselves. You are strong, you are brave, you are confident, and I f-king love you, Israel."

The expletive might have been unnecessary, but her commitment to a country that is the foremost bastion of human rights in the Middle East was downright incredible.

Perhaps it's time for Lorde to ask guidance from the lord, reconnect with her spiritual roots, and try to fix a severely broken moral compass.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* call "the most famous Rabbi in America," is the international bestselling author of 30 books, including his most recent, "The Israel Warrior." Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

Second New York Times Obituary of Harvard Figure Again Omits Clashes With Jews



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

Back in July, when the *New York Times* ran a sanitized, highly laudatory obituary of S. Allen Counter, who was director of the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations, I faulted it for failing to include any mention of his acrimonious relations with the university's Jewish community.

Now the *Times* has repeated the error and compounded it. The *New York Times Magazine's* annual year-end "The Lives They Lived" issue, which includes essays about some notable figures who died in the past year, has another article about Counter. This one claims:

It was as founding director of the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and

Race Relations that Counter perhaps found his most powerful voice, trying to improve relations between racial and ethnic groups on campus. He stood up for Peter Gomes, the black minister at Harvard who announced he was gay. He stood up for the idea that Palestinians and Jews, if only at Harvard, must find rapprochement.

That's the only apparent way that Jews figure in the *Times* article. It's astonishing. Again, as I pointed out the last time around, here is the record:

As the *Harvard Crimson* reported:

In 1982, The Crimson filed a formal complaint with the University against Counter, charging religious discrimination.

Counter had allegedly referred to a Crimson reporter as a "militant Jew" in a conversation with another Crimson staff member. According to the reporter, Adam S. Cohen '84, Counter had never met him and knew nothing about him except his name.

The College created a three-person committee to investigate the complaint...

In a 1985 magazine article, Counter wrote, as *The Crimson* described it:

"para-white ethnic groups" who influence the media use the word "nigger" to denigrate Blacks and "to convince themselves and other of their imagined white identity." The article never specifically mentions Jews.

One passage says "the widespread increase in the use of 'nigger'...may well be part of a much larger ethnic scheme designed to denigrate Afro-Americans and keep them as the focus of negative attention for the American majority."

Another passage reads, "Significantly, the media forms through which some conspire to traduce Blacks with racial epithets are not controlled by the ostensibly racist white groups." The article blames "Euro-American individuals and special interest groups with powerful influence in the media" for common use of the epithet.

Counter refers to movies such as Blazing Saddles, The Godfather, Roots II and Saturday Night Fever and he says the media may do more damage to Black society than groups such as the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1992, a student leader of Harvard Hillel, Daniel Libenson, called on Counter to resign as director of the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations after Counter wrote a letter complaining about "Crimson writers active in Hillel." (He may well have been talking about me.) Counter later apologized for the letter, which the dean of Harvard College at the time condemned as "disturbing" and "very

unfortunate." Libenson wrote:

It has becomes clear that Dr. Counter is no longer a suitable Director of Harvard's racial diversity organization. At best he is out of touch with today's racial climate, willing to make accusations about campus groups based on sloppy research or outright lies, and is engaged in publicly putting down individual students.

At worst, Dr. Counter's letter insinuates a Jewish conspiracy on campus between Hillel and The crimson (led by "Crimson writers active in Hillel"), trying to put forward a "racial agenda" different from that of the Foundation.

Having devoted my entire college career to building a racial climate of mutual respect and understanding, all the while believing that this was also Dr. Counter's goal, his letter leaves me utterly devastated. His behavior is immature and shocking coming from a Harvard official.

It's strange that the *Times*, which during the Trump era has been on hair-trigger alert, hyper-vigilant for signs of antisemitism that it can blame on the president and his supporters, would be so determinedly blind to a well documented decade-long record of trafficking in stereotypes about Jewish — sorry, "para-white" — control of the media. If the Jews actually controlled the media as much as Counter apparently thought they did, perhaps his obituaries would more accurately reflect the complicated figure he was, rather than presenting him falsely as some sort of two-dimensional hero of tolerance.

Opinion.

A Special 'Thank You' for Trump's Jerusalem Move



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On the last day of his visit to Jerusalem in 1871, William Seward — secretary of state under President Abraham Lincoln — attended Sabbath evening prayers at the Hurva Synagogue.

At the end of the service, the rabbi offered a special prayer of gratitude for Seward's visit to the Jewish community of Jerusalem. It was an expression of appreciation to a world leader who acknowledged that Jerusalem is the eternal city of the Jews, one toward which they face in prayer — and one to which they pray to return.

It would be most fitting, then, for synagogues throughout the world to offer such a benediction for President Donald Trump and Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley.

But in some Reform synagogues of America, that is not going to happen. For example, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, president of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), denounced

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Afraid

That is what Moses refused to do, because the price of such knowledge is simply too high. He would have understood the course of history from the vantage point of G-d, but only at the cost of ceasing to be human. How could he still be moved by the cry of slaves, the anguish of the oppressed, if he understood its place in the scheme of things, if he knew that it was necessary in the long run? Such knowledge is divine, not human — and to have it means saying goodbye to our most human instincts: compassion, sympathy, identification with the plight of the innocent, the wronged, the afflicted and oppressed. If to “look at the face of G-d” is to understand why suffering is sometimes necessary, then Moses was afraid to look — afraid that it would rob him of the one thing he felt in his very bones, the thing that made him the leader he was: his anger at the sight of evil which drove him, time and again, to intervene in the name of justice.

Moses was afraid to “look at the face of G-d.” But there are two primary names of G-d in the Bible: Elokim and Hashem (the so-called tetragrammaton, the four-letter name). Elokim, say the sages, refers to G-d's attribute of justice. Hashem refers to his compassion, his mercy, his kindness. At the burning bush, Moses was afraid to look at Elokim. His reward, years later, was that he saw “the form of Hashem.” He understood G-d's compassion. He did not understand — he was afraid to understand — G-d's attribute of justice. He preferred to fight injustice as he saw it, than to accept it by seeing its role in the script of eternity. When it came to kindness and mercy, Moses was inspired by heaven. But when it came to justice, Moses preferred to be human than divine.

So it was throughout history. Jews, however deeply they believed in G-d and divine providence, never made their peace with what seemed to them to be injustice. Albert Einstein spoke of the “almost fanatical

Trump's recognition of Jerusalem — saying it was untimely in the absence of a “comprehensive peace plan,” however mythical that peace plan may be.

Jacobs was joined in his denunciation by some 100 self-proclaimed “scholars” of Jewish studies, citing the ultra-left B'Tselem's criticism of Jewish governance of the Arabs of Jerusalem.

A day later, Jacobs was walking back his statement. Had he changed his mind? Or, perhaps, it was it Natan Sharansky's stinging rebuke.

In America, many Jews are progressives first and Jews as an afterthought. For some progressives, there is nothing that Trump could do that would be worthy of praise. Trump derangement syndrome — as some people call it — permeates much of the Jewish community.

In reality, it is only since Israel took over Jerusalem that all faiths have been free to practice their religious observances without governmental interference, let alone persecution.

From 1948-1967, Jordan illegally occupied the West Bank and partitioned the city of Jerusalem into eastern and western halves. The Jordanians ethnically cleansed and murdered Jews living in eastern Jerusalem, and on the so-called West Bank.

love of justice” that made him “thank his stars” that he belonged to the Jewish tradition.

Nowhere is this clearer than in the book of Job. Job protests the injustice of his fate. His comforters tell him he is wrong. G-d is just, therefore there is a reason for the tragedies that have befallen him. Throughout the long dialogue we sense that Job is on the brink of blasphemy, that it is his comforters who speak the truth. Yet at the conclusion of the book our expectations are suddenly overturned. G-d says to Eliphaz and his colleagues: “I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken as you ought about me, as my servant Job has done.”

It is an astonishing volte-face. Better the protests of Job than the acceptance of fate on the part of his friends. Yes, there is an ultimate justice in the affairs of mankind. But we may not aspire to such knowledge — not because we cannot (because, being human, our minds are too limited, our horizons too short) but because we morally must not, for we would then accept evil and not fight against it. G-d wants us to be human not divine. He seeks our protest against evil, our passion for justice, our refusal to come to terms with a world in which the innocent suffer and the evil have power.

It is that refusal — born not out of a lack of faith but precisely the opposite, the conviction that G-d wants us to be active in pursuit of justice — that drove Abraham, Jeremiah and Job; that drove successive generations of those inspired by the Bible to fight slavery, tyranny, poverty and disease; that moves us to become G-d's partners in the work of redemption. Faced with the opportunity to understand the troubling aspects of history from the vantage-point of G-d, Moses was afraid to look. He was right, and for this he was rewarded. G-d does not want us to understand the suffering of the innocent but to fight for a world in which the innocent no longer suffer. To that, Moses dedicated his life. Can we, his disciples, do less?

Their occupation was rejected by the international community — apart from the UK and Pakistan. The Jewish cemetery on the Mount of Olives was destroyed. Jews were barred from the Western Wall and the Temple Mount. Christian facilities were protected but not permitted to expand, and auxiliary facilities like hospitals were prohibited. Meanwhile, Jewish facilities were wantonly destroyed — including the beautiful Hurva Synagogue, where Seward received his benediction. Originally built in 1700, the synagogue was finally rebuilt, according to its initial plan, in 2010. Of the 35 synagogues in Jerusalem, the Jordanians spared only one.

It appears the Jewish studies scholars, in their zeal to condemn Trump, are no more scholarly than the URJ, as both have conveniently forgotten the history of Jerusalem.

In the 69 years since Israel's creation, there has not only been no comprehensive peace plan. There also has been no full recognition of Israel's legitimate existence by many

Arab and Muslim nations.

The path to peace is the path of disruption. Repeating the same peace proposals that have been repeatedly rejected by the Arabs is an exercise in futility.

Seeing that politics, like nature, abhors a vacuum of indecision, the Arabs will now have to confront a new reality. Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, and it's not just America that is moving its embassy there.

Whether Jewish studies scholars and progressive Jews acknowledge it or not, Trump's position on Jerusalem will change the calculus of any negotiations.

In the meantime, both Trump and Haley should receive the same benediction that was bestowed on William Seward. They have earned it.

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Debating BDS

129 opposed to BDS and 16 in favor. The vote before the debate was 93 opposed and 14 in favor. I swayed 36 votes. West swayed 2. The anti-BDS position won overwhelmingly, not because I am a better debater than West — he is quite articulate and everyone watching the CSPAN can judge for themselves who is the better debater — but because the facts, the morality and the practicalities are against BDS.

The important point is never to give up on making the case against unjust tactics being employed against Israel. In some forums — at the United Nations, at numerous American University campuses, in some parts

of Western Europe — it is an uphill battle. But it is a battle that can be won among open-minded people of all backgrounds. BDS lost in Dallas. BDS lost in a debate between me and an articulate human rights activist at the Oxford Union. BDS is losing in legislative chambers. And if the case is effectively and honestly presented, it will lose in the court of public opinion.

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Impressions.

Don't Forget Christian Community Helped Push Trump on Jerusalem Decision

BY YECHIEL ECKSTEIN/JNS.org

President Donald Trump's recent announcement recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital — and declaring that the US will eventually move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem — did not happen in a vacuum, or come out of nowhere. And it did not happen solely because of Jewish influence, either. It also happened because millions of Christians in America urged the president to do so.

But where did this groundswell of Christian support come from?

organization of all those involved in evangelical Christian media. Today, more than 1 million Christians visit Israel each year.

From there we proceeded to grow broad-based political support for Israel among evangelicals, opening an office in Washington, DC, and a Stand for Israel advocacy program that today reaches millions of people around the world every day. Finally, 20 years ago, we began raising funds from Christians, primarily through TV and direct response marketing, to help Jews immigrate to Israel from the former Soviet Union, to feed and care for needy Jews in Israel and around the world, and to

needs such as food, medicine and heating fuel. We've brought more than 750,000 Jews on aliyah from 28 countries — where they were threatened by antisemitism, terror and economic despair, and helped found the US aliyah organization Nefesh B'Nefesh. We provide millions of dollars in security assistance to more than 100 Jewish communities worldwide.

Over the years, our Christian partners have contributed more than \$1.4 billion — mostly with an average sacrificial donation of \$76 per person — to help Israel and the Jewish people. These are not wealthy mega donors, but people who care wholeheartedly for Israel and relate to her and the Jewish people with unconditional love.

I am recounting this not only to herald our organization's impact, but to remind us all of how the growth of Christian support for Israel and the Jewish community during the past four decades contributed to President Trump's historic announcement on Jerusalem.

Today, phrases like "Jews and evangelical Christians supporting Israel" barely raise an eyebrow, as if it were a given. But Christians' faithful support for Israel was never a given. Nor is it today — especially if we measure it in terms of the dwindling level of support for Israel from the next generation of evangelicals.

We owe these Christians a debt of gratitude — of "hakarot hatov" (Hebrew for the recognition of good).

There are an estimated 100 million Pentecostal Christians in China alone, and hundreds of millions more in Latin America, the Far East and other regions. Most of them are where the evangelical community in America was 40 years ago, when I first began working with them. They have not yet been taught that it is their biblical duty to stand with Israel and to bless the Jewish people.

It is imperative that the Jewish community invests in educating them, reaching out to them, and rallying their continued support — and that of their children — in the years ahead. Much more needs to be done if we seek to rely on evangelical support in the future.

Evangelical Christians remain an essential, steadfast, strategic partner for Israel, both in the US and around the world. But their continued friendship is not a given. We need to invest in their burgeoning communities and in the next generation of evangelicals to ensure that they too stand with Israel, and that their support grows rather than diminishes in the years to come. Our survival, and that of the State of Israel, depend on it.

Most of all, we need to unequivocally and unabashedly say "Todah rabah" (Hebrew for "Thank you very much") to President Trump — and to our evangelical Christian friends.

Rabbi Yechiel Eckstein is founder and president of the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews.



The Western Wall and Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

It was exactly 40 years ago when I initiated some of the earliest dialogues between evangelical Christians and Jews. Little did I realize then that these Christians, whom most people never even heard of, would grow in numbers and influence both in America and around the world, and would become such a crucial base of support for Israel and the Jewish people.

Five years later, in 1983, I founded the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews (the Fellowship), with the goal of building bridges of cooperation and understanding between evangelical Christians and Jews, as well as broad, grassroots support for the State of Israel.

The notion of changing 2,000 years of bitter history and replacing it with a partnership marked by friendship and acts of unconditional love (without missionary activity) was regarded at the time as an unattainable pipe dream. But I went ahead nonetheless, despite the criticism, skepticism and attacks. I began bringing evangelical leaders to Israel to meet various prime ministers, starting with Menachem Begin, and to the White House to advocate for pro-Israel policies. Later, we launched the "Christian tourism to Israel" industry, in partnership with the National Religious Broadcasters, the umbrella

provide security for Israel — and Jewish institutions worldwide. It took four decades of hard work, as well as the financial support of just a few hundred Jews in the earlier years, and later of 1.7 million Christians, to reach the point where we are today — the largest global source of Christian support for Israel.

Over the years the Fellowship often came under attack, initially by Reform and liberal Jews and establishment Jewish groups, and later mostly by extremist haredi Jewish leaders and rabbis who even refused our overtures of help because the funds came from Christians. Some still refuse to accept our help even today.

But eventually the Fellowship was, in the words of former Senator Joe Lieberman, "vindicated." Today, the Fellowship helps roughly 1.4 million people each year, in Israel and around the world. Our \$140 million annual budget supports the most vulnerable segments of Israeli society — the poor, the elderly, Holocaust survivors, people with disabilities, immigrants, minorities, terror victims, veterans and others. Indeed, the Fellowship is now the largest philanthropic welfare organization in Israel.

In addition, we provide \$30 million a year from Christians to help the world's most destitute Jews in the former Soviet Union and elsewhere with basic

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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 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
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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
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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 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
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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.
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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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp., Plaintiff, vs. Kathy R. Jones, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 31, 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 25, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1239 East 88th 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 8067 and Lot 23. Approximate amount of judgment is \$518,052.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 4095/2013. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

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, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-6AR, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6AR, Plaintiff AGAINST MICHAEL GARNETT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 18, 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 25, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1185 EAST 92ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in Canarsie, Town of Flatlands, Kings County, New York (now Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York), BLOCK 8200, LOT 34. Approximate amount of judgment \$799,453.97 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511466/2014. JAGESHWARSHARMA, Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50274
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST 778 Logan LLC; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 1, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on

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January 25, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 778 Logan 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 4480 Lot 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$561,530.86 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500021/2015. Helene Blank, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 30, 2017 50204
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, As indenture trustee successor in interest to Bank of America, National Association, as trustee, successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for LXS 2007-5H, asset backed notes, series 2007-5H, Plaintiff AGAINST Almarie Maxwell; Betram Maxwell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 13, 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 25, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8713 Avenue J, 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 NY, Block 8024 lot 4. Approximate amount of judgment \$761,913.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 23760/08. Sol Needle, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: November 17, 2017 50086
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2006-7, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-7, WITHOUT RECOURSE; Plaintiff(s) vs. JUDIE C. HUTCHINSON; 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 September 29, 2017, 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 January 25, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 772 Lincoln Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208 Block: 4465 Lot: 111 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 Sate 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 \$937,638.04 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 3370/08 Barton Slavin, Esq., Referee
AJ; 12/22/29; 1/5/12/

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Tradition.

Of What Was Moses Afraid?



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

This week's Covenant and Conversation owes its genesis to my teacher, Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch. One of the great Maimonidean scholars of our time, he taught us, his students, that Torah leadership demands the highest intellectual and moral courage. He did this in the best way possible: by personal example. The following thoughts, which are his, are a small indication



of what I learned from him – not least that Torah is, among other things, a refusal to give easy answers to difficult questions.

It was, in its way, the most fateful encounter in Jewish history. Moses, a fugitive in Midian, is tending his flocks. It is the slow movement in the symphony of his life. His first taste of leadership was not a happy one. He had intervened to protect an Israelite slave from being beaten by an Egyptian taskmaster. The next day he tried to bring peace between two Israelites who were having a quarrel. Their reaction was indignant. "Who appointed you as a prince and leader over us?" He had not yet thought of becoming a leader, yet already his leadership was being challenged. It was a taste of things to come.

Realizing that his intervention the previous day had already become known, Moses escapes from Egypt and finds refuge in Midian where his true identity is unknown. Jethro's daughters, whom he rescued from rough treatment at the hands of local shepherds, tell their father that "An Egyptian man saved us." Moses looks, speaks, and dresses like an Egyptian. He marries one of Jethro's daughters and settles down to the life of a shepherd, quiet, anonymous, and far from Pharaoh and the Israelites.

Yet his memories do not leave him alone. They come into sudden focus as he is tending his sheep and his eye catches sight of a strange phenomenon:

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of G-d. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight-why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, G-d called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am."

"Do not come any closer," G-d said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the G-d of your father, the G-d of Abraham, the G-d of Isaac and the G-d of Jacob."

At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at G-d.

G-d tells him that the moment has come. He has heard the cries of the Israelites. In response both to their cries and to the promise he made with the patriarchs, He is about to bring them out of slavery and He calls on Moses to lead them. The drama of the exodus is about to begin.

One sentence in this passage intrigued the sages: "At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at G-d." They noticed a parallel between these words and a later passage, after the golden calf, when Moses comes down from the mountain having secured forgiveness for the people, and new tablets to replace those he had broken when he first saw the calf. The text reads:

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him.

On this, the sages commented: *Rabbi Samuel ben Nachmani said in the name of Rabbi Jonathan: in reward for three [pious acts], Moses was privileged to receive three [forms of reward]. In reward for "and Moses hid his face," he was given a radiant face. In reward for "he was afraid," he merited that "they were afraid to come near him." In reward for "to look upon G-d," he merited that "he sees the form of the Lord."*

It is a lovely idea. Moses, who came closer to G-d than any other human being before or since, took on some of the characteristics of G-d himself – not that he became G-d-like (Moses, like every other

figure in the Hebrew Bible, remains human, not divine) but that his face shone from the encounter.

One detail in the sages' commentary, however, is strange. The first two rewards are straightforward – a kind of measure for measure. Because he hid his face, his face became radiant. Because he was awestruck by the burning bush, he became awe-inspiring (the Israelites were "afraid to come near him"). But what about the third – because he was afraid to look at G-d, he was rewarded by seeing G-d? Either it is right or wrong to "look at G-d." If it is right, why was Moses afraid? And if it is wrong, why was he later rewarded with something that should not have happened?

One question, according to the sages, troubled Moses. "Why do the innocent suffer?" Why is there evil in the world? Moses burned with a sense of justice. When he saw a slave beaten, or two people fighting, or young women being roughly treated by shepherds, he intervened. Later, when his mission to Pharaoh initially made things worse for the Israelites, not better, he said to G-d: "O Lord, why have you brought trouble to this people. . . You have not rescued your people at all." Moses belonged to the tradition of Abraham who said to G-d, "Shall the judge of all the earth not do justice?"

This is the question of questions for biblical faith. Paganism then, like secularism now, had no such doubt. Why should anyone expect justice in the world? The G-ds fought. They were indifferent to mankind. The universe was not moral. It was an arena of conflict. The strong win, the weak suffer, and the wise keep far from the fray. If there is no G-d or (what amounts to the same thing) many G-ds, there is no reason to expect justice. The question does not arise.

But for biblical faith, it does. G-d, the supreme power of powers, is just. Was this not why he chose Abraham in the first place, so that he would teach his children and his household to "keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just"? Why then do the good suffer, while evil men prosper? It is a question that reverberates through the centuries, in Jeremiah, the book of Job, ancient rabbinic midrash, the kinot ("laments") of the Middle Ages, and post-Holocaust literature. It was this question that stayed with Moses and gave him no rest. Why are the Israelites enslaved? What wrong did they do to warrant it? Why is the brutal regime of Egypt so strong? Where is the justice in the world?

Pain, harm, suffering are evils. Yet there are circumstances in which we make our peace with them – when we know that they are necessary for some good. To be a parent is to be troubled by the cry of a child in distress, yet we willingly give a child medicine, and put up with its cries, when we know it will cure the illness from which the child is suffering. A surgeon must, at a certain point, treat the patient on the operating table as an object rather than a person, for were it otherwise he could not perform the

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tion) 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 formation of a limited liability company(LLC) Name: SEPTEMBER SWELL,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/27/2017. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave., suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 12/29; 1/5/12/19/26; 2/2

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 2016 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 February 01, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK 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 New York, BLOCK 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50435 AJ; 12/29; 1/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Pennymac Corp, Plaintiff AGAINST Donald Bradley a/k/a Donald E. Bradley; Doreen Bradley; 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 February 8, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 392 Fenimore Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4814 Lot 20. Approximate amount of judgment \$466,536.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 509000/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: December 19, 2017 50748 AJ; 1/5/12/19/26;

PUMPEDISA, LLC. Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 08/03/2017. Office in KINGS COUNTY. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 4809 AVENUE N, #317, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 1/5/12/19/26; 2/2/9

surgery. A political leader may have to make a decision that will have a disastrous impact on some people – thrown out of work as a result of stringent economic policies, even killed on the battlefield as the consequence of a decision to go to war. One who shrinks from these choices because of a strong sense of compassion may be a good human being but a wholly inadequate leader, because the long term result of a failure to make tough choices may be far worse. There are times when we must silence our most human instincts if we are to bring about good in the long run.

It was just this – my teacher argued – of which Moses was afraid. If he could "look at the face of G-d," if he could understand history from the perspective of heaven, he would have to make his peace with the suffering of human beings. He would know why pain here was necessary for gain there; why bad now was essential to good later on. He would understand the ultimate justice of history.

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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 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 2726 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 Declara-

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Guadalupe Reesor holding the \$1,050 dollars that she found. Photo: Screenshot / WFAA.

Shop Finds \$17,050 in Old Coat Pocket, Store Returns Cash to Elderly Widow

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

An employee at a Jewish organization's resale shop in Dallas, Texas discovered in the pocket of an old coat \$17,050 that was then returned to the 78-year-old widow who donated the jacket, the local station WFAA reported last week.

When Guadalupe Reesor found four cash-filled bank envelopes tucked in the pocket of a black pea coat at The Resale Shop — owned and operated by the non-profit Jewish Family Service — she immediately contacted her boss.

"It was just so much that she could hardly hold on to it. I looked at it and thought 'that can't be real,'" said Assistant Manager Kristina Russell, who then called Cathy Barker, chief operating officer at Jewish Family Service, and told her about the discovery.

Barker told WFAA about the money, "It was

something any non-profit organization could definitely use. But that wasn't the right thing to do."

One of the bank envelopes had something written on it that Barker was able to match to a name in the JFS' donor database. They then tracked down a 78-year-old widow, who asked to be identified as Sheri and said the coat belonged to her late husband. Sheri was surprised to find out about the money tucked inside of the coat and was clueless as to why her husband would put cash there.

She said that, following her husband's death in January, bills started piling up, which worried her. She told WFAA, "[I was] really concerned, so I didn't even reconcile my checking account this month. I didn't even want to know what I'm going to be doing next year and what I'll have to give up."

JFS gave Sheri a check for \$17,050 and the widow later gave Reesor \$1,000 for her honesty.

Trailblazing a New Breed: Biblically-Inspired, Bourbon-Style Israeli Whiskey

BY ELIANA RUDEE/JNS.org

Norm Cohen and Alan Cohl are confident that their new breed of whiskey will echo Israel's success in making the desert bloom. They are creating Israel's first distillery for American bourbon-style whiskey, hoping to trailblaze the Israeli market for the spirit — and bring an added level of sophistication to an Israeli cocktail culture that is just starting to take off.

With the whiskey they're striving to produce, Cohen and Cohl — immigrants from New Jersey and New York, respectively — are confident that their brand, Legends Distillery, will win the hearts and palates of the Jewish state. There is no local competition in their niche, and little consumer experience in Israel when it comes to this kind of alcohol.

The distillers believe that they have the perfect recipe for success: pairing their established bourbon-style recipe with Israel's biblical tourism industry. (They'll need to call their creation something other than "bourbon," as international trade agreements restrict that name's usage to products made in the US.)

According to the Kentucky Distillers' Association, the number of licensed distilleries in that state, which is the birthplace of bourbon, has more than tripled since 2012. Israel is now capitalizing on bourbon's unprecedented popularity, a trend characterized by increased demand for cocktails made with whiskey and other liquors.

In Tel Aviv, the cocktail scene is gaining steam with the annual Whiskey Festival, the Whiskey Bar & Museum and the summertime Cocktail Festival, in which many of the

drinks use bourbon as a main ingredient. Jerusalem, too, boasts several world-famous, award-winning cocktail bars. To Cohen and Cohl, this is a testament to the growing sophistication of Israelis' taste buds.

Israel's first whiskey distillery was Milk & Honey, and two others have followed suit: the Golan Heights Distillery, focusing on two-grain whiskey, and Pelter Distillery, specializing in brandy — with its whiskey not yet on the market. But Cohen and Cohl are certain that scotch, single malt whiskey and brandy are not in competition with their bourbon-style whiskey, or with their unique marketing concept and image; this is why Legends hopes to share resources and work with other distilleries in the future.

"We are working to develop this burgeoning market and Israeli palate together," Cohen tells JNS.

The Israeli market is "ripe" for the rise of whiskey, and there are also many different aspects of whiskey production that work particularly well in Israel, he says. For instance, Cohen explains that the area of Israel in which Legends will be located has rich limestone — which naturally deionizes water and has low iron content, and is therefore chemically suitable for bourbon production.

While corn — an integral part of some whiskeys — is not traditionally an Israeli grain, Cohen says, "we have farmland in an area where we will grow our own; the land in that area is very mat'im (fitting) for corn." The locally obtained water, he says, will make for high-quality, locally produced whiskey.

Legends has partnered with consultant and master distiller Stephen Gould, an award-winning



Israel's Elah Valley, the home of Legends Distillery. Photo: Mark A. Wilson via Wikimedia Commons.

distiller and a world-renowned lecturer on a distilling technique whose proprietary aging process enables the production of a top-level spirit in a small fraction of the time that it would normally require. Gould, who works for Golden Moon distillery in Golden, Colorado, says that his proprietary aging process allows a quality product to reach the shelves within only 15 months, instead of the usual five to seven years of aging that bourbon usually requires.

Further, unlike the pre-existing distilleries in the Jewish state, Legends hope to augment Israel's tourism industry, by offering a product drawn from domestically harvested grains and inspired by the Bible. The distillery is planning to establish itself in the Elah Valley, the site of the biblical story of David and Goliath. Fittingly, Legends's flagship spirit — Slingshot — is a clear reference to the legendary battle between the two men.

At the same time, Slingshot's flavor and texture is punctuated with complex notes of oak and leather. According to the company, its long, warm finish evokes imagery of the American frontier.

Indeed, even the distillers' branding fuses these images — featuring a wagon wheel, an unmistakable symbol of early Americans' drive to cultivate their new country, resting upon the trunk of an olive tree, an ancient symbol of perseverance and gritty determination. By combining these themes, Legends strives to bring the same ingenuity employed by Israel's early pioneers in making the desert bloom to the nascent Israeli whiskey industry.

Bourbon lovers and Israel lovers alike can obtain Legends's bourbon-style product through the distillery's crowd-funding campaigns online. In a similar spirit, Cohen and Cohl hope that four groups of all denominations and affiliations will "top off" their visits to the Elah Valley with a distillery tour — and a glass of biblically-inspired Israeli whiskey.

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All you need to do in order to enter the program is to refer us to any business that currently accepts credit cards — tell them to expect a phone call from Tribul Merchant Services.



We keep it simple: Leave it to us to take care of all the necessary paperwork and details.

For each approved application you will receive a check from us for \$180.

We will also send you a residual check **every month** for as long as the account processes with Tribul.

**Earn a monthly residual,
PLUS \$180 for every
approved referral**

**Over \$1,000,000 paid out
in less than 3 years via the
Charity Ventures Program**



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