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Trump Ousts Tillerson, Taps Pompeo as Replacement



US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.
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BY REUTERS
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US President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he had replaced Secretary of State Rex Tillerson with Central Intelligence Agency Director Mike Pompeo, and had tapped Gina Haspel to lead the CIA.

The resignation represents the biggest shakeup of the Trump Cabinet so far and had been expected since last October when reports surfaced about a falling out between Trump and Tillerson,

65, who left his position as chief executive of Exxon Mobil to join the administration.

US stock index futures pared their gains and the dollar also trimmed gains versus the yen while extending losses versus the euro amid the news.

Trump publicly undercut Tillerson's diplomatic initiatives numerous times, including on Monday when the former secretary of state's comments about Russia appeared to be at odds with those of the White House.

Tillerson also appeared out of the loop last week when Trump announced he would meet with North Korea's leader and become the first sitting US president to do so.

"Mike Pompeo, Director of the CIA, will become our new Secretary of State. He will do a fantastic job! Thank you to Rex Tillerson for his service! Gina Haspel will become the new Director of the CIA, and the first woman so chosen. Congratulations to all!" Trump said on Twitter.

Palestinian Prime Minister Survives Gaza Assassination Attempt

BY REUTERS
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Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah survived an assassination attempt in Gaza on Tuesday, the Palestinian Authority (PA) said after an apparent roadside bomb targeted his motorcade.

The attack on the Western-backed leader, who is spearheading the PA's reconciliation efforts with Gaza's dominant group, Hamas, happened on the day the White House is due to hold a meeting on the humanitarian situation in the enclave.

There was no immediately claim of responsibility for what one Palestinian Authority security official in Gaza said was a roadside bomb blast.



Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah arrives at the inauguration ceremony of a waste treatment plant after an explosion targeted his convoy, in the northern Gaza Strip March 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

Hamas condemned the attack. Minutes after the explosion, the 59-year-old prime minister, appearing unhurt, delivered a speech at the inauguration of a waste treatment plant and pledged to continue to pursue Palestinian unity.

He said three vehicles were damaged in the explosion. The blast left a crater by the side of the road and blew out the

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Opinion.

How Israel Can Counter Iran

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While Israel is mired in domestic scandals and coalition crises, the greatest threat the country has known since the eve of the Yom Kippur War — perhaps since the War for Independence — is steadily taking shape. This menace, posed of course by Iran, essentially consists of a wide range of growing threats closing in on us.

The Iranians, who invented the game of chess, are exceedingly adept at playing several boards simultaneously, with the winner's prize no less than control of the entire Middle East and beyond.

The bottom chessboard is regional. The Iranians cunningly took a step back and allowed the superpowers to destroy their main enemies in the region. The Americans weakened the Taliban and eliminated Saddam Hussein, and, along with Russia, they annihilated the Islamic State group. The Iranians also helped Shiite militias exhaust and chase American forces from Iraq. The resulting vacuum in Iraq and Syria was filled by the Iranians and their proxies.

Today, Iran is penetrating deeper across the Middle East and is guiding the Shiite majorities in eastern Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. It has also established a foothold among the

Houthi rebels in Yemen. Just several days ago, Bahraini forces thwarted a coup attempt orchestrated by the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. At the same time, the Iranians have forged unprecedentedly strong alliances with Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. Together with their complete control over Lebanon, the Iranians have laid siege to virtually the entire Middle East.

The upper chess board is the international sphere, where the Iranians have secured a nuclear deal. This achievement grants them all the advantages of military nuclear capabilities without the costs. While Iran doesn't have to fear a military strike on its nuclear facilities, sanctions relief and lucrative business deals have provided the immense funds it uses to realize its regional aspirations. In around 10 years, when the nuclear deal expires, no country will step in to stop Iran if it continues developing nuclear weapons, for fear of squandering its vast investments in the Islamic republic.

In the meantime, the Iranians have displayed an incredible capacity to maneuver between Western powers. Thus, for example, during Tehran's rapprochement with Washington under the Obama administration it also struck a tangible military alliance with Russia, which helped it restore its status as a player in the Middle East. This dexterity is particularly discernible on the main chessboard — Syria.

Influence in Syria, which links Tehran to Beirut; and Damascus to Iraq and the Persian

Gulf, is a preeminent Iranian interest. In Syria of all places, however, Iran's status is questionable due to the lack of a Shiite population there. Therefore it is working to cleanse Syria of its Sunni majority and bolster the Alawites — who are essentially an offshoot of Shiite Islam — and their regime.

To replace the banished or killed Sunnis, Iran is importing Shiites from across the Middle East from as far as Pakistan and Afghanistan. To this end, the Iranians enlisted Moscow's help and in return agreed to Russia's continued presence in the war-torn country. Through their extensive economic ties with Iran, meanwhile, the Europeans are funding the ethnic cleansing of Syria and inducing the tsunami of refugees reaching their shores. All Iran has to do now is establish a military foothold in Syria to overcome the last obstacle on its path to regional hegemony — Israel.

Iran wants to force Israel into a state of perpetual check; in other words, paralysis before death. Surrounded by tens of thousands of missiles held by Hamas and Hezbollah, and in range of the Iranian army's long-range missiles, Israel will struggle to impede Iran from entrenching itself in Syria. When this undertaking culminates, the Iranians will be able to take the Israeli "king" and declare checkmate.

This can be prevented. The Israeli government has thus far set clear red lines prohibiting the Iranians from building missile bases and ports in Syria and from transferring sophisticated weaponry to Hezbollah. These red



A display featuring missiles and a portrait of Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is seen at Baharestan Square in Tehran, Sept. 27, 2017. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee Yazdi / TIMA via Reuters.

lines must be stringently enforced, but international support must also be enlisted. Israel has to develop a diplomatic and legal "iron dome" capable of defending us if IDF soldiers are forced to enter Hezbollah's strongholds in southern Lebanon.

No less importantly, Israel must remove the Palestinian stumbling block on the path to a strategic alliance with the Sunni world, and the creation of a united Middle Eastern front to counter Iran.

The Iranians might be experts at chess, but rest assured, Israel has champions of its own.

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'Céline' Redux? France's Publishing Problem



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NEW YORK

Mention the name "Celine" to most people in the United States — or Europe, for that matter — and they will think you're talking about the long-serving Canadian pop diva. But among French intellectuals, there is only one "Celine": Louis-Ferdinand Céline, one of a handful of writers who redefined the mission and style of French literature in the 20th century.

This Céline, whose heyday was in the 1930s, detested the Jews. No surprise there, of course, given the unhealthy number of writers and artists outside Germany who sympathized with the Nazi program for the Jewish people. There were quite a few, after all, in our own language. Take, for instance, the American writer Ezra Pound — regarded by some critics as the leading light of modern English-language poetry — who regaled listeners to his radio show, broadcasted from fascist Italy, with stories "about Jew-ruined England. About the wreckage of France, wrecked under y_d control. Lousy with k__s."

With cases like these, there's an inevitable debate about whether one can or should separate the artist's vulgar hatreds from his or her works of art — rather like the furious arguments lots of Jews used to have about the appropriateness of listening to the operas of Wagner. And every so often, these debates

enter the news cycle as ghosts of a past that has again become part of the present. That is exactly what has happened with Céline, at a time when antisemitism has re-established itself as a serious and enduring problem in France.

In brief, here is the backstory: Last December, the legendary French publishing company Gallimard announced that it would be reissuing three monstrously antisemitic pamphlets written by Céline between 1937 and 1941. When Céline died in 1961 — having been condemned as a "national disgrace" for his collaboration with the Vichy regime, with whom he fled to Germany during the Allied offensive of 1944 — he left explicit instructions that these pamphlets never be published again.

In fact, they have been, in French-speaking Québec, where the intellectual property rights of these works have expired. But publishing them in France under the imprint of one of the country's most prestigious publishers is a proposition of an entirely different magnitude.

That was why French President Emmanuel Macron explicitly addressed what has become a bitter domestic controversy in his remarks this week at the annual dinner in



Louis-Ferdinand Céline. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Paris of the Conseil Représentatif des Institutions Juives de France, or Crif, France's Jewish representative organization. In a clever swipe at Poland's recent draconian Holocaust legislation, Macron pointed out that there are no "memorial police" in France; therefore, these matters are decided by conscience, not law. Macron personally left no doubt that he thought Gallimard should refrain from publishing the pamphlets.

What is the content of these pamphlets that make them so fearful? In 2010, The New York Review of Books carried a feature that revisited the original editions of these works — *Bagatelles pour un massacre*, *L'école des cadavres* and *Les beaux draps* — and quoted from them liberally.

The venom, frankly, is chilling. "The sordid schemes, the betrayals, a nose that points to, lowers toward, and falls over their mouths," Céline wrote in *Bagatelles pour un massacre*. "Their hideous slots ... their filthy k_e grins, boorish, slimy, even in beauty pageants. ... They erupt from the depths of the ages, to terrify us, to draw us into miscegenation, into bloody Talmudic mires and, finally, into the Apocalypse!" Small wonder that the author of the *New York Review* piece, Wyatt Mason, deemed these texts to be typical of a writer "who, from 1937 to 1944, spent all his flagrant literary energy and aptitude calling — shouting — for the death of every Jew in France."

By the end of the war, 75,000 members of a pre-war Jewish population of 340,000 had indeed gone forcibly to their deaths. Céline

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World News.

Israeli Government Ends Feud That Sparked Snap Election Talk

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel's government settled a dispute on Tuesday that had threatened its survival and prompted speculation that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was seeking a snap election to help him dodge a corruption probe.

The cabinet dispute was over the framing of a bill that would extend a long-standing exemption from military service for ultra-Orthodox Jewish seminary students. For days, coalition parties had been unable to agree on the draft law.

About an hour before the preliminary vote on the bill, Netanyahu's office said agreement had been reached and that the legislation would be finalized after April, when the Knesset returns from a break that begins this Sunday.

The coalition heads had agreed to work in accord to keep a stable government that would rule for a long period, the statement said.

"We have decided to continue together for the benefit of the citizens of Israel and for the benefit of the State of Israel," Netanyahu told parliament.

Since the crisis began, coalition and opposition lawmakers, ministers and political analysts had been saying it was merely a pretext, and that Netanyahu actually preferred to let the government unravel, prompting an early election.

However, some of Netanyahu's coalition partners said they did not want an early election and pushed for a solution.

The next election is not due until

November 2019. A snap poll that produced a strong vote for Netanyahu despite the corrup-



The Knesset. Photo: Itzik Edri via Wikimedia Commons.

tion allegations might make it harder for the attorney-general to indict him in two graft cases, as police recommend.

Recent opinion polls have shown strong backing for his right-wing Likud party, even as he faces the prospect of bribery charges in those investigations, suspicions of corruption in at least one other case, and testimony by three former aides who have turned state's witness. Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing.

The attorney-general's call on whether to charge Netanyahu could take months and the prime minister's key coalition partners have so far said they will stick by him until that decision is made.

Polls in both Israel's leading television news shows on Monday indicated that, while Netanyahu's Likud had strong support, his majority in parliament would be razor-thin as some of his present coalition partners would lose seats.

Head of Turkish Taxi Drivers' Union Claims 'Thieving Jewish Lobby' of Uber

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The head of the Turkish taxi drivers' union went on an antisemitic tirade on Monday, asserting Jews were behind the spread of Uber in the country.

The Istanbul Taxi Drivers Tradesmen's Association (iTEO) is currently involved in a bitter dispute with Uber, which it claims is stealing business from legitimate taxi services. The group wants Uber banned in Turkey.

The dispute has been marked by acts of violence. The Turkish news site *Daily Sabah* reported that over the past week, an Uber driver was attacked by a group of taxi drivers, while another was shot at.

According to Turkish-Jewish newspaper *Salom*, at a rally outside Istanbul's Çaglayan Courthouse, where a lawsuit against Uber was pending, iTEO President Eyüp Aksu shouted, "The thieving global Jewish lobby serves taxi piracy in Turkey."

Professor Louis Fishman, a Turkey expert at Brooklyn College, told the *Algemeiner* that Aksu's comments are "an unfortunate case in a country where such language has become the norm. So, no surprise it was said."

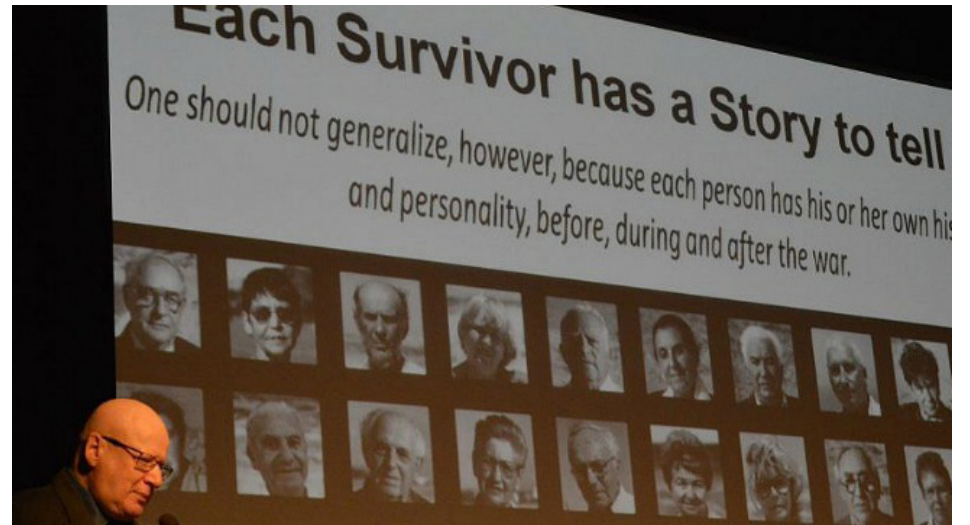
According to *Hurriyet Daily News*, a 2017 study found that Jews were the number one target of hate speech in the Turkish media.

The paper reported, "Tension over the al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem prompted a number of media outlets to demonize Jews as a collective group, with the term 'Jews' often being used in place of 'Israeli state,' 'Israel,' or 'Israeli Defense Forces.'"

In addition, Jews were "presented as a 'secret power' and 'threats against Turkey' in many conspiracy theories reflected in the Turkish media."

The paper added, "Many reports and columns referred to Jewishness as an insult, with Jewish identity 'attributed to many institutions and individuals in a negative context.'"

80 Years On, Austria's Jews Renew Demand for Holocaust Reparations



Natan Kellermann, a leading researcher on transgenerational trauma and the Holocaust. Photo: Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles.

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.ORG

On the eve of the 80th anniversary of Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria, or Anschluss, Holocaust survivors in Israel are calling on Vienna to provide reparations for Austrians whose property was confiscated when the country was under Nazi rule.

In 2001, the US government and representatives of Jewish organizations signed a deal with Austria for the symbolic reparation of Jewish property. To this end, a \$210 million fund was established.

However, \$1.5 billion in property is believed to have been plundered from the Jewish community, which up until the war was one of the wealthiest and most important in Europe. In accordance with this agreement, Austria paid its survivors and their descendants what amounted to a mere 14 percent of the total value of their property.

Austrian Holocaust survivors in Israel have now decided to renew their efforts to receive appropriate reparations.

Dr. Haim Galon from the Committee for Compensation from Austria was born in

Austria following the Anschluss or annexation. His father owned a cigarette factory in Vienna. On March 13, 1938, one day after the annexation, a Nazi official entered the factory and began to confiscate property. Although the factory was estimated to be worth \$100,000, Galon only received \$10,000 in reparations.

"It was a mockery," said Galon. "Luckily, my father, who died at a young age, was not around to see it. One must expect Chancellor [Sebastian] Kurz will convey Austria's responsibility to the victims by means of full compensation. The 80th anniversary of Anschluss is an opportunity to prove they don't just make promises."

While Austria expected to receive 100,000 claims for reparations, only 21,000 were submitted, as some families were entirely wiped out in the Holocaust, and there was no one to submit claims in their name.

Doron Weisbrod, another committee member emphasized that "in other countries, interest was also paid because of the time [that has passed]. Countries like France, Norway and Belgium — not to mention Germany — granted much larger reparations."

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windows of at least one utility vehicle.

The PA said it held Hamas responsible for the attack, stopping short of directly accusing the group of carrying out the assault, but suggesting it had failed to provide adequate security.

Hamas and the PA led by President Mahmoud Abbas are still divided over how to share administrative power in the Gaza Strip under an Egyptian-brokered unity deal. Hamas seized control of the Gaza Strip in 2007 from forces loyal to Abbas.

Elusive unity

"The attack against the government of consensus is an attack against the unity of the Palestinian people," said Nabil Abu Rdainah, a spokesman for Abbas.

Hamdallah, whose portrait is featured along with Abbas's and those of Hamas leaders on Gaza posters promoting Palestinian unity, is based in the West Bank.

He traveled overland, via Israel, to the Gaza Strip and police said the motorcade was attacked near the enclave's northern town of Beit Hanoun. He later left Gaza as scheduled in another convoy, with security men

clutching automatic rifles standing along the side of his vehicle.

The White House was due to hold a meeting later on Tuesday, addressed by US President Donald Trump's Middle East peace negotiator, Jason Greenblatt, and Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, who are putting together American proposals for a peace agreement between Israelis and Palestinians.

In past years, Palestinian factions opposed to peace talks with Israel have carried out attacks timed to coincide with such initiatives. Israeli-Palestinian negotiations collapsed in 2014.

Hamas has condemned Trump's recent moves to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, and to move the US Embassy to the city. The PA, which was also angered by Trump's Jerusalem decision, has refused to participate in Tuesday's White House meeting, or to meet with Trump's Middle East envoys.

The explosion occurred near the spot where a US diplomatic convoy was blown up by a remote-controlled bomb in 2003 shortly after it entered the Gaza Strip. Three American security specialists were killed and a US diplomat was injured in that blast.

World News.



Jordanian King Abdullah II. Photo: World Economic Forum via Wikimedia Commons.

Jordan to Accept New Ambassador From Israel, Restore Diplomatic Ties

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

According to Jordanian newspaper Al Ghad, Jordan is expected to accept the appointment of Amir Weissbrod as Israel's new ambassador to Jordan, restoring diplomatic ties following an eight-month standoff.

The announcement marks the conclusion of an impasse that escalated on July 23, 2017, with the shooting of two Jordanian attackers by Israeli embassy security guard Ziv Moyal.

Israel's diplomatic mission was forced to evacuate the country. In return for the normalization of diplomatic ties, Israel was forced to "express regret" over the incident and pay reparations to Jordan.

Weissbrod previously served as first secretary in Israel's Jordanian embassy between 2001 and 2004, and worked in Israel's Liaison Bureau in Morocco. Most recently, he served as head of the Middle East Bureau at the Foreign Ministry's Center for Political Research.

Israelis Divided Over Military Drafting of Ultra-Orthodox Jews

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

A decades-old exemption of ultra-Orthodox Jews from compulsory military service is a deeply divisive issue in Israel at the heart of a cabinet crisis that could lead to an early election.

A preliminary vote in parliament on a new bill that would maintain the exemption is expected on Tuesday. One faction in Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's six-party coalition government has vowed to defy him and oppose the legislation.

That could cause Netanyahu's government to unravel, setting the stage for the possible dissolution of parliament and a snap election in which he would seek a new mandate to help survive corruption allegations threatening his political survival.

The exemption enjoyed by ultra-Orthodox seminary students has long caused friction in Israel, where Jewish women and men are called up for military service at the age of 18.

Army service for most lasts for two to three years and many who do not enlist perform alternative national service in the community, at schools, hospitals, and different organizations.

The ultra-Orthodox, or Haredim, say their study of the Torah is vital for the continued

survival of the Jewish people and also fear that young men serving in the army would stray from the religious path.

Outside a military recruitment office in Jerusalem, 16-year-old Hananel Twito, a Haredi Jew, said his community has suggested he opt out of army service.

"I received a draft notice. For now, I still want to check. At the age of 18 I'll choose if I want to be recruited or not. For now, I've postponed because I still want to check if it's worth going or not," Twito said.

Last September, Israel's Supreme Court gave parliament a year to pass a new conscription bill after declaring parts of the existing exemption unconstitutional.

Many Israelis feel the exemption is simply unfair. Many Haredi men who devote themselves to religious studies do not have jobs and rely on state stipends and benefits.

"You are a part of this nation, you will take part of this burden," said David Cohen, a 26-year-old technician.

Haredim make up about 10 percent of Israel's population of 9 million.

Smadar Goldstein, who runs an education company in Jerusalem, said all Israelis should enlist to defend their country. "They should go into the army, why shouldn't they? There's no reason any more. I'm a religious Jew as well; my son is going into the army next year," she said.

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3/30 Sedar I	8:30 pm	Ancient Secrets of Judaism
Shabbat 3/31	1:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	2:00 pm	Q & A: Judaism
	8:30 pm	Doors Open
3/31 Sedar II	9:00 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
Sun. 4/1	1:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	2:00 pm	7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation
	9:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	9:30 pm	Defending The Faith
Mon. 4/2	2:00 pm	Meal
	2:00 pm	Spectacular Children's Program: Arts and Crafts
	7:30 pm	Meal
	7:30 pm	Popular Aish HaTorah Speaker:
	9:00 pm	Matzah = Affliction = Redemption Shomer Shabos Singles Program With Live Music, Matchmakers & Smorgasboard.
Tues. 4/3	1:00 pm	Meal
	1:30 pm	What is kosher food?
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
	9:30 pm	The Power of Prayer
Wed. 4/4	1:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
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	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Oral vs. Written Torah

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Fri. 4/6	2:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	2:30 pm	Moral Relativism & Torah
	8:45 pm	Meal/Seuda
	9:15 pm	Post Holocaust - 2 Million
Shabbat 4/7	2:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	2:30 pm	Jews Vanished- Why? Solution?
	6:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:00 pm	Open Forum

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U.S. News.

Ex-State Department Official Skeptical of Trump's Pending Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A former US State Department Middle East negotiator expressed heavy skepticism on Monday that President Donald Trump's reportedly soon-to-be unveiled Israeli-Palestinian peace plan will accomplish anything.

"I don't have a lot of confidence [in it]," Aaron David Miller — currently a vice president at the Washington, DC-based Woodrow Wilson think tank who worked in the past for the State Department in both Republican and Democratic administrations — told The Algemeiner.

On Monday, the The New York Times revealed what it said were leaked details of Trump's plan, reporting that it "will not call for a two-state solution as one of its goals. ... Nor will it call for a 'fair and just solution' for Palestinian refugees."

Miller downplayed the report, saying, "I worked on the peace process negotiations for 20 years. I've never seen a degree of radio silence imposed on any effort Republican or Democrat at any level like the degree of radio silence that's imposed on this one."

In Miller's view, only Trump advisers Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt — along with the president — know the precise details of the plan.

"It is futile to the point of distraction to try to speculate on what's in it or what should be in it or what won't be in it," he said. "We'll find out soon enough. But I think it's pointless to speculate."

However, Miller insisted that any push toward peace at the moment would be largely pointless.

"There is no way," he stated, "under these circumstances, with the gaps on the six core issues that define the Israeli-Palestinian problem — borders, security, refugees, Jerusalem, recognition of Israel as the nation-state of the Jews, and end of conflict and claims — that the prime minister of Israel and



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump at Ben-Gurion International Airport, May 23, 2017. Photo by Kobi Gideon / GPO

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was a direct participant in this genocide, every bit as culpable as the semi-literate French peasant alerting the SS to a Jewish family in hiding to make a few bucks. Reading his words, one hears the sounds of violence: shattering glass, boots on human flesh, the discordant strains of the Nazi anthem, the "Horst Wessel" song. And that is exactly how these words were intended.

One can only hope that Gallimard will heed the advice of France's president, and abandon its Céline project out if its own volition. There isn't really a free-speech issue at stake since all these pamphlets are available on the internet. Thus, the dilemma for Gallimard is whether a publisher of its stature should be distributing antisemitic ravings in the name of literary endeavor.

No one could possibly believe that Céline's words can be read dispassionately in France today, where antisemitic attacks of the most brutal kind occur with disturbing frequency. I have written on several occasions in this column about the torture and murder of a Jewish pensioner, Sarah Halimi, in April 2017. To study the account of her ordeal at the hands of a young Islamist intruder is to step into a Céline-like world of hatred, where every word uttered is echoed in physical violence.

Until France rids itself of these paroxysms of Jew-hatred — there was also the torture and murder of Ilan Halimi in 2006; the 2012 massacre of a teacher and three small children at a Toulouse Jewish school; the 2015 hostage situation and slaughter at the Hyper Cacher market in Paris; and much more — it cannot pretend that republishing Céline's pamphlets is somehow incidental and unrelated to what French Jews are facing now.

Ben Cohen writes a weekly column for JNS on Jewish affairs and Middle Eastern politics. His writings have been published in Commentary, the New York Post, Haaretz, The Wall Street Journal and many other publications.

the president of the Palestinian Authority can reach an agreement. Unless one or both are prepared to scale back their demands and their needs and requirements. And I don't see either of these two things happening."

The real question, Miller said, is whether the plan will present "what a normal human being would describe as a basis for a serious negotiation? ... I would argue that it won't."

Over a decades-long peace process, Miller added, Israel has generally responded to initiatives by saying "yes but" and the Palestinians by saying "no."

"I would say the Kushner-Greenblatt-Trump plan will afford the Israelis the opportunity to say 'yes but,' but that it is certain to produce a 'no' from the Palestinians," he continued. "That's about the best you could do in terms of what's actually in this thing and what it's designed to achieve."

Asked by The Algemeiner whether the Palestinians would be willing to negotiate on the basis of any peace plan given their rejection of the US as an honest broker following Trump's recognition in December of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, Miller replied, "Yes I do. If the current administration made a legitimate and honest effort to balance these requirements and produce what I just suggested, which would be a credible basis for Palestinians and Israelis to reengage in a serious negotiation."

Miller noted that the presentation of a peace plan prior to negotiations is almost unprecedented in the history of Israeli-Palestinian diplomacy. Given this, he said, "the question is, will it be a dud, DOA? Or offer something that can entice the parties to reengage? I don't have a lot of confidence."

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Honoring Caitlyn Jenner and Heroes of Israel



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Last Thursday, my organization presented Caitlyn Jenner with the Champion of Israel and Human Rights Award. We also posthumously honored two fallen heroes — Yoni Netanyahu and Taylor Force.

I must confess that I was not entirely shocked, but still unnerved, at the response of people who strongly criticized us for choosing to honor Caitlyn. She has made a lifestyle choice that makes many people uncomfortable, and that clashes with the beliefs of some faith communities. But our point was always that every human life must be viewed as sacred and worthy of protection. The highest Jewish value is the infinite worth of every human being, regardless of religion, ethnicity or gender.

The invective directed at us for this one decision was considerable — but it was also an infinitesimal fraction of what people like Caitlyn endure on a daily basis. And besides the attacks for her choice of lifestyle, Caitlyn also has to contend with criticism from antisemites, who criticize her for her support of Israel.

There are people in her own community

who hate Israel more than they care about her rights as a member of the LGBT minority, and therefore condemn her. But Caitlyn rightly points out the major difference between Israel's protection of members of the LGBT community, and the way that they are brutalized by the Palestinian Authority and other Arab and Muslim states, especially Iran.

In her address, Caitlyn talked about the common interests — and challenges — of the Jewish people and the LGBT community. "First of all," she said, "we seem to attract a lot of enemies, don't we? Tyrants, religious fundamentalists, white nationalists, radical Islamic terrorists, we got them all."

"I wear that hatred as a badge of honor," added Jenner. "They hate us because of what we stand for: freedom, opportunity, diversity and most of all, we stand for love."

"We must continue to make progress globally because there are LGBT people and Jewish people living all over the world," she said. "We may both be marginalized, and there are countries where we could be imprisoned or killed, but we are resilient, and we are determined."

"Our challenges vary by nations," Jenner declared, "but our enemies won't stop us, and certainly won't stop me from using all the resource and every tool available to fight for full equality."

I could not have agreed more with Caitlyn when she said, "I really feel like a true measure

of a country's character is how they treat their minorities. For the entire Middle East and the rest of the world, Israel is a beacon of hope."

She also correctly observed that "in a region where entire religions are banned, women are persecuted [and] gay men are sentenced to death, Israel is a long-standing refuge for the LGBT people."

It does not matter if religious Jews object to homosexuality based on Scripture — because we who try and lead Torah lives must protect and preserve life at all times.

Caitlyn has a unique perspective on hatred directed at minorities because — as she explained — she was an eyewitness to the terror attack on Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich. She cried as she told this story, and as she also related how her father was one of the American GI liberators of Buchenwald.

Jenner also said that she admired the Jews for their commitment to their families.

Our gala also honored two heroes whom we unfortunately lost to the scourge of terrorism.

We were pleased to present Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with the Elie Wiesel Award in posthumous recognition of his brother Yoni, who died leading the special Israeli forces raid that rescued 102 hostages in Entebbe, Uganda, in 1976. The award was also given to the parents of Taylor Force, in honor of his service to the US in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Caitlyn Jenner speaking at the 2018 Champions of Jewish Values International Awards Gala. Photo: Screenshot.

After surviving the horrors of those two wars, Taylor was tragically murdered while visiting Israel by a knife-wielding Palestinian terrorist.

Yoni left a legacy of bravery that helped inspire generations of Israelis. Taylor's death prompted Congress to write the Taylor Force Act, which will require the US government to cut aid to the Palestinian Authority if it continues to provide funding to terrorists in Israeli jails, as well as their families. This long overdue step will at least prevent American taxpayer money from being used to create incentives for Palestinians to murder Israelis, Americans or anyone else.

Another honoree was US Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, for his work in combatting terror financing. During his remarks, he said, "We have over 700 people at Treasury that are focused on sanctions and sanctions management." The secretary is a great friend of Israel and also plays a key role in enforcing sanctions against Iran.

Every day brings more and more news of school shootings, terrorist outrages and political unrest around the world. That makes it even more important to recognize, honor and champion the heroes who live among us.

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The Call

land and family. God called to Moses and the prophets. There is a particularly vivid account in Isaiah's mystical vision in which he saw God enthroned and surrounded by singing angels:

Then I heard the Voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8)

The most touching account is the story of the young Samuel, dedicated by his mother Hannah to serve God in the sanctuary at Shiloh where he acted as an assistant to Eli the priest. In bed at night he heard a voice calling his name. He assumed it was Eli. He ran to see what he wanted but Eli told him he had not called. This happened a second time and then a third, and by then Eli realized that it was God calling the child. He told Samuel that the next time the Voice called his name, he should reply, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' It did not occur to the child that it might be God summoning him to a mission, but it was. Thus began his career as a prophet, judge and anointer of Israel's first two kings, Saul and David (1 Samuel 3).

These were all prophetic calls, and prophecy ended during the Second Temple period. Nonetheless the idea of vocation remains for all those who believe in Divine providence. Each of us is different, therefore we each have unique talents and skills to bring to the world. The fact that I am here, in this place, at this time, with these abilities, is not accidental. There is a task to perform, and God is calling us to it.

The man who did more than anyone to bring this idea back in recent times was Viktor Frankl, the psychotherapist who survived Auschwitz. There in the camp he dedicated himself to giving people the will to live. He did so by getting them to see that their lives were not finished, that they still had a task to perform, and that therefore they had a reason

to survive until the war was over.

Frankl insisted that the call came from outside the self. He used to say that the right question was not "What do I want from life?" but "What does life want from me?" He quotes the testimony of one of his students who earlier in life had been hospitalized because of mental illness. He wrote a letter to Frankl containing these words:

But in the darkness, I had acquired a sense of my own unique mission in the world. I knew then, as I know now, that I must have been preserved for some reason, however small; it is something that only I can do, and it is vitally important that I do it... In the solitary darkness of the "pit" where men had abandoned me, He was there. When I did not know His name, He was there; God was there.

Reading Psalms in the prison to which the KGB had sent him, Natan Sharansky had a similar experience.

Frankl believed that "Every human person constitutes something unique; each situation in life occurs only once. The concrete task of any person is relative to this uniqueness and singularity." The essence of the task, he argued, is that it is self-transcending. It comes from outside the self and challenges us to live beyond mere self-interest. To discover such a task is to find that life — my life — has meaning and purpose.

How do you discover your vocation? The late Michael Novak argued that a calling has four characteristics. First, it is unique to you. Second, you have the talent for it. Third, it is something which, when you do it, gives you a sense of enjoyment and renewed energy. Fourth, do not expect it to reveal itself immediately. You may have to follow many paths that turn out to be false before you find the true one.

Novak quotes Logan Pearsall Smith who said, "The test of a vocation is the love of the drudgery it involves." All real achievement requires backbreaking preparation. The most

common estimate is 10,000 hours of deep practice. Are you willing to pay this price? It is no accident that Vayikra begins with a call — because it is a book about sacrifices, and vocation involves sacrifice. We are willing to make sacrifices when we sense that a specific role or task is what we are called on to do.

This is a life-changing idea. For each of us

God has a task: work to perform, a kindness to show, a gift to give, love to share, loneliness to ease, pain to heal, or broken lives to help mend. Discerning that task, hearing God's call, is what gives a life meaning and purpose. Where what we want to do meets what needs to be done, that is where God wants us to be.

From The Embassy to An Undivided Jerusalem



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It turns out that moving the US embassy to Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is even more controversial than some of the Trump administration's critics thought.

Of course, their predictions that US recognition of what has been a reality for 70 years — that Jerusalem is Israel's capital — would set the world on fire were false. Instead of inciting riots to rival those that occurred when a Danish newspaper published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, the Arab world just shrugged. Even the Palestinians couldn't muster up enough enthusiasm to keep protests going for more than a few days.

Trump's decision was not only long overdue, it also made it clear that rather than encourage the Palestinians to be intransigent — as President Obama's sole focus on pressuring Israel had done — the United

States wasn't prepared to tolerate the Palestinian Authority's continued refusal to make peace or its bankrolling of terrorism.

The Saudis and other Arab governments urged the Palestinians to take yes for an answer when Trump made it clear that his actions didn't foreclose a two-state solution if they wanted one, which they clearly did not.

But, as is so often the case in the Middle East, even the simplest part of the policy shift has proven to be problematic.

Instead of waiting to build a new embassy, America did the smart thing, and is now simply going to hang a new sign on the facility that currently serves as its consulate in Jerusalem. But it turns out that the building is partially located in what was, from 1949 to 1967, an area designated as No Man's Land between Israeli West Jerusalem and the part of the city that was illegally occupied by Jordan. Though the embassy sits on only a tiny portion of this territory and has actually been under continuous Israeli use since 1949, as far as the Palestinians and much of the world is concerned, it's located on "occupied territory."

But rather than being an unfortunate mistake, the location makes it clear how crazy

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Impressions.

AIPAC's Downward Spiral

BY ISI LIEBLER

The American Jewish leadership's downward spiral has accelerated. This can be traced back to its cowardly silence when then-President Barack Obama began treating Israel as a rogue state, and applied moral equivalence to Israelis defending themselves and Palestinian terrorists.

The leaders of the Reform and Conservative movements and the Anti-Defamation League have effectively become adjuncts of the liberal wing of the Democratic Party. Many have become so obsessed with hatred of President Donald Trump that their bitterness supersedes their support for Israel.

The chaos was reflected in recent weeks by the bizarre Qatari-sponsored visits of leading American Jewish personalities, designed to curry favor with the US. The Qataris, however, did not terminate their massive financial support of Hamas and remain closely allied with Iran and Hezbollah. These and similar misguided actions by Jewish leaders reflect a lack of leadership that will be accelerated with the retirement of Malcolm Hoenlein, the executive vice president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Yet, despite the turmoil, until now, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee had remained a jewel in an otherwise crumbling Jewish establishment.

Its leaders correctly recognize that one of its greatest challenges is to maintain bipartisan support for Israel. Unfortunately, AIPAC's solution to achieve this could worsen the situation and even prove disastrous.

AIPAC has determined that, come what may, it must seduce liberals into its ranks. To do so, it has embarked on a policy of appeasement or at least paying lip service to progressives. However, this may well become the primary goal in lieu of providing a means of effectively promoting Israel.

This is reminiscent of the recent failed American-Jewish establishment effort to bring all except the most vicious anti-Israel factions into the so-called "big tent."

It seeks to establish unity and entice liberals by adopting the lowest common denominator. It means giving equal status to Jews committed to Israel and estranged liberals and the disengaged, many of whom consider the security of Israel a low priority.

Such an approach will invariably find AIPAC effectively supporting policies that run counter to the democratically elected government in Israel as well as the positions adopted by opposition parties Labor and Yesh Atid.

This new approach was proclaimed at the opening of the recent AIPAC conference by Howard Kohr, its executive director, who unambiguously committed AIPAC to a two-state solution.

This was endorsed by AIPAC President Mort Fridman, who added: "To my friends in the progressive community, I want you to know that we are partners in this project. The progressive narrative for Israel is just as compelling and critical as the conservative one. But there are very real forces trying to pull you out of this hall and out of this movement. We will not let that happen."

In conformity with this, a discussion on the two-state solution was removed from the agenda to

avoid "friction."

American Jews, like Israelis, are entitled to have varying views on the two-state solution. But the reality is that in the face of the intensified Palestinian Authority campaign of terror and incitement, most Israelis, like myself, who at one time imagined that a two-state solution could be feasible if the Palestinians genuinely sought peace, now realize that is impossible.

The Palestinians have one goal — the destruction of Israel. Today, the creation of a nascent terrorist state in Judea and Samaria would be opposed by a clear majority of Israelis across the political spectrum. For diplomatic reasons, the government has not explicitly stated this but it has assiduously avoided endorsing a two-state solution. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu states that he supports a "state minus," i.e., a framework separating Israelis from Palestinians, with Israel retaining security but providing the Palestinians a form of autonomy.

What Israel seeks is negotiations without preconditions. The Palestinians will not contemplate this unless the Americans are marginalized and anti-Israeli UN elements assume the role of arbitrators — which Israel would never accept.

Even the Trump administration, prior to releasing its peace program, repeatedly announced that it would support any decision both parties endorsed, and did not call for a two-state solution.

Bearing this in mind, it is with incredible chutzpah that an organization purporting to act with Israel's as well as America's best interests in mind, has formally adopted a two-state policy.

AIPAC is, in effect, pressuring Israel to move beyond what Trump himself has yet demanded. It is also effectively encouraging the administration and Congress to pressure Israel in this direction.

This outrageous behavior is calculated to induce liberals to support AIPAC. It will not do so, but may encourage many of our American supporters to view Israel as intransigent and press it to make further concessions.

When that happens, there will be pressure to be even more independent of Israel and ultimately, AIPAC could even find itself making overtures to J Street.

If the price of bipartisanship is adopting lowest-common-denominator policies on Israel, AIPAC will be betraying its original mandate to support the democratically elected government of the Jewish state and will alienate the bulk of its supporters, who loyally back Israel.

The conference's 18,000 participants gave repeated, spontaneous, enthusiastic standing ovations when Netanyahu and US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley addressed them. If put to a vote, the overwhelming majority would resolutely reject any policy that contradicted the objectives of the Israeli government or the preferences of an overwhelming majority of Israelis.

To avoid further upheavals, AIPAC leaders should not take up a position for or against a two-state solution. Individual members can make up their own minds. Ultimately, Israelis will have the last say and AIPAC will be expected to support them.

The only way to strengthen Israel's support among Democrats and liberals is to painstakingly

lobby and explain the case for Israel, which is today black-and-white and not difficult to convey — if they are willing to listen.

AIPAC should follow the lead of Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, a Democrat who, concentrated on the fact that the Palestinians were responsible for the deadlock, condemned false moral equivalence and insisted that Jewish settlement building was not an obstacle to peace. He clearly stated that the problem lay in the Palestinian refusal to accept the existence of a Jewish state. He urged AIPAC supporters to educate young Ameri-



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference.

Photo: Reuters / Brian Snyder.

cans, many of whom tend to blame both sides out of ignorance.

AIPAC should face the reality that Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and his Fatah gang are an evil group of terrorists promoting a culture of death and encouraging the murder of Israelis. It can point out that the PA has just announced an increase in its payments to terrorists and their families from \$347 million in 2017 to \$403 million this year. Shame on AIPAC leaders for promoting a two-state solution with leaders engaged in financial initiatives to reward those who butcher innocent Israelis! That we should endorse a state engaged in such barbaric activities? AIPAC would do well to lobby for halting payments to the PA while it pursues such monstrous policies.

If AIPAC leaders continue promoting a Palestinian state, AIPAC members should protest and condemn their action. If the organization stands to lose its hard-core supporters to appease liberals — very few of whom are likely to change their attitudes — it will be obliged to review its policy or face the likelihood of vast numbers of people resigning from its ranks. This could bring about AIPAC's collapse — the tragic undoing of one of American Jewry's finest institutions.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Routeboient,LLC Articles of organization filed with secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/29/2015 Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC 98 Grandview Avenue Staten Island NY 10303 purpose: all lawful activity
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, V. JASON FREDERICK; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 24, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and JASON FREDERICK; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on April 5, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 630 CHAUNCEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11221: Block 3450, Lot 14: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511662/2014. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Bronx Soul Food Restaurant, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/23/2017, 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: Bronx Soul food restaurant, LLC c/o Mabel Duncan 82 Seymour Street Windsor CT 06095 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-11; Plaintiff(s) vs. ISAAC CHKOURI; ILIYA HONOVICH; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 5, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On April 12, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1809 VOORHIES AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235 Block: 7463 Lot: 49 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being

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in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,035.05 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20473-13 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford 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 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 13, 2018 51704
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff AGAINST Danielle Duverglas, Individually and as Administrator of the Estate of Hyacinth V. Campbell a/k/a Hyacinth Campbell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 2, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 471 Amboy Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 3611 Lot 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$700,163.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 10879/2012. Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 19, 2018 52109
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC, Pltf. vs. RAYMOND RIVERA, et al, Defts. Index #505779/2015. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Dec. 12, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 on Thursday, Apr. 12, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 344 Hopkinson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11233. Said property located on the westerly side of Hopkinson Ave., 61 ft. 7 inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Hopkinson Ave. with the northerly side of Prospect Pl., being a plot 80 ft.

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Tradition.

The Call



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

It was never my ambition or aspiration to be a rabbi. I went to university to study economics. I then switched to philosophy. I also had a fascination with the great British courtroom lawyers, legendary figures like Marshall Hall, Rufus Isaacs and F. E. Smith. To be sure, relatively late, I had studied for the rabbinate, but that was to become literate in my own Jewish heritage, not to pursue a career.

What changed me, professionally and existentially, was my second major *yechidut* – face-to-face conversation, – with the Lubavitcher Rebbe, in January 1978. To my surprise, he vetoed all my career options: economist, lawyer, academic, even becoming a rabbi in the United States. My task, he said, was to train rabbis. There were too few people in Britain going into the rabbinate and it was my mission to change that.

What is more, he said, I had to become a congregational rabbi, not as an end in itself but so that my students could come and see how I gave sermons (I can still hear in my mind's ear how he said that word with a marked Russian accent: *sirmons*). He was also highly specific as to where I was to work: in Jews' College (today, the London School of Jewish Studies), the oldest extant rabbinical seminary in the English-speaking world.

So I did. I became a teacher at the College, and later its Principal. Eventually I became – again after consulting with the Rebbe – Chief Rabbi. For all this I have to thank not only the Rebbe, but also my wife Elaine. She did not sign up for this when we married. It was not even on our horizon. But without her constant support I could not have done any of it.

I tell this story for a reason: to illustrate the difference between a *gift* and a *vocation*, between what we are good at and what we are called on to do. These are two very different things. I have known great judges who were also brilliant pianists. Wittgenstein trained as an aeronautical engineer but eventually dedicated his life to philosophy. Ronald Heifetz qualified as a doctor and a musician but instead became the founder of the School of Public Leadership at the John F Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. We can be good at many things, but what gives a life direction and meaning is a sense of mission, of something *we are called on to do*.

That is the significance of the opening word of today's parsha, that gives its name to the entire book: *Vayikra*, "He called." Look carefully at the verse and you will see that its construction is odd. Literally translated it reads: "He called to Moses,

and God spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting, saying ..." The first phrase seems to be redundant. If we are told that God spoke to Moses, why say in addition, "He called"?

The answer is that God's *call* to Moses was something prior to and different from what God went on to say. The latter were the details. The former was the summons, the mission – not unlike God's first call to Moses at the burning bush where He invited him to undertake the task that would define his life: leading the people out of exile and slavery to freedom in the Promised Land.

Why this second call? Probably because the book of Vayikra has, on the face of it, nothing to do with Moses. The original name given to it by the sages was *Torat Cohanim*,



"the Law of the Priests" – and Moses was not a priest. That role belonged to his brother Aaron. So it was as if God were saying to Moses: this too is part of your vocation. You are not a priest but you are the vehicle through which I reveal all My laws, including those of the priests.

We tend to take the concept of a vocation – the word itself comes from the Latin for a "call" – for granted as if every culture has such an idea. However, it is not so. The great German sociologist Max Weber (1864-1920) pointed out that the idea of vocation, so central to the social ethic of Western culture, is essentially "a religious conception, that of a task set by God."

It was born in the Hebrew Bible. Elsewhere there was little communication between the gods and human beings. The idea that God might invite human beings to become His partners and emissaries was revolutionary. Yet that is what Judaism is about.

Jewish history began with God's call to Abraham, to leave his

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x 19 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$664,176.88 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way Suite 101, Syosset, NY. 94150 AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARCIA A. BECKFORD; 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 May 4, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On April 12, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236 Block: 8064 Lot: 1 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$572,311.16 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4029-13 Helene Blank, Esq., Referee AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

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 April 12, 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 51852 AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).Name: COSMO AND VALENTIN LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/20/2017 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: Jose Cosme 1916 Edison Ave., Apt. 2R Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AP1, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Kerr, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/2017 and entered on 9/26/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 12, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 25 Stephens Court Brooklyn, NY 11226. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State

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of New York, BLOCK: 5223, LOT: 86. Approximate amount of judgment is \$597,595.72 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501070/2014. Steven J. Baker, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

Real Cool LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 2/23/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 110 Broadway, #206, Brooklyn, NY 11249. General Purposes. AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: KULTURED KIDZ INTERNATIONAL,LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2018 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: Ruth Buntin 1232 E. 99th St., Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS NYMT LOAN TRUST 2013-RP1, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA CHARLES-GITTENS, LANCE CASSIUS GITTENS, et al, Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on October 17, 2017, I, Yolanda A. Corion, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on April 12, 2018 at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described as follows: 3316 Clarendon Road Brooklyn, NY 11203 SBL No.: 4950 - 7 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 7009/2014 in the amount of \$381,340.16 plus interest and costs. Brettanie L. Hart Saxton, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel: 855-227-5072 AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

Notice of formation of PLLC Name: CARL FORBES JRLAW FIRM PLLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/20/2018. Office location: Kings County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 137 Montague St. Suite 136 Brooklyn, NY 11201 purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/16/23/30; 4/6/13/20

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY Citibank, N.A., Plaintiff against Aliza Shrem, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered January 17, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street,

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Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 2238 West Street, Brooklyn, New York 11223. Block 7151 Lot 71. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$441,324.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5872/2012. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Doron A. Leiby, Esq., Referee 11582 AJ; 3/16/23/30; 4/6/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PHH Mortgage Corporation, Plaintiff AGAINST Tyrelle Johnson a/k/a Tyrelle K. Johnson; Andrew Adams; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 24, 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 April 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 10 Pleasant Place, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York., Block 1568 Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment \$418,417.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 505826/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 6, 2018 51672 AJ; 3/16/23/30; 4/6/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Michael C. O'Neill, Cheryl O'Neill a/k/a Sheryl O'Neill, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/4/2017 and entered on 5/23/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 19, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1325 East 89th 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8080, LOT: 30. Approximate amount of judgment is \$295,115.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508088/2013. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Elena Makau, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 3/16/23/30; 4/6/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: V&E Cleaning Services, LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on. 6/19/17. 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 AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228.purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/16/23/30; 4/6/13/20

Social.



Caitlyn Jenner speaking at the 2018 Champions of Jewish Values International Awards Gala. Photo: Screenshot.

Caitlyn Jenner Expresses Love for Israel and the Jewish People at Awards Gala in New York

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Caitlyn Jenner talked about her admiration for Israel, Jewish values and more while accepting an honor at an awards ceremony in New York City on Thursday night.

Jenner — who previously went by the name Bruce before transitioning from a male to a female — received the Champion of Israel and Human Rights Award at the sixth annual Champions of Jewish Values International Awards Gala.

In her acceptance speech, Jenner opened up about being “touched by the Jewish community” on a few occasions during her life and how those moments

“impacted” the person she is today.

The Olympic gold medal-winning decathlete described seeing her father’s photos from the Holocaust when she was younger and her personal experience years later at the 1972 Munich Olympics, where 11 Israeli athletes were murdered by Palestinian terrorists.

Jenner then talked about going to many Jewish celebrations while living in California and noted, “Jewish wedding are by far the most fun weddings to go to.”

She also praised Israel’s treatment of its minorities and how Jews are family-oriented.

Jenner has visited Israel in the past and her step-daughter Kim Kardashian, along with Kardashian’s husband Kanye West, stopped in Israel in 2015 to baptize their daughter North West in Jerusalem.

Israeli Photographer in Running for Sony World Photography Awards

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli photographer Ariel Tagar is listed on an 87-person shortlist in the Sony World Photography Awards competition for a series he shot in Uganda.

Of over 320,000 photos submitted from over 200 countries, Tagar’s series entitled “Uganda’s Vespa Club” is in the running for the competition’s “professional” category award.

Tagar, from Tel Aviv, was a photographer in the Israel Defense Forces before earning a photography degree from the London College of Fashion.



A photo from Ariel Tagar’s “Uganda’s Vespa Club,” in the Sony World Photography Awards competition. Photo: Ariel Tagar.

Another Israeli photographer, Dina Alfasi of Hadera, made the top 50 list for the country’s “open” category competition for a snapshot she took at a Christian baptismal site on the banks of the Jordan River.

Winners in Tagar’s category will be announced on April 19. Alfasi’s award category will be announced March 20.

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Undivided

it would be to try, as many advocates of the peace process insist must happen, to redivide the city. Instead of restructuring a partitioned city, the world should recognize that such a dangerous scheme would only hurt Jerusalem and do nothing to advance the cause of peace.

The reason for the creation of a No Man’s Land was that it was the result of the military stalemate in the city during Israel’s War of Independence in 1948. While the Arab attempt to besiege Jewish Jerusalem failed, the Jordanian army’s invasion caused the fall of the Jewish Quarter of the Old City, and the eviction of its Jewish inhabitants and destruction of all of their synagogues. Ultimately, a stable front line that stretched like an ugly scar throughout the city was established.

For 19 years, the holiest of Jewish religious shrines — the Temple Mount and the Western Wall — were effectively rendered Judenrein; Jews only dreamed of ever being able to pray there again.

Thanks to a catastrophic error by Jordan’s King Hussein, the city was unified in 1967. Despite warnings from Israel to stay out of the conflict, Jordan started shelling Jewish Jerusalem in support of Egypt and Syria on the first of the dramatic six days in June that year. When Israeli

forces broke through, not only were the Jews reunited with their holy places, but the walls that had rendered Jerusalem a stunted, divided city were also torn down.

In the 50 years since then, new Jewish neighborhoods were built in those parts of the city that were formerly occupied by Jordan. Arab neighborhoods suffered partly from the neglect of the municipality and partly because Palestinians refused to share in the life of the united city, preferring instead to nurture dreams of Israel’s destruction.

In theory, at least some of those neighborhoods could serve as a capital of an Arab state if the Palestinians were willing to accept a two-state solution. Though in some ways the city has never been fully unified because of the ethnic/religious divide, even the cleverest advocate of two states has yet to come up with a formula that would enable Jerusalem to function if, in the name of peace, the old walls that divided West from East Jerusalem were reconstructed.

While the dreamers of peace envision an urban microcosm of the late Shimon Peres’ idea for a “New Middle East,” in which cooperation would prevail, the reality of a redivision of Jerusalem would be very different. There is little doubt that a border through the urban landscape of the Jerusalem of today would be an even bigger strategic nightmare than the one the Israel

Defense Forces faced in 1967. And security would be, at best, a haphazard affair.

Where would the new “No Man’s Land” run? All we know for sure is that there would likely be such a zone, and the life of the city would be drastically affected. We also know that if Jewish holy places were no longer solely under the protection of Israeli forces, free access for Jews would be doubtful.

That’s why it’s probably a good thing that the new embassy sits at least partially outside the old “green line.” Whatever choices the two sides make in the future, recreating the brutal division in the city created by an invasion whose aim was Israel’s destruction is a non-starter. The US embassy is as good a place as any for the world to start recognizing that tearing the holy city apart again will only serve to ensure the continuation of conflict, not its resolution. That’s something that all lovers of Jerusalem — and peace — should seek to prevent.

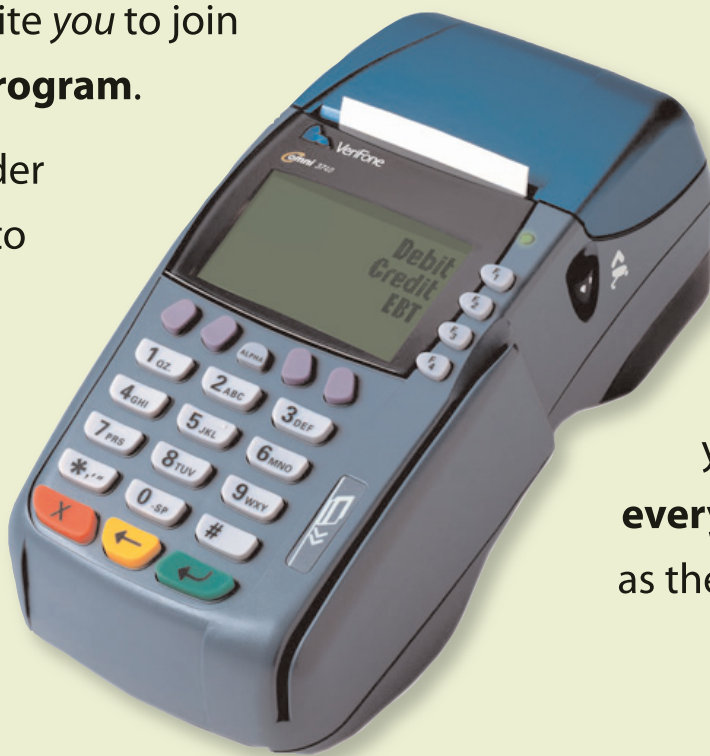
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