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## In New Year's Greeting to Iranians, Trump Slams Tehran Regime



US President Donald Trump. Photo:  
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**BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

US President Donald Trump sent greetings on Monday to Iranians celebrating the New Year's holiday known as Nowruz, but used the message to attack Iran's government, particularly its powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps.

"I wish a beautiful and

blessed Nowruz to the millions of people around the world who are celebrating the arrival of spring," Trump said. He added, however, that the Iranian people were burdened by "rulers who serve themselves instead of serving the people."

Trump, who has threatened to pull Washington out of a multi-lateral deal with Tehran to curb its nuclear program, called the Revolutionary Guard "a hostile army that brutalizes and steals

from the Iranian people to fund terrorism abroad."

Trump said in the statement the Guard had spent more than \$16 billion to prop up Syria's government and support militants and terrorists in Syria, Iraq and Yemen.

He also accused the group of impoverishing Iran's people, damaging its environment and suppressing civil rights.

The harsh language

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## Ambassador Friedman: 'New' Antisemitism Worries Me More Than the Old

**BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN**

Friedman, however, sought to differentiate between what he called the "old" antisemitism and the "new."

Recounting how the American town of Bal Harbour once barred Jewish residents, Friedman said, "I wish I could say the old antisemitism is a thing of the past," but "with the internet, the old antisemitism has a distribution channel that the old antisemites ... could only have dreamed of. ... I worry about the old antisemitism, but I never doubt that we will prevail in our fight against it."



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

This "old" antisemitism, however, has been superseded. "The new antisemitism worries me a bit more," Friedman said. "It is the irrational, deceitful, and insidious vilification of Israel and its supporters under the guise of political commentary. It is just a cleverly repackaged form of hatred against the Jewish people."

Friedman also asserted that this new antisemitism is acceptable in polite society in a way the old antisemitism is not.

"There are places in Manhattan—where I worked for 35 years—where if you attended a cocktail party and said 'I hate

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## Opinion.

# Why Is 'Washington Post' Author Defending Palestinian Terror Payments?



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What is the Palestinian Martyrs Fund? Is it a reward for terrorists — or a system of social welfare for those in genuine need?

A *Washington Post* fact-checking analysis attempts to make the case that the fund is not primarily a reward for terrorism — but a misunderstood social welfare program, unfairly maligned by Israeli and American researchers:

*A big problem is definitional. Netanyahu refers to "terrorists and their families." In the Palestinian Authority's budget, one can find \$350\* million in annual payments to Palestinian prisoners, "martyrs" and injured, but can one with certainty say they are all terrorists?*

(\*The Martyrs Fund has recently been increased to \$403 million.)

To this end, journalist Glenn Kessler repeats Palestinian arguments that the fund is a kind of social welfare program, cherry picking examples that would appear to support this claim. He also criticizes rigorous Israeli and US research.

Finally, Kessler completely avoids examination of the one thing that would utterly topple his dubious case: Palestinian law itself.

## Palestinian Law

- Palestinian law requires seven percent of the PA's annual budget be paid to the so called, "Martyrs Fund." About this fact, there is no debate: it is the plain language of the existing law.
- The Palestinian Budget Book (2017) specifically states that payments to killed or imprisoned Palestinians and their families from the Martyrs Fund are not social welfare but a *salary* — paid because the recipients constitute a "fighting sector."
- The salaries referenced above increase directly in proportion to the severity of the crime involved. For example, murder earns the perpetrator a higher salary than committing bodily injury, which earns a higher salary than possessing a weapon. Again, this not mere opinion or conjecture, *this is the Palestinian law.*

With no attempt to verify, Kessler repeats the following Palestinian claim:

*...the PLO says martyr payments go not only to people who were killed or injured by Israeli forces but also to victims of other events, such as a fiery 2012 bus accident that killed seven children and a teacher.*

This, and other similar devices, are the fragile scaffolding upon which Kessler attempts to build his case that the Martyrs Fund is not actually designed around terror — all while ignoring what the law itself actually says, and how it actually works.

## "One Man's Terrorist..."

His article in the Post goes on to draw a disingenuous moral equivalence between modern Palestinian terrorism and the Irgun's bombing of the King David Hotel in 1946, using the tired and long discredited refrain:

*As the cliché goes, one man's terrorist is another person's freedom fighter.*

This phrase originated in the aftermath of 9/11, when Stephen Jukes, then *Reuters'* head of global news, implemented an official policy of not using the word "terrorism," saying in a leaked memo: "We're trying to treat everyone on a level playing field." Jukes caught a lot of flak for the news service's terror-free policy.

Jukes later admitted that he had another, more cynical motivation for the memo:

*...we don't want to jeopardize the safety of our staff. Our people are on the front lines, in Gaza, the West Bank and Afghanistan.*

It seems that Jukes decided to forbid using the word terrorism because of his fear that he might offend terrorists. (Terrorists who might then target his staff with...you guessed it: acts of terror.)

This is not a matter of mere semantics: combating terrorism begins with defining it. Numerous scholars and media personalities criticized Jukes' turn of phrase, explaining that



The former Washington Post building.  
Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

its long-term impact makes it increasingly difficult to face, much less to combat, global terror.

In 2004, *Reuters* and Canada's *Canwest* media chain even had a standoff over terror when editors unilaterally added the t-word to *Reuters* content.

## King David Hotel Bombing

Kessler's description of the bombing at the King David Hotel is highly misleading. The Jerusalem hotel was a headquarters of the British military command and the British Criminal Investigation Division (CID), making it a military target. Before targeting this military headquarters, the Irgun called ahead to warn of their plan, urging the hotel's evacuation. I'm not aware of any Palestinian terrorist ever making such a warning.

Both in 1946 and still today, many Israelis have mixed feelings about whether the Irgun

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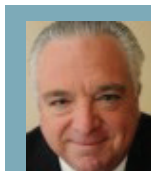
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# The Trump Administration Just Doesn't Get Gaza



STEPHEN M. FLATOW/  
JNS.org

Last week's conference by the Trump administration on the situation in the Gaza Strip "focused on the need for the Palestinian Authority to take control over Gaza," a White House official told the Israeli newspaper Haaretz. If that report is accurate, it means that the United States still doesn't understand the basic problem in Gaza — or how to solve it.

The idea that Hamas is the "bad guy" and that the Palestinian Authority (PA) is the "good guy" is a fallacy that began with the signing of the Oslo Accords in 1993, and is still the mindset of too many people in Washington.

The attempts to distinguish between the "moderate" PA and the "extremist" Hamas always foundered on the reality that the PA regards Hamas as its brother, not its enemy. Brothers may quarrel from time to time — they may get into a scuffle now and then, or even try to kill each other — but they remain brothers.

The PA leadership promised, as part of Oslo, to disband all terrorist groups, seize their weapons and outlaw them — in short, to put them out of business. But here we are, 25 years later, and Hamas still has active terrorist cells throughout the PA-controlled parts of Judea and Samaria.

There's no doubt that the PA has the

means to eliminate Hamas in the territories; it has one of the largest per-capita security forces in the world. Yet it has never even outlawed Hamas. It has never made a real effort to capture its members or confiscate its weapons. It has not extradited a single Hamas terrorist to Israel, even though the Oslo agreement obligates it to do so.

Even *The New York Times*, a longtime cheerleader for the PA, has occasionally conceded that Hamas and other terrorists roam free in PA-run cities. On March 23, 2014, the Times reported that Israeli troops were forced to enter the Jenin refugee camp in pursuit of terrorists because although Jenin is under the "full control" of the Palestinian Authority, "the Palestinian [security forces] did not generally operate in refugee camps."

When the PA's newspapers, television and radio outlets glorify terrorists as "martyrs" and "heroes," they don't talk about only Fatah terrorists. They glorify Hamas murderers, too.

When the PA pays salaries to imprisoned terrorists and the families of dead terrorists, they don't give out the payments only to Fatah members. They pay Hamas murderers and their families, too.

So there's no reason for surprise that the PA boycotted last week's conference on Gaza in Washington. No matter how hard the State Department crowd wishes it, the PA is not going to fight Hamas for control of Gaza. In fact, it's not going to fight Hamas at all.

The solution to Gaza's various ills is not to pump more international money into the region. That has been tried for decades, and it hasn't worked. The solution is regime change.

But a change from Hamas to the PA — even if it were possible and even if the PA were amenable to that — would not represent genuine change. It would mean replacing one corrupt, violent Palestinian dictatorship with another corrupt, violent Palestinian dictatorship.

Not every group of people with a grievance deserves, or is ready for, self-rule. Some have too little experience with the culture of democracy to establish and run a free society; the last thing that the world needs is more dictatorships. Some territories are too violent to live in peace with their neighbors; that is the danger that Israel faces.

For years, advocates of Palestinian statehood urged Israel to grant self-rule to the Arabs in Gaza. They claimed that if the Gazans were allowed to rule themselves, they would become peaceful neighbors since surely they wouldn't want to risk losing their self-rule. It would be an experiment to see if giving them a fully sovereign state could succeed. Yitzhak Rabin and Ariel Sharon decided to take that risk.

The tens of thousands of rockets fired from Gaza at Israel over the years have demonstrated that the experiment was an abject failure. Gaza proves that the Palestinian Arabs are not yet ready for self-rule. Neither conferences in Washington nor handouts from the international community will change that.

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## World News.

## Report: Key Arab States Pressuring Abbas to Cooperate With Trump

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Egypt and Saudi Arabia are leaning heavily on Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas to cooperate with American efforts to restart peace talks with Israel, several Arab media outlets reported over the weekend.

The Palestinian newspaper al-Quds reported that both countries were pressuring Abbas and Jordanian King Abdullah not to dismiss US President's Donald Trump's much-vaunted "deal of the century" out of hand.

Meanwhile, the London-based Al-Khaleej newspaper quoted a senior Palestinian source saying that Saudi Arabia was trying to convince Abbas to agree to the American plan, and that its most recent suggestion was to try and persuade President Trump to postpone the transfer of the US Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, currently scheduled to take place on May 14 — the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence.

Similarly, Saudi Arabia has offered to establish a five-member council — composed of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, the United States, the Palestinian Authority, and Israel — to discuss the issues that the Palestinians find most

problematic in Trump's proposals. Saudi Arabia is also reported to be prepared to assist in resolving the current financial crisis facing the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), the UN agency that caters to the five million descendants of the Arab refugees of the 1948 war.

The London-based outlet al-Araby al-Jadeed reported that at the beginning of March, embattled White House adviser Jared Kushner secretly visited Cairo and met with Egyptian intelligence chief and director of President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi's office, Abbas Kamal, to discuss Jordanian objections to the proposals. Sisi is also said to have discussed Jordan's concerns with Prime Minister Hani al-Mulki, shortly after Kushner's visit.

In an analysis of these developments, Yoni Ben Menachem, of Israeli think tank the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, expressed skepticism that Abbas would comply with Arab entreaties. The Palestinian president "is seeking to end his political career with a 'national achievement,' that would compensate for his failures," Ben Menachem argued. "From his point of view, rejecting the American plan outright and withstanding the pressures upon him are his greatest achievement as Palestinian leader."

## Residents of Israel's South Fear Hamas' Relentless Tunnel Efforts

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

Israel Defense Forces demolished a Hamas tunnel the terrorist organization had intended to connect to an older, partially-destroyed tunnel near Kibbutz Kerem Shalom on Sunday. Residents of the Gaza border-adjacent communities told *Israel Hayom* that while they have gotten used to the security situation, cellular disruptions in recent weeks — the result of Egypt jamming communication frequencies to combat Sinai insurgents — have made them ever-more anxious they will be unable to contact loved ones in the event of a security breach.

Amit Caspi from Kibbutz Kerem Shalom told *Israel Hayom* that "we have unfortunately already gotten used [to this]. On one hand, it is worrying that there are tunnels, but on the other hand, it is good they [the IDF] are finding them." He said there was disappointment among local residents that "the other side

continues to with its tunnel excavations instead of focusing on with the real aspects of life."

Daniel Matari, also of Kerem Shalom, said he was afraid of a nightmare scenario in which one terror tunnels is not discovered and local residents are made to pay the price.

"Every time there is a tunnel directed at the country, there is the fear, what will be on the day they miss a tunnel? If they have the option to carry out a mega-attack and they have an active tunnel, it won't be two terrorists, but 30 or 40 terrorists that will come with grenades and LAW missiles," he said.

Matari told *Israel Hayom* he worries about the safety of his four-year-old daughter, who goes to school at nearby Kibbutz Nir Yitzhak, especially in light of the reception problems in the area and the difficulty residents have in communicating regularly via cellphone.

"I am always worried," he said. "It is enough for there to be one Code Red, and I don't know what's going to happen. It's problematic when there is no reception."

the Palestinians,' if you said that, you might be offered another drink and invited to hold court on your interesting point of view."

Ultimately, Friedman said, "To accuse Israel of Nazism, apartheid, or institutional bigotry because of well-intentioned, good

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'New' Antisemitism

Jews,' then you would be politely escorted to the door," he stated. "But if you said, 'Isn't it a shame that after Jews survived the Holocaust, they turned into Nazis themselves against

## Palestinian Authority President Abbas Calls US Ambassador to Israel Friedman a 'Son of a Dog'



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: Reuters / Osman Orsal.

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas on Monday criticized US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman for his support of Israeli settlers in the West Bank, calling the envoy a "son of a dog."

Friedman is a strong backer of the settler movement, and was an early and enthusiastic advocate of US President Donald Trump's Dec. 6 decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital and move the American embassy there.

In an address at a conference in Jerusalem on combating global antisemitism later on Monday, Friedman responded to Abbas' slur, saying, "Antisemitism or political discourse? Not for me to judge, I leave that all

up to you."

Abbas' remarks came during a speech in Ramallah to Palestinian officials in which he also blamed Hamas for the March 13 bomb attack on the convoy of PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah in the Gaza Strip, saying it was a "despicable and sinful act."

Hamdallah and PA security chief Majid Faraj were uninjured when a roadside bomb exploded as they entered Gaza on their way to a ceremony in the enclave that is ruled by Hamas, a rival of Abbas's Fatah Party. Six security guards were said to be wounded.

"We congratulate the two big brothers (Hamdallah and Faraj) that they are safe after the sinful and despicable attack that was carried out against them by the Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip," Abbas said.

There has been no claim of responsibility for the bomb attack.

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contrasted with Trump's Nowruz statement last year, which made no mention of politics.

In January, Trump delivered an ultimatum to the European signatories of the 2015 nuclear accord, which aimed to curb Iran's nuclear program in return for lifting various trade and economic sanctions.

The Republican president said they must agree to "fix the terrible flaws of the Iran nuclear deal," which was agreed to under his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama, or he would refuse to extend US sanctions relief on Iran. US

faith efforts to protect its inhabitants against terrorism is to be an antisemite plain and simple."

In the US, Friedman continued, the epicenter of this new antisemitism is in academia. "I think now, our biggest issue in regard to the United States with antisemitism is on college campuses," he stated. "Pro-Israel students are under siege. Pro-Israel professors are not getting tenure."

He recounted an anecdote about a debate at Columbia University with anti-Zionist intellectual Edward Said, saying, "the conversation was respectful, it was civil, and it was thoughtful." In 2007, then-Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmedinejad—an openly genocidal antisemite—was invited to speak at

sanctions will resume unless Trump issues new "waivers" to suspend them on May 12.

Iran has said that if Washington pulls out of the deal, it will no longer abide by its terms.

In a bid to persuade Washington to remain in the nuclear accord, France urged the European Union on Monday to consider new sanctions on Iran over its involvement in Syria's civil war and its ballistic missile program.

Nowruz is Iran's most important national event and is celebrated with family gatherings, vacations and gift-giving. It is also celebrated by millions around the world, including in Turkey, Iraq and parts of South and Central Asia.

Columbia, where "he was treated respectfully, far more so than Israeli speakers."

In 2017, Friedman noted, Israel's ambassador to the UN Danny Danon, "hardly a controversial figure in Israeli politics, was shouted down when he addressed the students of Columbia. ... And you can multiply that by colleges and universities throughout the United States."

"We never want to interfere with academic freedom," Friedman said, "but we must bring an end to academic hypocrisy."

The ambassador concluded by hailing President Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, calling it "a shot right through the heart of the new antisemitism. And let's hope it is just the beginning."

World News.



Israeli security personnel at the scene of a terror attack in the Old City of Jerusalem's Jewish Quarter, March 18, 2018. Photo: Yonatan Sindel / Flash90.

# After Sunday's Terror Attack, Home of Jerusalem Terrorist Slated for Demolition

BY JNS.org

An IDF engineering unit mapped out the house of Abed al-Rahman Bani Fa'adal, the terrorist responsible for Sunday's deadly stabbing murder of Adiel Kolman, the first step in demolishing his home.

Fa'adal, a 28-year-old father of two living in the Palestinian Authority town of Aqraba near Nablus in Samaria, stabbed 32-year-old Kolman, a father of four from Kochav Hashachar, to death in the Old City of Jerusalem.

The killer had been issued an entry permit by Israeli authorities under the premise of looking for employment.

Fa'adal was shot and killed by police near the Lion's Gate in the Old City.

Kolman was buried in Kochav Hashachar at 11 a.m. on Monday. He is survived by his parents, his wife Ayelet and their four young children.

Sunday's attack came just days after an Arab terrorist ran down and killed Israeli soldiers Capt. Ziv Deus, 21, and Sgt. Netanel Kahalani, 20, injuring two more.

# Israel Prize for Lifetime Achievement to Go to Veteran Politician, Bereaved Mother

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

Former Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and inspirational speaker Miriam Peretz, who lost two sons in battle, have been named as this year's recipients of the Israel Prize for lifetime achievement.

The Israel Prize is the state's highest honor. It is presented annually on Independence Day in a state ceremony in Jerusalem attended by the president, prime minister, Knesset speaker and chief justice.

Levy, 80, was born in Rabat, Morocco, and immigrated to Israel in 1957. He was elected to the Knesset in 1969 and went on to serve as a lawmaker until 2006. Levy was one of the first Sephardi politicians to rise to a senior political position, and his terms in different government saw him serve as immigrant absorption, housing and foreign minister, as well as deputy prime minister.

"David Levy's personal story is the story of a boy who immigrated to Israel from Morocco to a transit camp and then a development town in the periphery, and from there jumped to the heart of public and social activity within the melting pot of Israeli society," the Israel Prize committee wrote in its announcement.

Levy was congratulated by lawmakers from across the political spectrum. Israeli President Reuven Rivlin called him a trailblazer, saying he paved the way for others by showing

them that it was possible to break through from the periphery to the heart of Israeli society.

Education Minister Naftali Bennett, whose ministry oversees the Israel Prize committee, personally arrived at Miriam Peretz's home on Thursday to tell her she is to be awarded the Israel Prize.

Peretz was born in Casablanca, Morocco, and came to Israel in 1964 at the age of 10. The mother of two fallen Golani Brigade soldiers — Uriel, killed in Lebanon in 1998 at the age of 22; and Eliraz, killed in the Gaza Strip in 2010 at age 31 — became an inspirational speaker, devoting her life to educational activity with teenagers and soldiers.

Bennett posted a video of an emotional Peretz as he delivered the news that she was to be honored on Independence Day.

"I have just arrived at Miriam Peretz's home to personally tell her that she was awarded the Israel Prize for lifetime achievement for strengthening the Jewish Israeli spirit," Bennett tweeted.

"Miriam did not choose the harsh circumstances of her life but chose to live and revive an entire people. She is the mother of all of us," he wrote.

The Israel Prize committee noted in its announcement that "Miriam Peretz has devoted her life to education, and imparting Jewish and Zionist values to youth and soldiers, and even to communities around the world in order to light our way and strengthen our hands."

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Shabbat 3/31	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 8:30 pm	Meal/Seuda Q & A: Judaism Doors Open
3/31 Sedar II	9:00 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
Sun. 4/1	1:00 pm 2:00 pm 9:00 pm 9:30 pm 2:00 pm	Meal/Seuda 7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation Meal/Seuda Defending The Faith Meal
Mon. 4/2	2:00 pm 7:30 pm 7:30 pm 9:00 pm	Spectacular Children's Program: Arts and Crafts Meal Popular Aish HaTorah Speaker: Matzah = Affliction = Redemption Shomer Shabos Singles Program With Live Music, Matchmakers & Smorgasboard.
Tues. 4/3	1:00 pm 1:30 pm 7:30 pm 9:30 pm	Meal What is kosher food? Meal/Seuda The Power of Prayer
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Fri. 4/6	2:00 pm 2:30 pm 8:45 pm 9:15 pm	Meal/Seuda Moral Relativism & Torah Meal/Seuda Post Holocaust - 2 Million
Shabbat 4/7	2:00 pm 2:30 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Meal/Seuda Jews Vanished- Why? Solution? Meal/Seuda Open Forum

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This year, Beth Shifra is sponsoring free Kosher for Pesach Seders and meals daily from Friday, March 30th, through Saturday (Shabbat), April 7th, at The White Shul, 2102 Avenue T & East 21st in Brooklyn. Free Kosher for Passover food packages will be offered on Friday, March 30th, at the White Shul, 2102 Avenue T & East 21st in Brooklyn from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

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May all those that participate in this holy effort be blessed from Heaven. On behalf of the Igud/RAA Presidium and of the Beth Din, I extend greetings of Torah.

Sincerely,

Mendy Mirocznik

Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik  
Executive Vice-President, Rabbinical Alliance of America

## U.S. News.

# On Eve of Trump-Saudi Meeting, Riyadh Calls Iran Nuclear Deal Flawed

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Saudi Arabia called the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers a “flawed agreement” on Monday, on the eve of a meeting between the Saudi crown prince and US President Donald Trump who have both been highly critical of Iran.

“Our view of the nuclear deal is that it’s a flawed agreement,” Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir told reporters in Washington.

The meeting between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Trump comes at a time when Riyadh and Washington have been strengthening their relationship after tensions under the previous US administration, in part over Iran.

Jubeir called out Iran for what Riyadh has long slammed as Tehran’s destabilizing behavior in the region.

“We’ve called for tougher policies towards Iran for years,” Jubeir said.

“We’re looking at ways in which we can push back against Iran’s nefarious activities in the region,” Jubeir said, lambasting Tehran’s support for the Houthi militia in Yemen and support for Syrian President Bashar al-Assad in Syria.

Iran denies interference in the region’s affairs.

Saudi Arabia had viewed with unease the administration of US President Barack Obama, whom they felt considered Riyadh’s alliance with Washington less important than negotiating the Iran nuclear deal.

Saudi state news agency SPA said the crown prince left



Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman arrives at Lambeth Palace, London, Britain, March 8, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Yui Mok / Pool.

for the United States on Monday to begin the visit, which is also expected to include meetings with business leaders and stops in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Houston.

It is first visit by Mohammed bin Salman, or MbS as he known in Western circles, to the United States since he became heir apparent.

The ambitious young prince, has embarked on reforms to modernize deeply conservative Saudi Arabia.

He visited Britain earlier this month on his first foreign tour since his rise as part of efforts to persuade Western allies that “shock” reforms have made his country, the world’s top oil exporter, a better place to invest and a more tolerant society.

He will meet Trump on Tuesday at the White House as well as senior administration officials. The crown prince is also due to meet with members of Congress, some of whom have been critical of the Saudi campaign in Yemen, particularly the humanitarian situation and civilian casualties.

In his meetings with business, industry and entertainment leaders, the prince is aiming to cultivate investments and political support. Several dozen Saudi chief executives are expected to join him in touting investment opportunities in the kingdom.

Jubeir said he would meet with executives in the oil and gas industry in Houston. He added that Riyadh would look to sign memorandums of understanding, without providing additional details.

The crown prince will have meetings at Google, Apple and Lockheed Martin. He will also participate in a Saudi-US CEO forum in New York and will meet with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Jubeir lauded the US-Saudi relationship at an “all-time high.”

Any visit to the New York Stock Exchange will be

watched closely by investors because of the potentially lucrative listing of up to 5 percent of Saudi Aramco expected later this year.

Sources close to the process said the kingdom is increasingly looking to just float the oil giant locally as plans for an initial public offering on an international exchange such as New York or London appear to be receding.

Saudi Energy Minister Khalid al-Falih said recently that Aramco was too important to risk listing in the United States because of litigation concerns, such as existing lawsuits against rival oil companies for their role in climate change.

Prince Mohammed has won Western plaudits for seeking to ease Saudi Arabia’s reliance on oil, tackle chronic corruption and transform the Sunni Muslim kingdom.

But the severity and secrecy of an anti-

corruption crackdown last November, after Prince Mohammed was named heir to the throne, has unnerved some investors.

The crown prince is also likely to reiterate to Washington the view of Saudi Arabia that its regional arch-rival, Iran, should not be trusted given its nuclear program.

Under a deal reached with major powers including the United States in 2015, Tehran curbed its enrichment of uranium for nuclear fuel, a process that can also yield atomic bombs, in exchange for a removal of tough international sanctions.

Trump delivered an ultimatum to the European powers on Jan. 12, saying they must agree to “fix the terrible flaws of the Iran nuclear deal” or he would refuse to extend US sanctions relief on Iran that it calls for.

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## Opinion.

## The Lust Marriage

SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

In just a few weeks, Pamela Anderson and I will be releasing our new co-authored book *Lust for Love: Rekindling Intimacy and Passion in Your Relationship*.

Already the media is commenting on our odd pairing. But Pamela is much more than just an author and an activist. She is a brilliantly insightful woman, especially about relationships.

Our main argument in the book is that marital passion is declining all round. Recent American census data shows that the number of US adults who never marry has hit an all-time high of 1 in 5. In 1960, it was 1 in 10. We're lucky it's only that high. In Scandinavia, only 20 percent of the population bother to marry. In France and Britain, it's about a third.

To many, marriage is a bore. Marriage is about "settling down." Passion and pleasure in all things, especially sex, is the goal of the age — and most people are convinced that marriage just cannot provide it.

Jewish tradition sees things differently. Adam, the first human, was a hybrid of male

and female. When Adam fell asleep, God removed a tzela — often translated as rib but actually meaning "side" — the feminine side.

The result was the compartmentalization of masculine and feminine, man and woman, with each being incomplete without the other. Ever since, each sex instinctively and erotically seeks unification with the lost half.

This is the mystical reason why, even in a secular age, the ideal still remains marriage — with every Hollywood chick flick ending with a wedding. We don't marry to obviate loneliness, because shacking up would afford the same degree of companionship. Rather, we marry so that two halves can be sewn together as an indivisible whole.

He who separated us is He who can unite us.

The Book of Genesis expresses it thus: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother. He shall cleave unto his wife. And they shall become one flesh."

Of all the benefits of marriage, it is perhaps the sense of invincibility and invulnerability that is strongest.

Genesis describes Adam as having been lonely. But why? He was surrounded by angels.

But angels are perfect. There was nothing Adam could contribute that they were missing. Loneliness ensues when we feel appreciated but not necessary, admired but not essential. It was only when God provided

a vulnerable creature like Adam himself, Eve, that his loneliness was remedied.

But there are many people who are married who still feel very lonely. The reason: people don't want to be loved but desired. Not appreciated, but lusted after. Marriage today is based on the Christian concept of love rather than the Jewish concept of lust. The New Testament condemns lust: "For everything in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — comes not from the Father but from the world" (1 John 2:16).

St. Paul famously argued that "God is love," and that all marriages should be based on the comforts of compatibility, friendship and shared experience.

Judaism believes that marriage must be built on deep desire and covetousness. The holiest book of the Bible, the Song of Solomon, is an erotic poem that describes the burning yearning between a man and a woman.

The tenth commandment is clear: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife," which means you should be coveting your own.

Lust is, quite simply, much stronger than love.

How do we recapture it? By focusing on the three rules of erotic lust.

The first is frustrated desire, erotic obstacles.

The second law of lust is mystery. Lust is enhanced in darkness and shadows. Ironically, the more the body is covered, the more



A Torah scroll. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

one lusts after it.

The third law of erotic lust is sinfulness. The forbidden is erotic.

A cursory glance of world classics demonstrates that it is not the righteous, loyal wife who fires the literary imagination — but the unfaithful, sinful wife, like Anna Karenina, Madame Bovary, Tess and Lady Chatterley.

The many who complain that religion creates sexual taboos in relationships forget that such taboos can often enhance lust, while a permissive society that makes sex so available turns it from chocolate to vanilla.

Unlike the "love marriage," which is based on closeness and constant intimacy, the "lust marriage" is based on separation, renewal and a measure of distance. All great advice from a religion that champions lust over love in marriage.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," is one of the world's most celebrated relationships experts and is the international best-selling author of 31 books. His national TV show, *Shalom in the Home*, won the National Fatherhood Award. Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

## It's Time to Confront Putin and Russia

JULIE LENARZ  
LONDON

UK Prime Minister Theresa May told Parliament on Monday that it was "highly likely" that Russia was responsible for the attempted murder of former Russian agent Sergei Skripal, and his daughter Yulia, in the English city of Salisbury on March 4.

And that's just the beginning.

Five years ago, in December, the first allegation of chemical weapons use surfaced in Syria. Seven people were killed in the Homs region by a poisonous nerve agent deployed by the Assad regime. Earlier in August, then-US President Barack Obama had articulated his red-line policy on Syria. His calculations on a military response, he said, would change drastically if America sees "a whole bunch of chemical weapons moving around or being utilized."

What do these seemingly unconnected events have to do with each other? The answer is: a lot.

The Middle East has always been the global playground of the world's superpowers, where interests collide and the balance of power is perpetually in flux.

What happens in the Middle East doesn't stay in the Middle East.

When President Obama failed to enforce his red line, the Assad regime was watching. But watching, too, were the Syrian regime's patrons — Russia and Iran.

As the years went by, the red line policy turned from an empty mantra into a river



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani alongside Russian President Vladimir Putin at a November 2017 meeting in Sochi. Photo: Reuters / Mikhail Klimentyev.

of innocent civilian blood. UN inspectors confirmed in September 2017 that they had documented 33 chemical weapons attacks during Syria's civil war. Twenty-seven were carried out by the regime.

That's not the end of the story. The head of the CIA warned in January that an expansionist and cash-starved North Korea could sell its nuclear weapons know-how and technology to other countries, including Iran and Syria. Less than a month later, a leaked report authored by a panel of UN experts revealed that North Korea had indeed shipped supplies to Syria that could be used to produce chemical agents.

The Obama administration's failure to uphold the international conventions against chemical weapons worked against Western interests and emboldened our enemies.

And so on March 4, Russia likely carried out an assassination attempt on a former Russian double agent and his daughter in the middle of the peaceful market town of Salisbury. This followed numerous other state-sponsored murders that have either been proven or strongly suspected to be carried out by Russia.

What happened in Salisbury was a vile

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## New York Times Insists Palestinians Don't Want to Talk Peace

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BOSTON

The New York Times, in a comical reversal of its usual point of view, has started depicting the Palestinian Arabs as not interested in peace.

For years Times news coverage has portrayed Israeli settlements and "right-wing" or "hardline" Israeli leaders as the obstacles to peace.

Yet this month, the Times seems to have reversed course, repeatedly insisting that the Palestinians are not interested in peace negotiations. A March 6 front page above the fold news article by the current Times Jerusalem bureau chief, David Halbfinger, and a former one, Peter Baker, included in its fourth paragraph this passage:

Mr. Trump insisted that he still had 'a good chance' of forging peace and expressed optimism that the Palestinians were ready to return to discussions. "The Palestinians, I think, are wanting to come back to the table very badly," he said, despite evidence to the contrary.

Similar language turned up again in an article by Mark Landler in the March 12 Times: "Mr. Trump still sounds committed. Welcoming the prime minister to the Oval Office, he insisted that he still had a 'very good chance' to broker an accord. "The Palestinians, I think, are wanting to come back to the table very badly," he said. There is little evidence to support that."

Who do you think has a better view of what the Palestinian Arabs are really thinking? Trump, who almost certainly has access to extensive and highly sophisticated American and allied intelligence that gives him a look into the private communications of Palestinian leaders? Or the Times, which is taking the public pronouncements and posturing of those Palestinian leaders at face value?

It's almost as if the Times is more invested in its storyline about President Trump being out of touch and uninformed than it is in the storyline about the lack of progress in the peace negotiations being entirely, or at least primarily, Israel's fault. It reminds me a bit of the North Korea situation, in which the Times was telling us that Trump's recklessness was going to lead America into war, and all of a sudden the North Koreans surprised nearly everyone (though not Scott Adams) by showing up at the bargaining table.

Maybe Trump knows about some "evidence" related to the Palestinian Arabs that the Times journalists do not know about.

I don't have the intelligence access that Trump does. It does seem to me, though, that while the Palestinian Arab leadership may not be interested in peace, it definitely benefits from the existence of a peace process, or being at the table. Palestinian Arab participation unlocks all kinds of American money and goodwill, along with Israeli concessions, that otherwise might be withheld.

Anyway, this is one of those items that is worth marking, keeping an eye on, and checking back in on in six months or a year.

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## Impressions.

# Activist Showcases 70 Israeli Destinations for Israel's Independence Day

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

A Florida-based pro-Israel activist has launched a project showcasing 70 locations in Israel in honor of the Jewish state's 70th Independence Day on April 19.

Rabbi-turned-designer Joseph Waks launched Project Seventy on February 8. Since then, he's released one video a day highlighting various unique destinations throughout Israel. His selections include historical sites, cafes, zoos and cities among other hotspots. The project — featuring Waks in the role of boisterous tour guide — will span 70 days and the last video will be released on Independence Day.

In an interview with *The Algemeiner*, Waks said that his goal was “to celebrate these places that people don't usually get to see ... and do it in my special way.”

“I just wanted to share my experience of Israel with the world. I come here every summer with my boys and I'm just marveled by this place,” he said. “We feel like it's our backyard, it's our front yard, it's our lawn.”

All 70 videos — besides one which was recorded on a drone camera — were filmed on an iPhone 7 by Waks' younger brother, who also edited the clips. “I wanted it to be [done in] a 2018 way,” Waks said. “It wasn't even a new iPhone, it's an old one!”

Many of the places featured in the project Waks was visiting for the first time. He did little research in



Joseph Waks at the popular *Caffe Kaymak*, one of the locations showcased in *Project Seventy*. Photo: Screenshot.

advance and mostly improvised his reactions to each location. “I couldn't pronounce some of the names of these places that we went to, and I had no idea what we were going into. But I didn't want to find out the information before. I wanted to really come in as is ... Let me feel it for myself and let me tell you something about it.”

One of the most “fascinating” places he visited during his journey, he said, was the city of Shiloh, where he learned about the ancient Tabernacle, known in Hebrew as the “mishkan.”

Most of the places featured in *Project Seventy* were recommended by friends along the way, but Waks said he's “being very careful” in his choices for the next 10 destinations, since the project is reaching its conclusion. It will end with “a big bang,” a special video, filmed in Jerusalem, Waks promised.

The videos have also garnered interest internationally, he said, noting that a Latin American pro-Israel group has requested permission to translate and publish the clips in Spanish, to cater to Spanish-speaking audiences.

“I just hope that through this experience and through this [project] we'll be able to deliver the love that I find is the common denominator in Israel,” he said. “I think it's the happiest place in the world.”

# In Israel and Elsewhere, the Secrets of Happiness (or Unhappiness) Are Revealed

BY BEN COHEN /  
JNS.org

What makes us happy — or unhappy?

The 2018 edition of the *World Happiness Report*, published annually by a group of United Nations-linked development experts, asserts that a country's happiness can be quantified based upon six variables. These are: “levels of GDP, life expectancy, generosity, social support, freedom and corruption.” To determine how happy a nation is, data from the *Gallup World Poll* — in which respondents evaluate their life quality on a scale of 0 (worst) to 10 (best) — is combined with these six variables to produce a happiness ranking of the 156 countries where enough overall data is available.

This year's report was released on March 14 at a launch event at the Pontifical Academy of Sciences in the Vatican. A subsequent event will occur on March 20, celebrating the “International Day of Happiness” at the United Nations.

Other than perhaps proving that the coldness of country's climate does not determine its happiness level — in order, the happiness list is led by Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland — there is very little in these rankings that could not have been guessed with simple common sense. The world's happiest countries are almost exclusively democracies where the rule of law prevails, with free markets, a free press, and freedom of worship and conscience. Among the generally happy countries above No. 30, those that spend more on social welfare are, by the measures used here, arguably a little happier than those that spend less. Most significantly, the overwhelming majority of countries ranked below 100 in terms of their happiness levels overlap with those classified as either “not free” or “partly free” in the annual *Freedom House* global survey.

Israel is, according to the report, a deeply-contented country, ranked at No. 11 in the world. It ranks higher than fellow democracies, including the United States (No. 18), the United Kingdom (No. 19) and France (No. 23), and well above brash, self-satisfied Qatar (No. 32) and dangerously aggressive Russia (No. 59). When Israel is compared with those countries facing broadly similar existential risks from rogue state neighbors and similar actors, it is striking that they — Japan (No. 54), South Korea (No. 57), Jordan (No. 90) — are considerably less happy. That, in itself, is an extraordinary testament to Israel's internal spirit.

Meanwhile, the Palestinians living under the rule of the Palestinian Authority rank at No. 104 — confirmation that while Palestinian life is generally unhappy, it's not as miserable as some Palestinian advocates willfully make it out to be, even if you place the entire responsibility for the current Palestinian predicament on the shoulders of Israel. For example, in terms of life expectancy, at 73 years residents of the Palestinian territories live eight years less than the average Israeli, but three to four years more than the average Syrian, Egyptian or Sudanese.

On the other hand, Palestinian GDP at \$3,000 per capita is at the lower end of the scale for the Middle East, though things aren't much better on that score in Egypt, Algeria, Jordan and Iran, all

of which are fully-fledged sovereign states. Most notably, there are 52 other fully-fledged sovereign states whose populations are more unhappy than the Palestinians (data for other stateless nations, like the Kurds, Tibetans and Sahrawis, is not available.)

One of those countries happens to be South Africa, which comes in one place below the Palestinian territories, at No. 105. Anyone who has tracked the campaign to boycott the world's 11th-happiest nation will notice the bitter irony here. Many of South Africa's leaders and key influencers have fronted the charge that Israel should be shunned as the reincarnation of apartheid, yet their own people, almost 25 years after the end of white minority rule, remain more unhappy than the Palestinians with whom they proclaim solidarity.

And yet, when you examine the variables used by the happiness report in the South African context, it's not hard to see why this is. According to the *World Health Organization*, the country's AIDS crisis is



A view of the Tel Aviv skyline. Photo: LaMèreVeille via Wikimedia Commons.

one key reason why life expectancy is a shockingly low 62 years. At the same time, GDP per capita is under \$6,000, corruption among the police and in many areas of the public sector runs rampant, and more than half of the country has been denied the basic education that is essential for the maintenance of a free and flourishing society. Despite, or maybe because of, all this, South Africa's ruling party, the African National Congress, still trumpets the boycott of Israel as an essential element of the “politics of resistance” that has similarly blighted other countries sitting well beneath the top 50, such as Lebanon (No. 88), Venezuela (No. 102), Iran (No. 106), and Zimbabwe (No. 144).

The report also demonstrates that those nations in which happiness is on the rise are places where life expectancy is increasing and a growing range of support (medical, psychological, financial) is available to the public. For the Palestinians, it is instructive to see that the dial has barely moved on these fronts since the last global happiness survey was released. Given that talks with Israel are not expected soon, the Palestinian Authority, its key donor countries, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and other institutions purportedly involved with Palestinian welfare have plenty of time on their hands to ask themselves why that is and how their own policies are reinforcing the problem.

*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.*

# Legal Notice.

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Notice of formation of 194 WIMAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 12/08/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 194 WIMAN LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LNV Corporation, Plaintiff -against- Vincenzo Stanzione a/k/a Vincent Stanzione, FJC, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Mrs. Stanzione, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW

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YORK 11201 on April 5, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2371 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 8448 Lot: 12 Approximate amount of lien \$496,432.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507445/2013 Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: February 23, 2018 FILE #: DOVEN 63793  
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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.  
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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,

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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 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  
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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  
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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  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC, Pltf. vs. RAYMOND RIVERA, et al, Defts. Index #505779/2015. Pursuant to

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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. 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;

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.

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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 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.  
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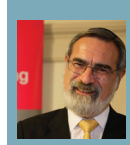
Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: KULTURED KIDZ INTERNATIONAL,LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2018 Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon Whom process against it may be served. 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  
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## Tradition.

## Giving Thanks



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The first words we are taught to say each morning, immediately on waking, are *Modeh/modah ani*, "I give thanks." *We thank before we think*. Note that the normal word order is inverted: *Modeh ani*, not *ani modeh*, so that in Hebrew the "thanks" comes before the "I." Judaism is "gratitude with attitude." And this, according to recent scientific research, really is a life-enhancing idea.

The source of the command to give thanks is to be found in this week's parsha. Among the sacrifices it itemises is the *korban todah*, the thanksgiving offering: "If he offers it [the sacrifice] as a thanksgiving offering, then along with this thanksgiving offering he is to offer unleavened loaves mixed with oil, unleavened wafers spread with oil, and loaves of fine flour well-kneaded and mixed with oil" (Lev. 7:12).

Though we have been without sacrifices for almost two thousand years, a trace of the thanksgiving offering survives to this day, in the form of the blessing *Hagomel*: "Who bestows good things on the unworthy," said in the synagogue, at the time of reading of the Torah, by one who has survived a hazardous situation. This is defined by the sages (on the basis of Psalm 107), as one who has survived a sea-crossing, or travelled across a desert, or recovered from serious illness, or been released from captivity.

For me, the almost universal instinct to give thanks is one of the signals of transcendence in the human condition. It is not just the pilot we want to thank when we land safely after a hazardous flight; not just the surgeon when we survive an operation; not just the judge or politician when we are released from prison or captivity. It is as if some larger force was operative, as if the hand that moves the pieces on the human chessboard were thinking of us; as if Heaven itself had reached down and come to our aid.

Insurance companies sometimes describe natural catastrophes as "acts of God". Human emotion tends to do the opposite. God is in the good news, the miraculous deliverance, the escape from catastrophe. That instinct – to offer thanks to a force, a presence, over and above natural circumstances and human intervention – is itself a signal of transcendence. Though not a proof of the existence of God, it is nonetheless an intimation of something deeply spiritual in the human heart. It tells us that we are not random concatenations of selfish genes, blindly reproducing

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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, 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

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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

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. MERLENE A. CAMPBELL A/K/A MERLENE CAMPBELL, 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 January 31, 2018, I, Richard A. Klass, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on April 26, 2018 at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: 624 E 89th Street Brooklyn, NY 11236 SBL No.: 7993-43 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. 500170/2014 in the amount of \$365,255.21 plus interest and costs. Brittany J. Maxon, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST EDWARD BATISTA, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 15, 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 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 224 MOFFAT 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 3447, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$901,751.09 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 16667/13. Charles F. Otey, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52076  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrew Grant, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment

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of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on 4-26-2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, SBL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 52035  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MAZE SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 11/03/2017. 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: Legalinc Corporate Service Inc 1967 wehrle drive Suite 1 #086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/B/M CHASE HOME LOAN FINANCE LLC, S/B/M TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff against COLVILLE BARRETT, SANDRA BARRETT, AFRICA BARRETT, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 26th day of April, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: 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. Said premises known as 348 Warwick Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11207. (Block: 3982, Lot: 24). Approximate amount of lien \$ 115,322.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 511722/15. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Fein, Such & Crane, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800 Rochester, NY. 14614 (585) 232-7400  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES NEW YORK, INC., Plaintiff against MARCO FUENTES A/K/A MARCOS FUENTES; WILFREDO A. FUENTES; JANE FUENTES (REFUSED FIRST NAME), et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 28, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 26th day of April, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 205 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11232. (Block: 665, Lot: 52). Approximate amount of lien \$ 893,360.06 plus interest and

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costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505007-15. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 \*For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832\*  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, Trustee of the SRP 2013-9 Funding Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Jason Dorset a/k/a Jason H. Dorset; Louisa Dorset; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 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 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 374 East 96th 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 NY, Block 4670 Lot 156. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,897.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502684/2015. Jeffrey R Miller, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 7, 2018 52428  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. 2006-NC2, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-NC2, Plaintiff AGAINST OMARI JOHNSON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 13, 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 April 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1043 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. 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 3380, Lot 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$829,830.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #12164-13. Aaron Maslow, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52603  
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 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 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being

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## Social.



From left to right: Israeli entertainer Yehoram Gaon, philanthropist Haim Saban, Shawn Evenhaim, and Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson. Photo: Idan Ozeri-Tal.

## Adelson Family Contributes \$13 Million to Israeli American Council

BY JNS.org

Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson announced an additional \$13 million gift on March 18 to support the Israeli American Council at its 10th annual Los Angeles gala.

The gift was donated in the wake of the couple's more than \$50 million in previous donations to the organization. According to an IAC press release, more support is expected to continue the Adelsons' bold vision to "build and engage a coast-to-coast Israeli-American community that strengthens the American Jewish community and the State of Israel."

Dr. Miriam Adelson commented: "When we first became engaged with the Israeli American Council in 2013, we saw great untapped potential to develop a united and nationwide Israeli-American community. Today, we see this bold vision coming to life all across the country. We are proud to be part of this remarkable development, which is bringing the Jewish-American community closer to Israel."

"The IAC has achieved remarkable progress in

advancing its historic mission," said Sheldon Adelson. "We are deeply invested in the organization's long-term success and its vision of a coast-to-coast community with Israel in its heart. This is an investment in the future generations of Jewish Americans and the State of Israel."

According to the IAC board of directors, "Dr. Miriam and Sheldon Adelson are among the great Jewish leaders of our time. Their bold vision, passionate leadership and unmatched generosity have been an inspiration to all of us, and have propelled the IAC's rapid growth and great success. We look forward to partnering with the Adelsons in the years ahead to further the rapid growth of our community and our donor base, working together to make a historic impact for the Jewish people and the State of Israel."

The gala, which drew more than 1,000 attendees to the Beverly Hilton, including prominent philanthropists, business leaders, tech innovators and thought leaders from across the country, raised more than \$16.5 million, including a \$1 million pledge from Haim Saban.

## Another Israeli Hi-Tech Exit: KLA-Tencor Buys Orbotech for \$3.4 Billion

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A deal was reached on Monday for Israeli electronics manufacturer Orbotech Ltd. to be acquired by the California-based KLA-Tencor Corporation for \$3.4 billion.

Orbotech is the latest Israeli hi-tech firm to be acquired by an overseas giant, following the likes of



The Tel Aviv skyline at night. Photo: Gilad Avidan via Wikimedia Commons.

Mobileye (by Intel) and Waze (by Google).

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed the sale, tweeting, "I was happy to hear the company, which employs 2,500 workers, will continue to operate from Yavneh. More good news for Israel's hi-tech industry and economy!"



## It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's 'Superman' ... at the Kotel

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

American actor Dean Cain, known for his role as "Superman" in the hit 1990s' TV show "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman," visited Israel on a trip organized by From the Depths, an organization dedicated to Holocaust remembrance and education.

On Tuesday, Cain met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at his office in Jerusalem. Netan-

yahu uploaded a video to his Facebook page joking that Cain should have come earlier.

"Superman visited my office this evening. Bad timing though. We solved everything right before he arrived," wrote Netanyahu.

In the video, the premier is seen greeting Cain and telling him: "Superman, we have already solved everything; now you're coming?" to which Cain responds, "You are the real Superman... well done, sir."

"Israel is all I've imagined and more! Such a beautiful country, wonderful people and vibrant democ-

cracy," Cain told the British Jewish News. "I've not yet had a chance to see all the country and deeply look forward to the rest of my time here, and I'm sure I'll be back again soon. For me, the most moving is being able to share this visit with my son, Christopher, to walk the streets that kings and prophets walked, share this history with him as well as show him how much a country can build and succeed in just 70 years."

On Wednesday, Cain visited the Western Wall, or Kotel, donning a "Superman" kippah at the holy site.



Dean Cain at the Kotel in Jerusalem. Photo: Twitter.

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**Thanks**

themselves. Our bodies may be products of nature (“dust you are, and to dust you will return”), but there is something within us that reaches out to Someone beyond us: the soul of the universe, the Divine “You” to whom we offer our thanks. That is what was once expressed in the thanksgiving offering, and still is, in the *Hagomel* prayer.

Not until the early 1990s did a major piece of medical research reveal the dramatic physical effects of thanksgiving. It became known as the Nun Study. Some 700 American nuns, all members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in the United States, agreed to allow their records to be accessed by a research team investigating



the process of ageing and Alzheimer’s Disease. At the start of the study the participants were aged between 75 and 102.

What gave this study its unusual longitudinal scope is that in 1930 the nuns, then in their twenties, had been asked by the Mother Superior to write a brief autobiographical account of their life and their reasons for entering the convent. These documents were analysed by the researchers using a specially devised coding system to register, among other things, positive and negative emotions. By annually assessing the nuns’ current state of health, the researchers were able to test whether their emotional state in 1930 had an effect on their health some sixty years later. Because they had all lived a very

similar lifestyle during these six decades, they formed an ideal group for testing hypotheses about the relationship between emotional attitudes and health.

The results, published in 2001, were startling. The more positive emotions – contentment, gratitude, happiness, love and hope – the nuns expressed in their autobiographical notes, the more likely they were to be alive and well sixty years later. The difference was as much as seven years in life expectancy. So remarkable was this finding that it has led, since then, to a new field of gratitude research, as well as a deepening understanding of the impact of emotions on physical health.

Since the publication of the Nun Study and the flurry of further research it inspired, we now know of the multiple effects of developing an attitude of gratitude. It improves physical health and immunity against disease. Grateful people are more likely to take regular exercise and go for regular medical check-ups. Thankfulness reduces toxic emotions such as resentment, frustration and regret

and makes depression less likely. It helps people avoid over-reacting to negative experiences by seeking revenge. It even tends to make people sleep better. It enhances self-respect, making it less likely that you will envy others for their achievements or success. Grateful people tend to have better relationships. Saying “thank you” enhances friendships and elicits better performance from employees. It is also a major factor in strengthening resilience. One study of Vietnam War Veterans found that those with higher levels of gratitude suffered lower incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Remembering the many things we have to be thankful for helps us survive painful experiences, from losing a job to bereavement.

Jewish prayer is an ongoing seminar in gratitude. *Birkot ha-Shachar*, ‘the Dawn Blessings’ said at the start of morning prayers each day, are a litany of thanksgiving for life itself: the human body, the physical world, land to stand on and eyes to see with.

Gratitude also lies behind a fascinating feature of the Amidah. When the leader of prayer repeats the Amidah aloud, we are silent other than for the responses of *Kedushah*, and saying Amen after each blessing, with one exception. When the leader says the words *Modim anachnu lakh*, “We give thanks to You,” the congregation says the a parallel passage known as *Modim de-Rabbanan*. For every other blessing of the Amidah, it is sufficient to assent to the words of the leader by saying Amen. The one exception is *Modim*, “We give thanks.” Rabbi Elijah Spira (1660–1712) in his work *Eliyahu Rabbah*, explains that when it comes to saying thank you, we cannot delegate this away to someone else to do it on our behalf. Thanks has to come directly from us.

Hence the transformative idea: giving thanks is beneficial to the body and the soul. It contributes to both happiness and health. It is also a self-fulfilling attitude: the more we celebrate the good, the more good we discover that is worthy of celebration.

This is neither easy nor natural. We are genetically predisposed to pay more attention to the bad than the good. For sound biological reasons, we are hyper-alert to potential threats and dangers. It takes focussed attention to become aware of how much we have to be grateful for. That, in different ways, is the logic of prayer, of making blessings, of Shabbat, and many other elements of Jewish life.

It is also embedded in our collective name. The word *Modeh*, “I give thanks,” comes from the same root as *Yehudi*, meaning “Jew.” We acquired this name from Jacob’s fourth son, named by his mother Leah who, at his birth said, “This time I will thank God” (Gen. 29:35). *Jewishness is thankfulness*: not the most obvious definition of Jewish identity, but by far the most life-enhancing.

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in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 16, 2018 52792 AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, MTGLQ INVESTORS, L. P, Plaintiff, vs. ROGELIO CLARK, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 25, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 26, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 269 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4658 and Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$441,593.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510070/2014. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorney for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

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**Terror Payments**

was right to act as it did. Yet right or wrong, there was a clear reason: the British military was arresting and preparing to deport Jewish refugees who had fled from Europe during and after the Holocaust. The world’s horror over precisely these type of deportations led to formation of the modern international law on refugees.

By contrast, the Martyrs Fund pays people *who kill civilians* in pizza parlors and coffee shops, and butcher entire families to death in their homes. Whether you call that “terror” or “freedom fighting,” it bears absolutely no comparison to the Irgun’s attack.

**Very fuzzy**  
Kessler concludes that it is “very fuzzy” whether the Palestinian government truly paid the exact figure of \$350 million to terrorists and their families. Yet most of the word count is dedicated to the article’s real point: that Israeli and American studies on the topic are essentially an attempt to malign the misunderstood Palestinian government.

The Martyrs Fund is, by the very Palestinian law that established it, designed around terror. The only thing that’s fuzzy is why this incontrovertible fact is so conspicuously absent from *The Washington Post’s* fact-checking.

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**Confront**

act of aggression by a foreign country, but not all that surprising. Russian President Vladimir Putin has always been a gambler — and when someone like him smells weakness, they take their chances.

Behind the Kremlin’s Cold War rhetoric, inflaming of nationalist sentiments and throwing of Russia’s weight around the world stage lies the belief that attack is the best form of defense. We saw how brutal Russia was willing to be in Chechnya, Georgia, Ukraine and Syria.

The Russian government cannot be dealt with in the same way that liberal democracies deal with each other. Unless a credible account can be given as to how a military-grade nerve agent like Novichok was obtained and deployed without Russian involvement, enforcing “extensive measures” against Putin and his inner circle should be a no-brainer.

Let’s face it. Rapprochement with Russia has failed miserably. The Obama “reset policy” with Russia collapsed under its own weight. The Obama administration’s attempt to withdraw from the Middle East ended in chaos — and with an emboldened Kremlin. Attempts to find a peaceful solution to the Ukraine crisis resulted in Russia stationing 40,000 military boots on the ground in Eastern Ukraine.

All of this is evidence of the fact that Russia is not fearful of using extreme measures to pursue its political goals. The more that we give, the bolder they get. The primary goal of every government is to make our citizens and allies secure, and to make our adversaries think twice.

The only language Russia understands is strength. So let’s be strong.

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## Why Does the US Continue to Fund UNRWA?



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As I recently outlined in *The Algemeiner*, the UN’s Palestinian relief agency — UNRWA — continues to promote hatred, antisemitism and jihad in its education materials.

The Palestinians — with the help of UNRWA — are teaching their children to hate, and are thus making any future peace deals with Israel impossible.

On January 1, 2018, UNRWA incorporated another new set of school books — which it obtained from the Palestinian Authority — to educate a new generation of 500,000 children, who live in UNRWA refugee camps.

But as my post in *The Algemeiner* detailed, these new books are no different from the old ones.

When I questioned the US Embassy in Israel as to why the US continues to fund UNRWA schools that use such a war curriculum, I received no response.

When asked the same question, a State Department spokesperson responded by saying: “[We take] such reports seriously. We are in regular contact with UNRWA to ensure any allegation of inflammatory, biased, or inciteful content in education materials is thoroughly investigated and addressed.”

However, when asked if the Americans

were monitoring textbook content, the spokesperson would only say: “The US government has supported UNRWA in the development and integration of educational materials that promote human rights, conflict resolution, and tolerance.”

But the UNRWA school books do not reflect that State Department reassurance.

This is an American issue — because the US remains the most important funder of UNRWA, to the tune of \$360 million a year — out of a total \$1.2 billion UNRWA budget. And UNRWA reports that 54% of the UNRWA budget goes to education.

So why does the US continue to fund such a curriculum?

Someone should ask the US Congress and Mike Pompeo — should he become the new secretary of state.

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**Talk Peace**

If some sort of peace talks resume, then President Trump was correct, and the Times’ smugness about “evidence” was just journalists being snookered by Palestinian Arab publicity. If the Palestinians indeed refuse to come to the table, then Trump was wrong (though, in fairness, he just said they “want” to, not that they actually will) and the Times was correct. In the second case, expect the Times to blame Trump and Netanyahu for the Palestinians staying away from the bargaining table — a storyline the newspaper is already advancing.