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Authorities Investigating Antisemitic Motive Behind Murder of Holocaust Survivor



Mireille Knoll, the 85 year-old Holocaust survivor who was murdered in Paris. Photo: Knoll family.

BY BEN COHEN

The two men arrested by French police following the horrific murder of an elderly female Holocaust survivor — whose body was discovered on Friday evening with multiple stab wounds in her incinerated apartment in the 11th arrondissement of Paris — are being investigated for an antisemitic hate crime, the Paris prosecutor's office announced on Monday.

French media outlets reported over the weekend that the two individuals had been arrested on Saturday, as the country's Jewish community reacted with dismay and anger to the murder of 85-year-old Mireille Knoll the previous evening. Up to five fires were started in her apartment and the victim was also stabbed 11 times during the attack.

One of the two men arrested, a 29-year-old with previous criminal

convictions, was identified by Mrs Knoll's son as "someone my mother knew very well and considered a son," Le Parisien reported. Another outlet, broadcaster France 3, said that Knoll had known the man over a period of twenty years since his childhood.

The second suspect is reported to be a 22-year-old homeless man known to the

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Israel Fast-Tracks Wall, Escape Route for New US Embassy in Jerusalem

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel has expedited construction permits to enable temporary quarters for the US embassy to open in Jerusalem as planned in May, the Finance Ministry said on Tuesday.

US President Donald Trump in December broke with other world powers by recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and announcing the US embassy would be moved there from Tel Aviv.

Trump's reversal of decades of US and broad international policy was welcomed by Israeli Prime Minister



Supporters of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign. Photo: Alex Chis.

Benjamin Netanyahu as a "historic decision." But it drew criticism from around the world and outraged Palestinians, who want a capital for their own potential future state in eastern parts of the city.

Israel has said the embassy will be opened on May 14, the 70th anniversary of its founding. An American official said it would be located at a provisional site in Jerusalem that now houses a US consular section.

Building a permanent embassy could take several years.

Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon said in a statement

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Opinion.

Has Trump Finally Figured It Out?



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Donald Trump was elected president with no government experience or in-depth knowledge of foreign policy. That ignorance was reflected in some of his first choices to fill key administration positions. Yet after another shakeup this week in which former UN Ambassador John Bolton replaces Gen. H.R. McMaster as national security advisor, it would appear that after 14 months, Trump finally has the team members he needs. The only question is whether the president will have the wisdom to listen to them.

As far as the mainstream media is concerned, McMaster's exit is just another example of the revolving door of personnel that has cycled in and out of the White House during Trump's presidency. Liberal critics are not only damning Bolton as just another television personality, but proof that chaos is the only guiding principle of this administration. He is depicted as a knee-jerk hawk who understands nothing about diplomacy and is only interested in getting the United States into wars. His past stand on the Iraq War and his lack of enthusiasm for diplomacy with North Korea also might put him at odds with Trump, who became a harsh retroactive critic of that war and has just agreed to meet with Kim Jong-un.

From that perspective, Bolton's appointment makes no sense. Naysayers think that like Trump's appointment of fellow hawk Mike Pompeo to replace Rex Tillerson as secretary of state, Bolton will be just another passing fancy who will be tossed out the next time the erratic commander-in-chief feels like overturning the administration apple cart once again.

Given the unpredictable nature of this president, it's impossible to say with certainty that they're wrong. However, we can only hope that Trump has, by a process of trial and error, finally figured out that what he needs are principled conservatives who see the world as it is, rather than through the prism of diplomatic wishful thinking. He needed aides unencumbered by the foreign policy establishment's conventional wisdom about how to deal with America's enemies. That's exactly what he has now with Pompeo at the State Department, Nikki Haley at the United Nations and Bolton at his side in the White House.

The accusations about Bolton lacking knowledge of diplomacy are simply not correct. He has a long résumé of government experience in the State Department, the Justice Department and at the United Nations with service under former President Ronald Reagan, and the older and younger Bush presidents. Bolton is not a novice; he is an experienced hand with a firm grasp of both the foreign-policy expertise and how the bureaucracy works — or more to the point, often doesn't work. That's especially true compared to his two immediate predecessors:

Gens. Michael Flynn and McMaster.

The foreign policy establishment doesn't like Bolton, but that's nothing to be ashamed of. His sterling record stretches back to his time during the presidency of George H.W. Bush, when he headed the diplomatic team tasked with the campaign to rescind the infamous "Zionism is racism" UN resolution. His success there belies the notion that he's allergic to diplomacy, but what he doesn't tolerate is the casual acceptance of discrimination against Israel that governs so much of the international community's actions. During his term as George W. Bush's UN ambassador, he took stands that were remarkably similar to the ones Haley is taking now. He stood up for Israel against its tormentors and took a dim view of the notion that the United States needed to appease its enemies by sacrificing the security of the Jewish state.

Like everyone else who served in W's administration, he was implicated in what turned out to be an ill-advised decision to invade Iraq. In his defense, he was right that removing Saddam Hussein from power was a good thing. Unfortunately, among the unintended consequences of that move was the strengthening of Iran, along with the chaos and bloodshed that convulsed Iraq after Saddam was toppled.

Even if we concede that invading Iraq was a mistake, Bolton has been right far more often than he's been wrong. His steadfast opposition to the Iran nuclear deal and his clear thinking about the absolute necessity



US President Donald Trump, Jan. 10, 2018.
Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

of American action to either renegotiate or add on to that pact is correct. And fortunately, Trump seems to be in agreement with both him and with Pompeo on this issue.

The term "realist" is identified with a school of thought that embraces the notion of jettisoning Israeli interests and bowing to the dictates of European allies, who have always been unenthusiastic about stopping Iran's nuclear ambitions. But that is America's only realistic option. True realism, as embodied by the stands of Bolton and Pompeo, involves understanding that the defense of US interests involves halting Iran's quest for regional hegemony and a nuclear weapon, not enabling it as President Obama did with his deal. It also means not being deceived by international opinion about the Palestinians, instead demanding that they embrace peace and renounce terror before asking Israel to sacrifice its security for the hope of peace.

Due to his instinctual distrust of the

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Is Putin an Antisemite? It Really Doesn't Matter



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Among Sephardic Jews of my grandmother's generation, there was a popular, if unproven, belief that Gen. Francisco Franco — the military dictator who ruled Spain from 1939 until his death in 1975 — was of Jewish parentage, and that this explained why he granted refuge to several thousand Jews fleeing the Nazis. I've heard tales of a similar belief about Russia's present republican tsar, Vladimir Putin, along with a similar explanation that his largely benevolent attitude towards the more than one million Jews under his rule stems from his supposed Jewish ancestry.

In an interview this week with The Jerusalem Post, Russia's Chief Rabbi Berel Lazar didn't go so far as to claim Putin for the Jewish people, but he did laud him as the first leader in Russia's long history "to say that Jews had the same rights as anyone else." The rabbi also related the story of an elderly Jewish woman who told him that Putin's attendance at a synagogue dedication left her feeling that she could now hold her head up after a lifetime of looking down.

Lazar's comments were situated in a broader defense of Putin from the charge of antisemitism stemming from a recent NBC interview in which the Russian leader

suggested that ethnic minorities with Russian citizenship — he named "Jews," "Tatars," and "Ukrainians," specifically — were responsible for Moscow's interference in the 2016 US presidential election. But while Jewish leaders in the United States and Europe condemned Putin's apparent invocation of shadowy Jewish power, Lazar countered that Putin is implacably opposed to antisemitism, having presided over an unprecedented rebirth of Jewish identity and community in Russia over the past two decades.

Those who maintain that Lazar speaks the truth and those who argue that he is compelled to say such things are, paradoxically, both correct. Perhaps the most important task of a Jewish leader in a country like Russia — with its authoritarian and violently antisemitic traditions — is to ensure that the existence of a secure, vibrant Jewish community remains an important national interest, as Putin evidently believes it to be.

Yet Putin's cultivation of warm relations with Russia's Jews, along with his regime's



Iran's President Hassan Rouhani with his counterparts, Russia's Vladimir Putin and Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan, in Sochi, Russia on November 22, 2017. Photo: Sputnik/Mikhail Klimentyev/Kremlin via REUTERS.

respectful relations with the State of Israel, serve as a reminder that the transnational ties that bind the Jewish people aren't immune from the pressures of geopolitics. A century ago, that reality manifested itself on the battlefield, with more than 500,000 Jewish soldiers serving in the ranks of rival national armies during World War I. These days, the stakes are lower (or we at least believe they are), but the fact remains that the Vladimir Putin lionized by Rabbi Lazar is the same Vladimir Putin who is regarded by most Jews outside of Russia as a transparently nasty threat to the democracies in which they live as free citizens.

Putin is certainly a historical oddity. He is a ruthless dictator with philo-Semitic leanings who is nonetheless sophisticated enough to grasp the crucial political role that antisemitism has played — and may still play — in Russia's national development. But there is a more immediate, overriding point: for the time being, none of this history really matters.

The big difference between today and the Cold War era is that Russian Jews are no longer hostages of their own national authorities, even if Putin's regime increasingly recalls the Soviet Union in other ways. Nor is the struggle against "international Zionism" an obsessive propaganda theme of Putin's Russia, as it was under the Communist party.

There are few signs that Putin is pursuing policies abroad that would lead him to turn on the Jews of Russia, as happened more than once under his Soviet predecessors.

Yet the welcome absence of antisemi-

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World News.

Two Palestinians Convicted of Murdering Israeli-Jewish Boss

BY JNS.ORG

Two Palestinians on Sunday were convicted of murdering their employer for nationalistic reasons in October.

Yousef Kamil and Mohammed Abu al-Rub, both of Qabatiya near Jenin in Samaria, stabbed and beat Reuven Schmerling to death in a premeditated attack at Schmerling's coal warehouse in the Arab-Israeli city of Kafr Qasim on Oct. 4, according to the plea bargain approved by the Lod district court.

The two will be sentenced in June.

According to details of their plea deal, the pair conducted the attack for nationalistic reasons in order to kill Jews and were motivated by their desire to revenge a friend who was killed while attempting to commit a terror attack in

2015, in addition to the heightened Arab uproar following the shooting deaths of two Israeli Druze policeman on the Temple Mount by three Arab Israelis.

The two men did not have permits to enter Israel and traveled to Kafr Qasem in late September illegally in order to work at Schmerling's coal-storage facility. According to the indictment, Kamil wanted to enter Israel to kill Jews, ultimately convincing al-Rub.

They purchased a butcher knife and chose Schmerling as their victim, due to their dislike of him and due to work disputes. They also carried the attack out using a pickaxe and a fan.

His body was found later that day in one of the business's storage units by his son.

After the attack, Kamil and al-Rub showered, changed their clothes, ditched their weapons and escaped back to Qabatiya.

First Officially Sanctioned Settlement in 25 Years, Amichai Becomes Home to Amona Evacuees

BY JNS.ORG

The first new Jewish community built with official sanction in more than 25 years will be inhabited on Monday, filled with the residents of Amona, who were expelled from their homes 14 months ago by order of the Supreme Court.

Temporary caravilla dwellings were set down in the new community of Amichai for the 42 families of Amona, who engaged in a protracted and highly publicized legal battle to remain in their homes, which they lost in February 2017. They have since resided together in a dormitory in the nearby community of Ofra.

In 2014, in a case brought years earlier by the Yesh Din pro-Palestinian legal aid organization, the Supreme Court found that a portion of the community of Amona was built on land belonging to Palestinians, and that the entire community should be destroyed.

Despite efforts on the part of the ruling coalition, the Israeli government was not able to prevent the demolition of the community, but managed to pass a "Regulation Law" allowing the government to expropriate land upon which Jewish communities were built in good faith or with government support, even

if Palestinians later came to claim ownership of the lands. That legislation was frozen by the Supreme Court in August.

However, the coalition was able to go forward with a deal it clinched with Amona's residents, promising them a new community in exchange for peaceably relinquishing their homes.

Amichai is situated north of Palestinian Authority-controlled Ramallah, between the Jewish communities of Shilo and Eli.

"We are looking forward to entering our new homes, which we were able to establish with the blood of our hearts, with determination and faith, love for the land and for Zionism," said Avichai Boaron, head of Amona's secretariat.

The construction of permanent homes will begin in the coming months and is slated to reach 102 houses. However, roughly a third of those homes will have to pass legal hurdles, as new petitions have been filed by Palestinians who claim the land demarcated for the homes belongs to them.

The Supreme Court earlier this month froze compensation funds earmarked for the Amona expellees, saying they should not be compensated for their losses because they built their homes illegally.

Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat had voiced concern about the timeline, telling Israel Radio on March 9: "I hope their (Americans') schedule will be kept."

The Israeli planning permit waiver for the embassy will be good for three years, the Finance Ministry statement said.

"Initially, the interim Embassy in (the Jerusalem neighbourhood of) Arnona will contain office space for the Ambassador and a small staff," said a US embassy official in Tel Aviv.

"By the end of next year, we intend to open a new Embassy Jerusalem annex on

Adviser to Polish Prime Minister Under Fire From Top Jewish Leaders



Prof. Rafal Pankowski (far left) with fellow panelists at the Global Forum on Antisemitism in Jerusalem. Photo: NCSEJ.

BY BEN COHEN

Jewish leaders in the US and Europe have risen to the defense of a leading Polish expert on antisemitism, after he recently became the target of an "antisemitic" online campaign led by an official adviser to Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki.

Rafal Pankowski — a Warsaw-based professor who leads the anti-racist "Never Again" Association — was described as a "Polish-speaking Jewish mongrel dog" and threatened with violence by extremists on social media following a speech he delivered to the Global Forum Against Antisemitism in Jerusalem on March 21.

In that presentation, Pankowski highlighted the upsurge of antisemitic rhetoric that has accompanied the recent passage of controversial Holocaust commemoration legislation in Poland. The bill — signed into law by President Andrzej Duda on Feb. 6 — criminalizes public discussion of Polish antisemitism and collusion with the Nazi authorities during the German occupation of 1939-45, with potential violators facing a maximum sentence of three years in prison. (Pankowski, a critic of the legislation, is frequently quoted on this matter and related issues by The Algemeiner and several other international news outlets.)

Among those in the audience for Pankowski's speech was Polish Ambassador to Israel Jacek Chodorowicz. Attending with the ambassador was Andrzej Pawluszek — a government adviser promoted on March 2 to the official post of secretary to the prime minister — who took exception to the speech's content. While Pawluszek did not challenge the remarks during the panel, his furious disagreement with Pankowski's claim that antisemitism was widespread among certain Polish politicians and media outlets was revealed in a subsequent series of tweets, in which he joined with the deputy leader of Poland's far-right National Movement in denouncing Pankowski's assessment of Polish antisemitism as a "scandal."

The tweets were approvingly shared by other well-known figures in Poland — including Sebastian Kaleta, a high-level official at the Ministry of Justice, Krzysztof Ziemienc, the presenter of Polish state TV's evening news program, and Adam Bielan, a deputy speaker

of the Polish Senate — setting off a volley of online abuse in Pankowski's direction.

One respondent accused Pankowski of having gone to Israel "to earn his Judas shekels," while another urged Pawluszek to "punch him in the face on our behalf." Another participant in the exchange declared his desire "to put TNT in the ass of this Pankowski."

Polish far right activists — 60,000 of whom turned out for a menacing show of force in Warsaw in November 2017 — carry a long-established reputation for violence at soccer matches and political demonstrations, as well as a reported average of ten assaults each week on immigrants living in the country.

Some of the Jewish leaders who rushed to Pankowski's defense on Monday expressed dismay that the originator of the social media campaign was a government official who had been present at the annual antisemitism forum in Jerusalem, hosted by Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry representative clarified that Pawluszek "wasn't invited by us, and did not play an official role."

"The conference was open to all," the Israeli official explained to The Algemeiner on Monday, emphasizing at the same time that "the behavior cited by Rafal Pankowski is disturbing and troubling, and we will look into this."

Mark Levin — CEO of the Washington, DC-based National Council Supporting Eurasian Jewry (NCSEJ) — was among the speakers who shared the platform with Pankowski in Jerusalem. "Rafal was an important part of the panel, and the information he shared was well received," Levin said.

"It's unfortunate that the Polish prime minister's adviser interpreted the information in a negative way," Levin told The Algemeiner. "The purpose of the session was to outline the recent, significant increase in antisemitic rhetoric, and some incidents as well."

Levin continued, "We were trying to create an inclusive atmosphere, and these tweets unfortunately don't help with that."

Sharon Nazarian — director of international affairs for the Anti-Defamation League — demanded an immediate end to the outburst of online vitriol against Pankowski.

"The campaign of online antisemitic harassment against our longtime partners at the Never Again Association is deeply

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Wall

that he would empower the Jerusalem municipality to waive the permits that would have been required for a wall and an escape route at the interim site.

"We will not allow needless bureaucracy to hold up the transfer of the American embassy to Jerusalem, Israel's eternal capital," Kahlon said.

"This is a strategic diplomatic move for the State of Israel and the planning agencies under me will do whatever is necessary to accommodate the schedule being demanded."

the Arnona compound that will provide the Ambassador and his team with expanded interim office space," he said, adding that a

search for site for the construction of a permanent embassy had begun.

World News.



Some of the bronze coins found near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Photo: Eilat Mazar, Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Rare Trove of Coins Minted by Jewish Revolt Discovered in Jerusalem

BY JNS.org

The Israeli Nature and Parks Authority announced that a team of archaeologists unearthed a trove of rare bronze coins dating from the last years of the Roman-Jewish War (66-73CE) in a cave near the south wall of the Temple Mount on Monday.

The discovery was part of the Ophel excavation operated by acclaimed Israeli archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar of the Institute of Archaeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and included dozens of bronze coins as well as numerous fragments of pottery vessels from the difficult four-year rebellion of the Jews of Israel against Roman rule known as the Great Revolt.

Mazar's team believes the coins were left by hidden Jewish residents of Second Temple Jerusalem who sought refuge from the Roman siege in a cave that measures 7 by 14 meters.

The coins were dated to the period just prior to the destruction of the Second Temple, years 66-70 CE, with most of them dating to the revolt's final year, or Year Four. Whereas

coins in the earlier part of the revolt were decorated with Jewish symbols and bore the paleo-Hebrew words "For the Freedom of Zion," the coins minted in Year Four, as the revolt began to break down, were etched with "For the Redemption of Zion."

"A discovery like this, ancient coins bearing the words "Freedom" and "Redemption" found right before the Jewish Festival of Freedom, Passover begins is incredibly moving," said Mazar in a statement.

According to Mazar, the cave was virtually untouched since the Second Temple period — a very unusual occurrence in archaeology — and also contains a Hasmonean Period layer beneath.

In February, the Ophel excavation garnered international attention for uncovering a 2,700-year-old seal which may have belonged to the biblical Prophet Isaiah.

Approximately 50 years ago, after the 1967 Six-Day War, Mazar's grandfather, Professor Benjamin Mazar, discovered another hoard of Year Four coins at excavations near the Robinson's Arch adjacent to the Western Wall.

ment religious organization — on Monday invoked the antisemitic murder in April 2017 of another Jewish pensioner, Sarah Halimi. Mergui warned against "reproducing the silence that followed the murder of Sarah Halimi in the same district (of Paris)."

The killing of Halimi by an Islamist assailant who broke into her apartment, beat her and then ejected her from a third-floor window to her death was shrouded in silence for several weeks after it occurred. At the time, many French Jews blamed the absence of media coverage, along with the reluctance of the authorities to treat Halimi's murder as a hate crime, on the widespread belief that doing so would have boosted the fortunes of the far-right presidential candidate, Marine Le Pen.

Le Pen was defeated in the April 2017 presidential election by centrist candidate Emmanuel Macron. Since his victory, Macron has strongly criticized the lack of sensitivity to the antisemitic character of Halimi's murder on several occasions.

On a visit to Israel on Monday, French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said it was "reasonable to assume" that Mireille Knoll's murder was motivated by antisemitism. Le Drian noted he had learned of Knoll's death just after visiting the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, describing it as a "very moving and difficult moment."

"We will need to continue fighting against antisemitism," Le Drian declared.

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police for previous criminal offenses.

Knoll, who lived alone, had previously filed several police complaints against a local resident who had threatened to "burn" her.

French-Jewish parliamentarian Meyer Habib, who was in contact with the victim's family over the weekend, confirmed on Monday that Knoll was a survivor of the July 1942 Vel d'Hiv roundup of French Jews by the Vichy authorities, thanks to the Brazilian passport of her mother.

Habib told Le Nouvel Observateur that the Knoll family had provided him with "a multitude of details" about the attack, "which I cannot make public at this stage."

"The nightmare continues for French Jews," Habib added pointedly.

The French-Jewish representative organization CRIF announced on Monday that it was calling a protest rally against the "odious murder" on Wednesday night. Demonstrators will gather at the Place De La Nation in Paris before marching to the Avenue Philippe-Auguste, the street where Knoll lived.

Bernard-Henry Lévy, one of France's leading Jewish intellectuals, said on Monday that the nation had "failed" to protect Mrs Knoll.

"This horror cannot be suffered in silence," Lévy said.

Meanwhile, Joel Mergui — the president of the Consistoire Central Israélite, a promi-

British Jews Protest Against Labour's Corbyn Over Antisemitism

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

British Jewish groups held a street protest outside parliament on Monday against opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn, accusing him of failing to tackle antisemitism in party ranks because of a far-left world view hostile to Jews.

Since unexpectedly becoming Labour leader in 2015 after decades spent on the left-wing fringes of the party, Corbyn has repeatedly faced accusations of turning a blind eye to antisemitic comments in the party and among groups he supports.

"He is repeatedly found alongside people with blatantly anti-Semitic views, but claims never to hear or read them. Again and again, Jeremy Corbyn has sided with anti-Semites rather than Jews," the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the Jewish Leadership Council said in an open letter late on Sunday.

Around a couple of thousand protesters packed out the green opposite parliament, carrying signs and singing, according to a Reuters photographer at the event.

One of the placards read "For the many, not the Jew" — a play on Labour's "For the many, not the few" campaign slogan.

Corbyn responded on Monday with an open letter to both groups in which he recognized that antisemitism had surfaced within his party, apologized for the pain this had caused, and pledged to redouble his efforts to stamp it out. He offered to meet both groups' leaders urgently to discuss their concerns.

The issue had flared up again last week after it came to light that in 2012 Corbyn questioned a decision by London local authorities to remove a street mural depicting men in suits with big noses playing Monopoly

on the backs of naked people.

"The idea of Jewish bankers and capitalists exploiting the workers of the world is an old anti-Semitic conspiracy theory," Corbyn wrote in his open letter on Monday. "I am sorry for not having studied the content of the mural more closely before wrongly questioning its removal in 2012."

Several Labour members of parliament said they would join the protest on Monday, exposing internal divisions within Labour that had been papered over after Corbyn led the party to a stronger-than-expected showing in a general election last June.

"While Jeremy is not himself anti-Semitic, he has allowed himself to become the poster boy of anti-Semites everywhere," said veteran Labour lawmaker Margaret Hodge, the daughter of Jewish refugees from Germany and Austria, in a statement.

In their open letter, the Jewish groups denounced what they described as the far left's "obsessive hatred of Zionism, Zionists and Israel" and gave examples of how that often translated into overtly anti-Semitic language. They said Corbyn's "empty statements" condemning antisemitism had got nowhere near dealing with the problem.

In his response, Corbyn, a vocal supporter of Palestinian rights and critic of Israel for several decades, acknowledged that antisemitism had sometimes been woven into criticism of Israel.

"Comparing Israel or the actions of Israeli governments to the Nazis, attributing criticisms of Israel to Jewish characteristics or to Jewish people in general and using abusive phraseology about supporters of Israel such as 'Zio' all constitute aspects of contemporary anti-Semitism," he wrote.

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disturbing and needs to stop now," Nazarian told The Algemeiner in an email.

"This incident is another example of how far-right extremists can abuse social media platforms to troll their perceived enemies," Nazarian — who also spoke at the Jerusalem meeting — commented. "We stand in solidarity with Rafal Pankowski and all those who stand up against hate in Poland."

Responding to an email query from The Algemeiner, Pawluszek stressed that he had "always been against antisemitism, which I consider to be a serious problem."

Arguing that antisemitism was more pronounced in Western Europe, the Polish prime minister's adviser added, "I do not disregard it in Poland, and I regularly ban antisemites on my Twitter profile."

"Again — I will never accept any antisemitic statements on my profile," Pawluszek said.

Asked why he had not challenged Pankowski during the panel, Pawluszek answered, "I did not have to confront him, because (Polish Chief Rabbi) Michael Schudrich did this after his speech."

Rabbi Schudrich had "pointed that also anti-Polish statements are a real problem in the current debate," Pawluszek said.

However, Pankowski told The Algemeiner on Monday that he had been heartened "by the numerous messages of solidarity and support I received in the last days, not least from the chief rabbi of Poland, Michael Schudrich, and many other friends and allies of the 'Never Again' Association."

"What is surprising and disappointing is

that the nasty online campaign was started by the prime minister's adviser specifically tasked with solving the Polish-Israeli-US crisis," Pankowski continued. "Such behavior is unworthy of a public official."

Other Jewish leaders echoed the same concern. "In his talk, Pankowski expressed concern about the recent Polish legislative initiative regarding the Holocaust," Betty Ehrenberg, executive director of World Jewish Congress North America, told The Algemeiner in an email. "In reaction, Pankowski was vilified and denounced by some Polish officials in a public social media campaign that was shocking in its use of hateful language and imagery."

Ehrenberg said the WJC had been "deeply saddened by these unfortunate expressions on the part of the officials and calls for an immediate return to respectful and civil discourse."

Meanwhile, Shimon Samuels — international affairs director for the Simon Wiesenthal Center — called for Pawluszek's dismissal from his role in Morawiecki's office.

"For a Polish government official to attend and abuse an Israeli government-organized Forum on Antisemitism, to deliberately launch a hate campaign against Rafal, demands an immediate condemnation from his boss, Prime Minister Morawiecki, and the dismissal of Pawluszek from all government functions," Samuels said.

"The repercussions of Pawluszek's libel have already included threats of violence against Rafal — threats in which the prime minister and his adviser are complicit," Samuels charged.

U.S. News.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi Heads Democratic Delegation to Israel, Jordan

BY JNS.org

US House of Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi is heading a delegation of Democratic lawmakers on a five-day visit to Israel and Jordan to promote “global and regional security and cooperation.”

California Representative and ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee Adam Schiff was also among the 11 representatives who landed in Tel Aviv on Sunday.

“There is no greater political accomplishment in the 20th century than the establishment of the State of Israel,” Pelosi said in a statement. “Our delegation is pleased to be able to extend the congratulations of the American people to the people of Israel as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of Jewish state this spring.”

and security relationships.

“Members are particularly interested,” she added, “in reviewing the Syrian refugee and humanitarian challenges, as well as addressing other critical challenges facing the region.”



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (center) with a Democratic congressional delegation led by Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, to his right, along with US Ambassador to the United Nations David Friedman (second from left). Photo: Kobi Gideon / GPO.

New York Governor Cuomo’s Joke That Jews Can’t Dance Falls Flat During Speech at Church

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

The audience listening to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo’s speech at a predominantly black church in Harlem on Sunday did not find his joke about Jews to be humorous, the *New York Post* reported.

While thanking the congregation at Mount Neboh Baptist Church for inviting him to speak, Gov. Cuomo said, “I want you to know as a matter of full disclosure, I am a Catholic. Catholics basically believe the same teachings that Baptists believe. We just do it without the rhythm. But we try. We are not as without rhythm as some of our Jewish brothers and sisters.”

Cuomo then pointed out Democratic consultant and former campaign adviser Rabbi Hank Sheinkopf, who was sitting in the front row, for his off-beat moves.

“I was watching Mr. Sheinkopf here in the front row moving to the music,” Gov. Cuomo added. “It was ugly, I’ll tell you the truth.”

Sheinkopf — who was at the church because he works for its pastor and his advocacy group, Mobilizing Preachers and Communities advocacy group — told *The Post* about the governor’s joke, “There weren’t many people laughing, but I didn’t feel humiliated.” He added sarcastically, “He’s the governor. He’s now in charge of American dancing.”

Jewish pro-Israel activist Arthur Schwartz also was not amused, saying, “The governor should focus more on governing and less on Jew jokes.”


State Senator Simcha Felder, an Orthodox Jew, said, “I don’t think it was that good a joke. I can write better material.”

Cuomo’s spokesperson later stated about the governor’s joke, “He was clearly poking fun at himself and one longtime friend who was in the audience.”



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. Photo: Instagram.

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Opinion.

Saudi Crown Prince Should Electrify World by Recognizing Israel



SHMULEY BOTEACH
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Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) came to Washington last week to meet President Donald Trump, and was lauded for many of the reforms he is undertaking in Saudi Arabia. Many of these steps, such as improving the rights of women, are commendable — but the country still has a long way to go in the area of human rights.

One decision that would win MBS significant goodwill in the West — and improve conditions for peacemaking — is to normalize relations with Israel. He has taken some encouraging incremental positive steps, but he needs to make the final, courageous leap.

Press reports have indicated the Saudis and Israelis have been quietly working together to confront the threat posed by Iran. For the Saudis, Iran truly poses an existential threat, even if it does not possess nuclear weapons. Iran is actively trying to undermine Saudi stability by provoking Shiites in the kingdom to oppose the government, by arming and funding rebels in Yemen — who have directly attacked Saudi Arabia and its allies in that country, and by trying to create a Shiite crescent across the Middle East to challenge Sunni-led countries, such as Saudi Arabia.

The Saudis have also been the most outspoken advocates of taking tougher measures to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. While antisemites and other detractors of Israel continue to falsely claim that Israel is trying to provoke the United States to go to war with Iran, the only country that called for military action to stop Iran's genocidal intentions is Saudi Arabia.

While MBS was in the United States, he

said that if Iran does get the bomb, Riyadh will develop its own nuclear weapons. This is a reminder of what many critics of Obama's disastrous nuclear agreement said from the beginning; namely, that allowing Iran to continue its nuclear ambitions would encourage nuclear proliferation in the region. Like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, MBS believes that the nuclear deal is fatally flawed and requires major changes. With the excellent John Bolton now joining the Trump administration as national security adviser, we can expect to see greater pressure to finally repudiate the catastrophic Iran nuclear deal and stop Iran from becoming a nuclear power.

The Saudis and Israelis also share an interest in reforming the Palestinian Authority away from terrorism and incitement. Many surmise that the Saudis have never cared much for the Palestinians, and have mostly paid lip service to their cause. In the past, the Saudis feared improving ties with Israel before an agreement was reached with the Palestinians — because of the fear of upheaval in the kingdom and that Saudi leaders might suffer the fate of Anwar Sadat, who was assassinated after making peace with Israel.

The Saudi public, however, has become more inward focused, and is looking to improve its own welfare. The Saudi public's lack of reaction to the US decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital was one indication of the change in perception of the centrality of the Palestinian issue.

In the past, the Saudis have harmed the peace process by funding Hamas and the PLO, encouraging their violence against Israel. But the Saudis also have further undermined peace and stability in the region by their refusal to normalize ties with Israel.

Yet recent events — from Saudi Arabia allowing an Air India flight to Israel to fly in its airspace, to MBS publicly comparing Iranian leader Khamenei to Hitler, to constant media

buzz of military cooperation between Saudi Arabia and Israel — would indicate that MBS might want to take his country in a new direction.

A major reason that the Palestinians believe that they do not have to recognize the permanence of Israel as a Jewish state is because they believe that an international boycott will force Israel to capitulate to their demands. One such boycott by the Arab League (which predated the establishment of Israel, and was led for years by the Saudis), failed to destroy Israel; now, the Palestinian-inspired BDS movement is proving equally futile.

The Palestinians have effectively held other Arab states hostage to their demands. If the Saudis recognize Israel and, ideally other states follow suit, it will force the Palestinians to come to terms with Israel as a permanent and powerful presence, which they must cease to demonize.

Just as the US announcement regarding Jerusalem was a recognition of reality, so too would Saudi recognition of Israel. If it wasn't so diplomatically serious, it would be comical that the kingdom pretends that the Jewish state does not exist — 70 years after Israeli independence.

The Saudi boycott of Israel has never seriously harmed Israel, but the Saudis have missed out on the opportunity to learn from Israeli innovations and benefit from their technological advancements in areas such as electronics, desalination, and medicine. And now that MBS is making efforts to bring global investment into Saudi Arabia, acceptance of Israel would establish him as a global statesman with a bold and courageous vision.

It was an important gesture to let Air India fly above Saudi Arabia en route to Tel Aviv. But the Saudis deny El Al the same opportunity, and thus make flights to Israel on Israel's national airline more than two hours longer. MBS should immediately rectify this inequity.

Saudi recognition of Israel, even if it were to begin in a limited but public manner, would



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

put the appropriate pressure on the Palestinians to finally move away from incitement and sponsoring terror. The Palestinians, of course, are headed in the opposite direction.

Publicly, it appears that the Palestinians have not gotten the message. They say that they will have nothing to do with the Trump administration's peace initiative; meanwhile, Abbas has refused to engage in negotiations for nearly a decade, and he continues to hope the international community will coerce Israel to satisfy his unreasonable demands.

The Palestinians need to be shocked out of their fantasies. MBS can do it by recognizing Israel and, in the process, help his kingdom by working with Israelis to neutralize the Iranian threat and take advantage of the technical expertise that Israel has to offer his people.

I am not naïve. I recognize that a Saudi leader recognizing Israel would be, in diplomatic terms, nearly as big a step as that taken by Neil Armstrong on the moon. But is this not precisely the kind of bold and aggressive leadership that MBS is trying to project to the world?

Saudi recognition of Israel would achieve all these things in one swoop, and would confirm to the world that MBS is not just posturing, but is prepared to take daring risks to stabilize the Middle East and push back against his countries real enemy — which is not the Jews, but the Khamenei regime in Tehran.

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Eight Questions for Passover

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Why is this year going to be different from all other years? Because this year, you can stump your guests with the meaning behind many of the mysterious rites that comprise the Passover Seder.

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At some synagogues, including Temple Israel in Sharon, Mass., where Fish serves as senior rabbi, the tradition is to burn the chametz with last year's Sukkot lulavs, which keeps the fire burning bright.

2. Reclining on Pillows. The Gemara teaches us to lie back on pillows at the Seder, a reminder that we have been freed from slavery. "I love it most when we recline to eat that first taste of the matzah," says Rabbi Avraham Sutton, an author and meditation teacher based in Kiryat Ye'arim, Israel. "We

wait for this moment the whole night."

3. Seder Plate. Bitter herbs? A burnt egg? Ground-up apples and nuts? A bone? Not your typical meal. But each of the foods on the Seder plate teaches us something.

Shira Smiles, an author who teaches Torah around Jerusalem, credits Rav Pincus with the thought that the six items on the Seder plate — shank bone, egg, bitter herbs, karpas (green vegetable), charoset (made of nuts, apples, wine and cinnamon), and chazeret (often romaine lettuce) — correspond to six qualities, from compassion to accepting our own pain, that are needed for growth.

"Pesach enables us to have a deeper understanding that it is only with challenges that we can become whom [God] envisions us to be," she says. "The Seder plate is a visual aid of how we need to emulate [God] and develop more kindness, set boundaries, and appreciate the beauty in the struggles of life."

4. Hillel Sandwich. After what seems like an eternity, we nibble some matzah and then build an ancient sandwich — a tradition traced to the first-century sage Hillel, who no doubt included the Pascal lamb (korban or "sacrifice") in his version.

"But in our post-Temple times, we are left with the bitter herbs and matzah with a little charoset," says Rabbi Shneur Zalman Bendet, co-director of Chabad of Greater St. Paul in Minnesota. "Matzah represents the ability to break free from our shackles, the bitter herbs

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Trump

establishment — and against the desires of both Tillerson and McMaster — Trump has re-established close relations with Israel after Obama's quest for daylight. The result was a long overdue recognition of Jerusalem and the beginning of an effort to strengthen restrictions on Iran's nuclear program. To carry out this shift, Trump needs Pompeo and Bolton, not more establishment hacks determined to prevent him from following the right course.

Pompeo and Bolton also are tough-minded enough to prevent Trump from making a mistake on North Korea. Their combined thinking about the threat from Russia might also persuade the president to begin backing away from his fixation on a futile effort at a rapprochement with Moscow.

Contrary to the purveyors of conventional wisdom who have been wrong for decades, the pick of Bolton is actually an inspired choice that could help keep Trump from making the sort of unforced errors on foreign policy that he has so often made with ill-advised statements on Twitter. Let's hope the president is smart enough to stick with a winning foreign-policy team now that he has one.

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Putin

tism as an organizing principle of Russia's present regime does not mean that the country itself should be regarded as more trustworthy or reasonable on the international stage. The incoming US national security adviser, John Bolton, explained the challenge well in a television interview discussing Russia's use of a chemical weapons agent in the attempted assassination of a former KGB officer and his daughter in the United Kingdom. The violation of British sovereignty for the purposes of assassination, explained Bolton, was part of a larger pattern of aggression that includes Russia's tactical embrace of certain international agreements, like the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, as a cover for its broader ambitions. Any arrangement that rests on the faith that Putin's regime — or other authoritarian regimes — will honor its commitment to an agreement is "doomed to failure," argued Bolton.

The basic insight that dictators cannot be trusted has been out of fashion in the White House for more than a decade. Now that it has apparently returned, it remains to be seen whether its application in the case of Russia will become a point of tension or harmony in the relationship between Bolton and President Donald Trump.

In the meantime, what is certain is that Russia will continue its efforts to confound Western public opinion, including, when it makes sense to do so, with accounts of the rekindling of Jewish life in a country unfairly excoriated by the West for its alleged intolerance. Such a story would doubtless be a magnificent example of how a kernel of truth can be spun into a web of falsehoods — a craft at which Putin excels — but none of us should be fooled.

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Social Injustice: Segregation and Exclusion in 2018

BY BOBBY MILLER

On February 27, the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) revealed that there were 1,986 antisemitic incidents reported across the United States in 2017 — representing a 57% increase from 2016. This is the most significant single-year increase on record.

Furthermore, this statistic should concern any American citizen that values diversity and disdains every manifestation of bigotry. What's even more disturbing is that NYU has recently become fertile ground for this shameless new wave of xenophobia.

Since last month, New York police have been searching for the vandal who carved a swastika into a wall at NYU's Lipton Hall in late February. This incident marks the third time that the Nazi symbol of hate has been used to intimidate Jews and other marginalized groups on the campus in less than two months.

More recently, the Governance Council of Minority & Marginalized Students at NYU (GCOMMS), who stated goal "is to work on questions of Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity for identity groups historically oppressed by society," released a memorandum equating the previous incident with 'Zionism.'

Referring to the incident in Weinstein Passport Dining Hall (Downstein) — where students rightfully pointed out the watermelon-flavored water and collard greens the school was serving during Black History Month were racially insensitive — the GCOMMS memorandum read: "our NYU community has gone through hell and back. From Swastikas to kool-aid, to Zionism..."

How can the leaders of a body that represents the interests of disenfranchised communities on campus compare the Jewish national liberation movement formulated in opposition to antisemitism, to the fascist perpetrators of the Holocaust?

GCOMMS' leadership must answer this question.

Regardless of one's feelings about Israeli policy, this juxtaposition is appalling. It not only highlights the leadership of GCOMMS' blatant disregard of the principles of intersectionality by exacerbating the rift between marginalized students. Instead, this conflation of the Jewish people's inalienable right to self-determination in their ancestral homeland with the emblem of the genocidal slaughter of six million Jews is indicative of the general exclusion that Jewish students and clubs have experienced on campus.

In the past, Realize Israel, the pro-Israel student group on campus, tried to join GCOMMS as a Jewish organization. However, they were rejected — because they refused to condemn Israeli policies in the West Bank and Gaza, a standard no other organization had to obey. These exclusionary policies have undercut GCOMMS' earnest attempt to build a more inclusive and equitable NYU community.

Sadly, exclusion and antisemitism are becoming more common in social justice movements everywhere. The leaders of Women's March, the 2017 mass demonstration in protest of president Donald Trump's inauguration, are now caught in a firestorm after a few of their organizers refused to denounce one of the nation's foremost antisemites — Louis Farrakhan — who frequently calls for the death of the "Satanic Jews."

More recently, DC councilman Trayon White — a prominent community activist who founded Helping Inner City Kids Succeed (HICKS) — has

propagated the theory that the Rothschilds, a European Jewish banking family, control the weather, World Bank, and the federal government.

This disturbing trend of activists embracing well-known bigots and espousing antisemitic theories must be brought to an end if any social justice movement seeks to maintain legitimacy when confronting threats from hateful extremist groups.

Now, the NYU Student Government Assembly is considering a resolution proposed by the president of Jewish Voice for Peace at NYU — and the GCOMMS Director of Advocacy — titled, "Limitations of Global Mobility using Tel Aviv as Case Study."

This resolution decries Tel Aviv as the only NYU campus located in a country with restrictive entry laws, despite the fact the NYU Abu Dhabi is located in the UAE, a country with some of the most discriminatory immigration laws anywhere. And if this resolution passes, it will only serve to isolate Jewish students further.

The resolution also condones the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel; BDS' founder, Omar Barghouti, has



The NYU campus. Photo: File.

called for "armed resistance" against Jews, and stated that "Jews are not a people." It also decries the fact that "the State of Israel released a list of twenty organizations whose members are denied entry into the county because of their endorsement of the Palestinian call for BDS." However, contrary to the language of this resolution, the ban doesn't affect all members.

According to the Israeli Strategic Affairs Ministry, the ban will be limited to people who hold senior positions or who are very active within the organizations. It is unfair and unjust to single out Israel for rapprochement, considering that almost all NYU students, regardless of their activist affiliations, can attend the Tel Aviv program.

Furthermore, the United States has very similar laws on the books: Section 212(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act says that an alien "whose entry or proposed activities in the United States the Secretary of State has reasonable ground to believe would have potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States is inadmissible."

That's much broader than the Israeli ban's language. So by the resolution's logic, the NYU main campus on Washington Square Park should be condemned for existing where it does.

Student activists across the political spectrum are gearing up to fight the passage of this incendiary resolution in the NYU Student Government Assembly — along with all other forms of prejudice and exclusion. These efforts have reinvigorated a community that refuses to be complacent any longer in the face of hypocrisy and injustice.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).Name: COSMO AND VALENTIN LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/20/2017 Office location: Bronx County . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Jose Cosme 1916 Edison Ave., Apt. 2R Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: all lawful activity
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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

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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 JR.LAW FIRM PLLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/20/2018. Office location: Kings County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 137 Montague St. Suite 136 Brooklyn, NY 11201 purpose: all lawful activity
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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
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Tradition.

Pesach and the Jewish Task



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Pesach is the oldest and most transformative story of hope ever told. It tells of how an otherwise undistinguished group of slaves found their way to freedom from the greatest and longest-lived empire of their time, indeed of any time. It tells the revolutionary story of how the supreme Power intervened in history to liberate the supremely powerless. It is a story of the defeat of probability by the force of possibility. It defines what it is to be a Jew: a living symbol of hope.

Pesach tells us that the strength of a nation does not lie in horses and chariots, armies and arms, or in colossal statues and monumental buildings, overt demonstrations of power and wealth. It depends on simpler things: humility in the presence of the God of creation, trust in the God of redemption and history, and a sense of the non-negotiable sanctity of human life, created by God in His image: even the life of a slave or a child too young to ask questions. Pesach is the eternal critique of power used by humans to coerce and diminish their fellow humans.

It is the story more than a hundred generations of our ancestors handed on to their children, and they to theirs. As we do likewise, millennia later, we know what it is to be the people of history, guardians of a narrative not engraved in hieroglyphics on the walls of a monumental building but carried in the minds of living, breathing human beings who, for longer than any other have kept faith with the future and the past, bearing witness to the power of the human spirit when it opens itself to a greater power, beckoning us to a world of freedom, responsibility and human dignity.

Pesach is more than simply one festival among others in the Jewish calendar, more even than the anniversary of Israel's birth as a free people setting out on its journey to the Promised Land. In this section, I want to show how it emerged, in four ways, as the central event around which most of Judaism turns.*

First, close examination shows us that the Torah narrative of Genesis from Abraham to Jacob is a series of anticipations of the exodus, focussing our attention on, and heightening our anticipation of, what would eventually take place in

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Michael C. O'Neill, Cheryl O'Neill a/k/a Sheryl O'Neill, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/4/2017 and entered on 5/23/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 19, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1325 East 89th Street Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8080, LOT: 30. Approximate amount of judgment is \$295,115.31 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508088/2013. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Elena Makau, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 3/16/23/30; 4/6/13

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

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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
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrew Grant, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment 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
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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 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

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Judgment for Index #12164-13. Aaron Maslow, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52603
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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 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
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, MTGLQ INVESTORS, L. P, Plaintiff, vs. ROGELIO CLARK, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 25, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on 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, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.
AJ; 3/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Emerson Saffa, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/2016 and entered on 7/1/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 03, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 741 East 38th Street Brooklyn, NY 11210. 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: 4985, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$795,644.18 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502095/2014. Salvatore Scibetta, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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George Clooney. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

George Clooney to Narrate New Shimon Peres Documentary

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Actor George Clooney will narrate a new documentary about late Israeli statesman Shimon Peres, *Variety* reported on Tuesday.

"Never Stop Dreaming: The Life and Legacy of Shimon Peres" will be produced by Moriah Films, the film division of the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC).

Clooney, who met Peres several times, agreed recently to sign on as the film's narrator. The documentary was first announced in August 2017, and includes interviews with former Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama, as well as ex-British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and singer Barbara Streisand.

The film's director, Oscar-winning documentarian Richard Trank, said there is a screening of "Never Stop Dreaming" scheduled for June 13 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the film's general release will most likely coincide with the second anniversary of Peres' passing, on Sept. 28.

Peres, a former Israeli president and prime minister,

asked Moriah Films to create a documentary about his life story nine months before his September 2016 death at the age of 92, Trank previously revealed.

Moriah began working on the film in January 2016 and Trank said, "We deferred production on our documentary about David Ben-Gurion to start working on 'Never Stop Dreaming.' We wound up with about 50 hours of footage of Shimon and I was struck by how he wanted to keep learning. He said that dreams are what kept him young."

"Never Stop Dreaming" will be the 16th documentary produced by Moriah Films. The production company releases documentaries that "focus on the 3,500-year-old Jewish experience as well as contemporary human rights and ethical issues," according to its website. Two of Moriah's films, "Genocide" and "The Long Way Home," have been the recipients of Academy Awards for Best Feature Documentary.

Moriah Films is headed by SWC founder and dean Rabbi Marvin Hier, who is also a two-time Oscar winner and the only clergyman who is a voting member of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, according to *Variety*.

TV Host Mario Lopez Visits Western Wall in Jerusalem During Israel Visit

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Television host and actor Mario Lopez toured Israel this week and stopped by the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

A photo of the "Extra" host at the holy site was posted on Instagram by America's Voices In Israel, which organizes week-long missions to the Jewish state for Hollywood stars and other well-known figures.

Lopez also filmed a video in Jerusalem, which he later posted on social media, in which he admitted to



Mario Lopez at the Western Wall. Photo: Instagram.

crashing a Jewish couple's wedding photo. He shouted "Mazal tov" to the couple off-camera and said, "I'm getting a lot of love here in Israel. They're very, very nice people."

Lopez arrived in Israel on Sunday with his Jewish manager, Mark Schulman, and another friend. His itinerary included a visit to the Sea of Galilee, and he was baptized in the Jordan River.

Survey: A Full 97 Percent of Israeli Jews Host or Join a Seder

BY JNS.org

The survey confirms that similar to the Rosh Hashanah (New Year's) dinner, the Passover Seder is one of the only practices of Jews in Israel that is almost equally observed across the spectrum of Jewish sectors, including 93 percent of "totally secular" Jews.

As such, JPPI's senior fellow and sociologist Dr. Shlomo Fischer commented: "The Passover Seder of Israelis has remained a highly traditional Jewish ritual."

JPPI, founded by the Jewish Agency, is a nonprofit think tank that, according to its website, hopes "to ensure

the thriving of the Jewish People and the Jewish civilization by engaging in professional strategic thinking and planning on issues of primary concern to world Jewry."

Their newest study seeks to better understand what "participation" in Jewish rituals, such as reading the Haggadah, means for different Jews. The Institute found that 64 percent of Israeli Jews read "the entire Haggadah, including the part that is read after the meal," making Passover one of the most common practices of both Israeli and non-Israeli Jews.

A majority of Jews from all seven sectors of Jewish Israeli society (except "totally secular," 22 percent of whom read the entire Haggadah and 71 percent of

whom read parts of the Haggadah) reported that they read the entire Haggadah.

While the "totally secular" group is the outlier in the study, it is the largest sector of Israeli society, making up 31 percent of Israeli Jews.

JPPI also found that those who read the Haggadah in its entirety do not necessarily keep other Passover laws, such as keeping kosher for Passover; in fact, 13 percent of Haggadah readers do not keep kosher for Passover. Conversely, 85 percent of those who keep kosher for Passover read the Haggadah in its entirety, meaning that 56 percent of Israeli Jews both read the entire Haggadah and keep kosher for Passover.

When asked why Israeli Jews uphold traditions like the Passover Seder, 25 percent responded that the "Torah says so." Others said "that's how my family behaved throughout the generations," "that's how I express my Jewish culture," and "it makes me feel like I am taking part in history."

According to a Jewish People Policy Institute survey of 3,000 respondents, 97 percent of Israeli Jews say they either host or participate in a Passover Seder, compared to the 2013 Pew Study's finding of 70 percent of American Jews who participated in the Seder the prior year.

In Israel, only one Seder is held on the first night of the holiday.

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Pesach

the days of Moses.

Second, remembering “that you were once slaves in Egypt” is the single most frequently invoked “reason for the commands.” The exodus was not just an event in history. It forms an essential part of the logic of Jewish law.

Third, key elements of Jewish law and faith are best understood as a protest against and alternative to the Egypt of the pharaohs even where the Torah does not state



this explicitly. Knowledge of that ancient world gave us fresh insights into why Judaism is as it is.

Fourth, sustained meditation on the contrasts between Egypt and the society of the Israelites were called on to create reveals a fundamental choice that civilisations must make, then, now and perhaps for all time. There is nothing antiquarian about the issues Pesach raises: slavery,

freedom, politics, power, state, society, human dignity and responsibility. These are as salient today as they were in the days of Moses. Pesach can never be obsolete.

At the heart of the festival is a concrete historical experience. The Israelites, as described in the Torah, were a fractious group of slaves of shared ancestry, one of a number of such groups attracted to Egypt from the north, drawn by its wealth and power, only to find themselves eventually its victims. The Egypt of the Pharaohs was the longest-

lived empire the world has known, already some eighteen centuries old by the time of the exodus. For more than a thousand years before Moses, its landscape had been dominated by the great pyramid of Giza, the tallest man-made structure in the world until the construction of the Eiffel Tower in 1889. The discovery in 1922 by the English archaeologist Howard

Carter of the tomb of a relatively minor pharaoh, Tutankhamun, revealed the astonishing wealth and sophistication of the royal court at that time. If historians are correct in identifying Rameses II as the pharaoh of the exodus, then Egypt had reached the very summit of its power, bestriding the narrow world like a colossus.

At one level it is a story of wonders and miracles. But the enduring message of Pesach is deeper than this, for it opens out into a dramatically new vision of what a society might be like if the only Sovereign is God, and every citizen is in His image. It is about the power of the powerless and the powerlessness of power. Politics has never been more radical, more ethical or more humane.

Heinrich Heine said, “Since the exodus, freedom has spoken with a Hebrew accent.” But it is, as Emmanuel Levinas called it, a “difficult freedom,” based as it is on a demanding code of individual and collective responsibility. Pesach makes us taste the choice: on the one hand the bread of affliction and bitter herbs of slavery; on the other, four cups of wine, each marking a stage in the long walk to liberty. As long as humans seek to exercise power over one another, the story will continue and the choice will still be ours.

A detailed explanation of the following points is included in the sections that follow this extract in the introduction to Rabbi Sacks’ Pesach machzor.

why we eat bitter herbs, why we’re dipping, and why we’re eating matzah — these are in the Haggadah. But yours is the fifth question, and some questions have to be stored away in the realm of emunah.”

7. Opening the door for Elijah. Hopefully, some of your guests will remain awake long enough to welcome the prophet before the drinking of the fourth cup of wine. Welcoming Elijah can be traced to post-Crusades

12th-century France, a time of danger for the Ashkenazi world. Ruth Langer, professor of Jewish studies and associate director of the Center for Christian-Jewish Learning at Boston College, says, “The prayer reminds us that it’s God, and not us, who takes vengeance on our enemies. There is excitement and hope in opening the door for Elijah, showing our faith that God the redeemer is also our protector.”

8. The Afikoman. Half a matzah broken early in the Seder, the afikoman, is divvied up and served as the very last thing eaten at the Seder. Over the generations, this humble bit of matzah has often gained star status as an “evil eye” deterrent, or a segula (“charm”) for long life. In some families, the children steal and hide the afikoman, and the leader must find (or buy back) the prized possession, without which no Passover Seder can be completed. In other homes, the leader hides the afikoman.

That’s the way Daniel Dressin’s family operates, and the 10-year-



old from Owings Mills, Maryland, is gearing up for some successful negotiating this year. “It’s fun competing against my brothers and cousins to try to find it,” says Daniel.

By the way, here is a bonus question for your guests.

What exactly is that mysterious (and expensive) round, crisp shmurah matzah? It is matzah monitored (“guarded”) throughout the entire making and baking process by an observant person (and not a machine) to ensure that no leavening transpires.

Celebrity Jewish cookbook author Joan Nathan weighs in: “These so-called ‘watched’ matzah that we can buy today ... used to be all matzah before the Age of Industrialization, when Manischewitz created a machine-made square matzah in the [United] States and earlier in France. Before Passover, people would go to a matzah oven, either in the synagogue or the community. And wealthy homeowners even had their own matzah ovens!”

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Henry Bell; Valencia E. Bell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 17, 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 May 3, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1604 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8296 Lot 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$443,152.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1691/2013. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 28, 2018 52337 AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: ASJ HOME IMPROVEMENTS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/11/2015. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anthony Salimeni JR 478 Philip Ave. Staten Island, NY 10312. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/27; 5/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY Pennymac Corp., Plaintiff against Izabella Azaeva, et al Defendants Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered February 28th, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 3rd, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Premises known as 2504 East 14th Street, Unit 2B, Brooklyn, NY 11235. Sec N/A Block 7434 Lot 1104. All that certain Plot, Piece or Parcel of Land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being a part of a condominium in the County of Kings, State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$666,027.16 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 015714/2013. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Successor in Interest by purchase from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank F/K/A Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff against Jessie Lozada, et al Defendants Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614

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Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered March 27th, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 3rd, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Sec N/A Block 4129 Lot 23. 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 \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: WHISPERING WINGS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/13/2018. 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: The LLC 2020 West 13th Street Apt. #2R Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: all awful activity AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/27; 5/6

CITATION File No. 207-492 SURROGATE’S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: - The maternal heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Elsie Kovner, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. • Queens County Public Administrator Alan Kovner, A petition having been duly filed by Michael Liff who is/are domiciled at 12 99 Corporate Drive, Apt. 604 Westbury, New York 11590 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate’s Court, Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica Rm 62, New York, on May 24, 2018, at 9:30 o’clock in the Fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Elsie Kovner lately domiciled at 6384 Saunders Street, 4T, Rego Park, New York 11374, United States admitting to probate a Will dated July 9, 2014 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Elsie Kovner deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Michael Liff Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 23, 2018 HON. Peter J. Kelly Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk Adam Katz, Esq. Katz Law Firm, PLLC 77 Spruce Street, Suite 201, Cedarhurst, New York 11516 516-500-8111. NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/