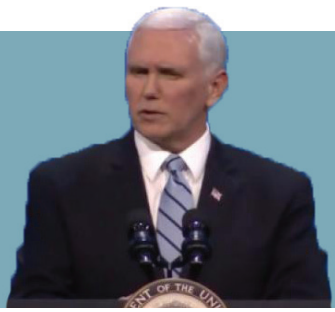


Opinion.

THE AIPAC
COMFORT
ZONE
A2.



Tradition.

MAKING
SPACE
A12.



THE
FABRIC
OF
ISRAELI
SOCIETY
A11.

THE algemeiner JOURNAL

\$1.00 - PRINTED IN NEW YORK

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018 | 23 ADAR 5778

VOL. XLVI NO. 2347

Haley, Pence Hail Strength of US-Israel Ties



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley speaks at the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference. Photo: Screenshot.

BY ALGEMEINER
STAFF

US Vice President Mike Pence and US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley electrified the audience at Monday night's plenary of the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference, with Pence promising to wild cheers that as far as the US-Israel relationship is concerned, "the best days are yet to come."

Haley took the stage first, met by a standing ovation and the flash of cellphones from a crowd that hung on her every word. "You guys are amazing!" the Ambassador remarked.

Highlighting the two lone votes of the US and Israel in a 2017 UN vote on the Raul Castro regime in Cuba, Haley joked, "I always say quality is more than quantity."

Haley said the key lesson she had learned at the UN over the last

year "is not to be afraid of sticking to fundamental principles, even when they go against entrenched customs."

"Standing up for your friends is critical," Haley said, as she excoriated the December 2016 passage of UN Security Council Resolution 2234, which strongly criticized Israel's policies in Jerusalem and the West Bank, as "a shameful day for America."

Continued on Page A3

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu Delights AIPAC Audience

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered an accomplished solo performance at the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference on Tuesday morning, guiding a cheering, whooping audience of 18,000 through his vision of a country, a region and a world currently encircled by the "good, the bad, and the beautiful."

It was a dramatic contrast with Netanyahu's last personal appearance before AIPAC, in 2015. On that occasion, he stood behind the podium wearing a stern



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu addresses the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference. Photo: Reuters / Brian Snyder.

expression, pointedly reassuring his audience that the alliance between the US and Israel remained strong "despite occasional disagreements." But on Tuesday, Netanyahu gave the impression of a man who was thoroughly enjoying himself, leaving the AIPAC lectern to prowl the stage, while screens behind him lit up with maps, charts and images in the style of a TED talk.

Most significantly, perhaps, the majority of Netanyahu's speech focused not on what he termed the "bad" — the continued threat to Israel from Iran and its proxies — but on

Continued on Page A3

'Wine Washing' and Jewish Indigeneity

page A8



ShabbatCalendar

Parshat VAYAKHEL PEKUDEI Times for New York City, Friday Candle Lighting
פרשת ויקהל-פקודי Shabbat Begins: 5:38pm | Shabbat Ends: 6:38pm

the algemeiner
P.O.B. 250746, Brooklyn, NY 11225-3203
Tel: (718) 771.0400 | Fax: (718) 771.0308
Email: editor@algemeiner.com
www.algemeiner.com



Opinion.

The AIPAC Comfort Zone



JONATHAN S. TOBIN
JNS.ORG

Pro-Israel activists gather this week in Washington, DC, for the annual AIPAC policy conference. As usual, there is much speculation about the future of US policy and complaints about the pro-Israel lobby.

If the Trump administration proposes a new Middle East peace plan that resembles those put forward by previous administrations — in terms of concessions demanded of Israel and fantasies about the Palestinians wanting peace — that might change the temperature of the relationship between AIPAC and the White House from warm to cool. But until anything like that happens, the love fest between most AIPAC activists and the administration will continue. And that is exactly what's behind most of the complaints about AIPAC.

For a generation, the lobby has been accused of tilting to the right and serving the interests of Israel's Likud Party and its allies, as well as the agenda of the Republicans. Those complaints have grown louder in the last year as eight years of conflict between the Netanyahu government and the Obama administration were ended by Trump's election victory in 2016.

President Trump is a stern critic of Obama's attempt to create a rapprochement

with Iran via his nuclear deal that AIPAC did everything it could to oppose. He also discarded Obama's policy of trying to create more "daylight" between the United States and Israel as part of a vain effort to entice the Palestinians to make peace that ran counter to the lobby's efforts to keep the two allies as close as possible. Just as important, Trump kept his promise about recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

If you think that Trump was cheered when he spoke to AIPAC in 2016 — roars that forced the group's leader to apologize, lest anyone in the Obama administration be offended — it may be nothing compared to the applause administration representatives like US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley get when they address the group.

And that's why many liberals and Democrats are so upset.

The vast majority of American Jews vote Democrat. They aren't fond of Netanyahu because, in contrast to the broad consensus of voters in Israel that support his policies, they think he isn't doing enough to make peace possible and dislike his indifference to religious pluralism.

An even larger number of Jews despise Trump. The minority of Jews who are politically conservative and most of the Orthodox community generally support the president. But his pro-Israel policies do nothing to lessen the antagonism of the majority that is rooted in antipathy to his temperament and his

conservative policies.

That creates a dilemma for AIPAC. Unlike most other national Jewish groups that take stands on both domestic and foreign policy, their brief is simple. The point of its existence is twofold: It supports the policies of Israel's government, no matter which party is in power in Jerusalem; and it seeks to influence the US government to be more pro-Israel, no matter which party is in charge in Washington.

This bipartisanship is on display at AIPAC functions, where the group has always bent over backwards to show that it welcomes both Democrats and Republicans. But it's getting harder to pretend that the pro-Israel community is fully bipartisan.

If Democrats are no longer as comfortable with the group as they used to be, it's not because AIPAC has put itself in the pocket of the Republicans. Rather, it's due to the fact that the two parties have changed. More than a half-century ago, it was the GOP that was divided on Israel and the Democrats generally united behind it. Now, it's just the reverse — with Republicans acting like a lockstep pro-Israel party, and the Democrats being the ones who remain deeply divided.

There are still plenty of pro-Israel Democrats involved, and the party's congress-



The 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC. Photo: Guatemala Presidency / Handout via Reuters.

sional caucus is still largely supportive. But there are more congressional Democrats who are critics of the Jewish state these days, with former Louis Farrakhan supporter and current Democratic National Committee vice chair Keith Ellison being just the most well-known. The decline of support for Israel among party activists remains even more drastic.

This trend has been in the works for decades, but it became more pronounced under President Obama, when distancing oneself from Israel on peace and on Iran became a matter of party loyalty for many Democrats.

There are many Democrats, especially in "resistance" groups like the Women's March movement, who are hardcore anti-Israel activists. Others are so angry at Trump that they see any policy he embraces, even the tilt towards Israel, as inherently illegitimate.

So while liberals want Jewish groups to

Continued on Page A4



the
Algemeiner Journal

(USPS 927800) is published weekly (except for the week of Passover and Succos)

Subscription rate \$40 per year

Algemeiner Journal
508 Montgomery Street
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225-3023

Periodicals Postage
Paid at Brooklyn, N.Y.
and at additional mailing offices

POSTMASTER:
Send address changes to

Algemeiner Journal
P.O. Box 250746
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11225-3023

Let your voice be heard!
Letters@algemeiner.com

To advertise in
the new Algemeiner
e-mail: ads@algemeiner.com

or call
718-771-0400

The House of Windsor's Israel Problem



BEN COHEN/JNS.ORG
NEW YORK

Queen Elizabeth II is marking her 66th year of reign in 2018, which by any standards is an extraordinarily long time for a single individual to be a head of state. (By comparison, King David is said to have reigned for 40 years, and Queen Victoria — comfortably overtaken now by Elizabeth — managed 64.)

Off the top of my head, I can't think of any current ruler who has remained in place throughout the Cold War and beyond. In that sense, historians will have a grand second Elizabethan era to pour through, one so lengthy that those things that were features of the first half of her reign — ration books, royal family struggles with the Church of England, a snarling punk ditty by the Sex Pistols that rhymed "queen" with "fascist regime" — were misty memories by the time it came to its close in the age of social media.

But for all the momentous historic changes that Elizabeth witnessed from her vantage points at Buckingham Palace, Windsor and Balmoral — changes that were often blessed with royal visits, high honors, state banquets and so forth — one country went stubbornly unacknowledged: Israel.

Now that Elizabeth's grandson, Prince William, has announced a first-ever visit by a British royal to Israel, in addition to Jordan and the "Occupied Palestinian Territories," it is perhaps time to reflect on the relation-

ship, or absence of one, between the House of Windsor and the Jewish nation.

Part of the delight around William's impending visit stems from the fact that few people see the royal family as a political entity anymore; getting a visit from a Windsor, the son of the iconic Princess Diana no less, is a moment for one's national pride to swell in the glow of royal approval. When Elizabeth visited post-Communist Lithuania in 2006, the BBC reported on the cheering crowds in the capital, Vilnius, waving their own flag alongside the Union Jack. One might imagine that Israelis, having emerged from a similar history of turbulence, would have appreciated a similar opportunity.

The point, however, is not simply that the Queen made Lithuanians feel good about themselves. In a speech to the Lithuanian parliament, she saluted all the Baltic nations in explicitly political terms. "You have emerged from the shadow of the Soviet Union and blossomed as sovereign states, taking up your rightful places in the international community and as respected members of the European Union and NATO," she remarked. "It is a transformation — political, economic and social — for which there are few parallels in the history of Europe."

Words like these could have been heard



Buckingham Palace. Photo: Wiki Commons.

in the Knesset in Jerusalem. They should have been. But as far as the Queen and her close relatives were concerned — including her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, whose mother, Princess Alice of Battenberg, saved Greek Jews from the Nazis and is interred on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives — Israel may as well have not existed.

To entirely pin the blame for this unsettling indifference towards Israel on the Arabists at the British Foreign Office, who have been in a state of penance ever since the Balfour Declaration of 1917, would do Elizabeth a great disservice. True, unlike her forebears, her divine right to rule has been severely tempered by the more modern rule of law. But that manifestly does not mean she is a plaything of the British government, blissfully unaware of the soft power and international legitimacy that a royal visit grants.

The bald fact remains, then, that a monarch who was crowned when the wounds of the Holocaust were still fresh, who witnessed at least three attempts by Arab states to eliminate the Jewish state and who always maintained a cordial relationship with Britain's Jewish community, never asserted the importance of a visit to the land where Christianity was born.

Yet she made her way to Germany in 1965, at a time when most Britons could still remember the Luftwaffe's decimation of cities like Manchester, Coventry and London. Most of the Middle East's autocracies — Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Qatar, Iran under the Shah, Turkey — received a visit, too. There are few major democracies or Western allies that

Continued on Page A4

World News.

Israeli Defense Firm Announces New Anti-Missile Technology for Aircraft

BY JNS.ORG

Israel Aerospace Industries announced a new electronic warfare system to protect Israeli aircraft from surface-to-air missiles.

The new ELL-8270 system, developed by the ELTA division of Israel Aerospace Industries, is a decoy device tethered to Israeli aircraft that draws in incoming enemy missiles by means of a transponder system.

The new system is autonomous, lightweight, battery-perated and requires minimal pilot control, enabling aircraft to increase survivability over enemy territory. It can also deal with



An illustrative representation of ELL-8270 air-defense system. Photo: Israel Aerospace Industries.

multiple threats simultaneously.

The technology will not replace current anti-missile systems, but will be added as an additional layer of protection to selected aircraft.

Continued from Page A1
Delights

the "good": Israel's culture of innovation, and its harnessing of "free market principles" to both create and share wealth.

Pointing out that while in 2006, only one of the world's ten biggest companies was in the technology sector, a radiating Netanyahu announced that a little more than a decade on, five of those companies were now tech companies. Apple, Google, Microsoft and "hundreds of other technology companies" operated "major research centers" in Israel, he said.

Acknowledging a brief slip into jargon, Netanyahu went on to speak of the economic and diplomatic benefits to Israel brought about by "the confluence of big data, connectivity and artificial intelligence."

"It revolutionizes old industries and it creates entirely new industries," Netanyahu said, using as an example the "precision agriculture" pioneered in Israel that deploys drone technology to drip-feed exactly the right amount of irrigation to a specific plant. He related that farmers in India had thanked him for Israeli technology that saw their crop yields increase by "three time, four times, five times!"

Highlighting Israel's cutting edge cyber-security sector, a still-beaming Netanyahu observed that despite containing only "1/10th of 1 percent of the world's population," Israel is nevertheless the destination for "20 percent of global private investment in cyber-security."

"We're punching 200 times above our weight," Netanyahu declared. "That's one heck of a punch."

That punch, the Israeli prime minister made clear, was also reflected in his country's military prowess. "Israel has never been stronger militarily, we're tremendously strong," he said, as he paid tribute to the soldiers and officers — "Jews, Christians, Muslims, Circassians" — of the IDF. He emphasized Israel's critical role in gathering global counter-terrorism intelligence, showing as an example a plane belonging to the United Arab Emirates' airline, Etihad. As the Australian government readily acknowledged on Feb. 22, it was Israeli intelligence that foiled an ISIS plot last July, Netanyahu said, to blow up an Etihad airliner flying from Sydney to Abu Dhabi.

Continued from Page A1
US-Israel Ties

"We refused to stand up for our friend when it was singled out for terrible treatment," Haley said. "On my watch, that will never

Back at the lectern, Netanyahu then turned to the "bad," explaining that "the force behind so much of what is bad is this radical tyranny in Iran."

Arguing that his warning against the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran had subsequently been vindicated, Netanyahu said that the lifting of sanctions on Tehran had made the ruling regime "more extreme, more belligerent and more dangerous." A map behind him showing the spread of Iranian influence shrouded the outlines of Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Gaza in black. "Iran wants permanent military bases in Syria...it wants to build precision-guided missile factories in Syria and Lebanon," Netanyahu stated. "We won't let that happen."

On the Palestinian front, Netanyahu effusively praised US President Donald Trump's Dec. 6, 2017 decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. He said that he had told Trump at their meeting on Monday that it "was especially great to be in America's capital, now that he has recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital." While declaring his desire for peace with all of Israel's neighbors, "including the Palestinians," Netanyahu had no words of comfort for Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, lambasting him for spending an annual sum of \$350 million — almost 10 percent of the PA's annual budget — on so-called "martyr payments" to convicted terrorists and their families.

In that regard, Netanyahu paid special tribute to the passage through the US Congress of the Taylor Force Act, remarking that it demonstrated "America's zero tolerance for terrorism." From there, he progressed to a heady embrace of the "shared values" of the US and Israel, founded upon biblical inspiration, that were the "wellspring" of the "beautiful...the beautiful alliance between the United States of America and Israel."

America and Israel, Netanyahu reflected, shared a common story of "freedom, justice, peace and hope." With those words still hanging, Netanyahu left the stage to the thunderous applause of an AIPAC crowd that departs this year's Policy Conference with the message that while the bad will probably get worse, the good will definitely get better.

happen again.

Occasionally heckled by audience members shouting "We love you!" Haley clearly warmed to her audience, telling the AIPAC crowd that standing up for Israel at the

Iran Says It Can Produce Higher Enriched Uranium in Less Than Two Days



An IAEA inspector at an Iranian nuclear facility. Photo: IAEA.

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran said on Monday it could produce higher enriched uranium within two days if the United States quit a 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and six major powers, Tehran's Arabic language al-Alam TV reported.

"If America pulls out of the deal ... Iran could resume its 20 percent uranium enrichment in less than 48 hours," Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, told al-Alam TV.

UN reminded her of her experiences as the child of Indian immigrant parents who was bullied at school. "Just like when I was that little girl in South Carolina, that doesn't sit well with me," she said to applause.

Haley's remarks on Jerusalem were arguably the most enthusiastically-received of her speech, "America did not make Jerusalem Israel's capital," she said. "President Trump recognized a reality that American Presidents denied for too long."

Haley explained that her approach at the UN "is tied by one major idea: that Israel must be treated like any other normal country."

"It cannot be the case that only one country in the world doesn't get to choose its capital city, that the UN Human Rights Council has a standing agenda item for only one country, that only one set of refugees is counted in a way that causes their numbers to grow forever," Haley continued, referring to the year-on-year increase in the number of Palestinians registered as refugees by the UNRWA agency.

Haley profusely thanked Guatemala and Honduras for supporting the US stance on Jerusalem, going on to praise the 65 nations who "refused to go against us" at a UN General Assembly debate on the issue on Dec. 21, 2017.

"We're not forgetting that vote," Haley said. "On that vote, we were taking names."

A warmly-received Pence, meanwhile, spoke with undisguised reverence for Israel, recalling that it was "my great honor to be the first Vice President to address the Knesset in Jerusalem, the capital of the State of Israel."

Pledging that the US would withdraw from the 2015 nuclear deal with Iran "unless it is fixed in the coming months," Pence

Uranium refined to 20 percent fissile purity is well beyond the 5 percent normally required to fuel civilian nuclear power plants, though still well short of highly enriched, or 80-90 percent, purity needed for a nuclear bomb.

Kamalvandi said the deal — under which Iran curbed its uranium enrichment to help ensure it was for peaceful purposes only and secured an end to financial sanctions in return — is not re-negotiable, as demanded by the United States. The deal's European signatories — Germany, Britain and France, as well as Russia and China — are committed to preserving the agreement.

declared that the US "will never allow Iran to acquire a nuclear weapon."

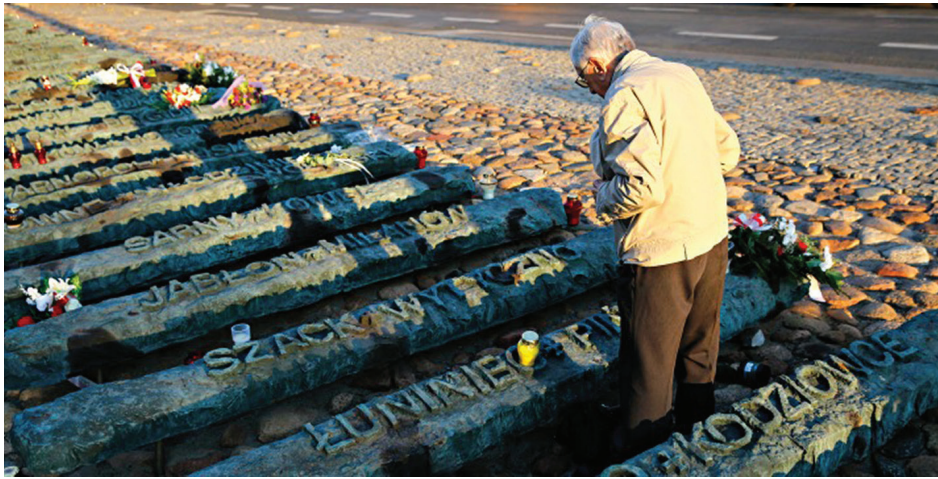
"Israel is a living testament to the power of freedom and the power of faith," Pence reflected.

"To this day, we grieve the loss of the six million martyrs of the Holocaust," he said. "Just three years after walking through the valley of the shadow of death, they rose to rebuild a Jewish future and Jewish state," Pence continued to rapturous applause, before ending his speech with the Jewish prayer "Shehecheyanu," traditionally recited on happy occasions.

Other speakers at the Monday night plenary included Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY), who stated that the impending passage of the Taylor Force Act — which ties US assistance to the Palestinian Authority to a verifiable end to its so-called "martyr payments policy" — "will force the world to confront the dark truth that the Palestinian Authority every day actively aids and abets terrorism."

In earlier addresses to the plenary, House Congressional leaders Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and Steny Hoyer (D-MD) expressed strong bipartisan optimism about the future of US-Israel relations, stressing the importance of US-Israeli cooperation in the private sector, as well as in national security and defense. Both emphasized the need to confront Iran's regional ambitions — a point echoed by Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY), who told the crowd that part of the reason she voted against the 2015 nuclear deal lay in her concern for Israel's security in the face of Hezbollah and other Iranian proxies.

World News.



A man pays respects to the Polish victims of the September 1939 invasion of eastern Poland by the Soviet Union, following the Nazi-Soviet Pact one month earlier. Photo: Reuters/Kacper Pempel.

Top Polish Educator Blames Jews for Communist Atrocities in Antisemitic Facebook Rant

BY BEN COHEN

A leading Polish educator engaged in an angry Facebook rant about alleged Jewish responsibility for Soviet atrocities against Polish citizens, amid deepening anger in Poland over international objections to new legislation that criminalizes public discussion of collusion between Poles and the Nazi occupation forces during World War II.

"Young Jews should finally understand where the unhealed wounds of the Poles are!" wrote Ryszard Nowak – the director of the highly-regarded Lyceum XII public high school in the city of Krakow – in a Facebook post uncovered by the liberal newspaper *Gazeta Wyborcza*.

Claiming that Jews dominated the court system in communist Poland after "your Holocaust," Nowak named several communist officials as responsible for the 1953 execution of Polish General Emil August Fieldorf by the Soviet NKVD secret police, highlighting their Jewish origins. Those listed by Nowak as culpable for the murder of Fieldorf – a former commander of the Polish Home Army that fought on the Allied side during the war – included "military prosecutor Helena Wolinska-Brus, a Polish communist Jewish activist, Beniamin Wajsblech, a Jewish prosecutor, Paulina Kern, a judge of Jewish origin, Maria Gurowska, a judge of Jewish origin, Advocate Emil Merz of Jewish origin, Gustaw Auscaler, a Polish advocate of Jewish descent."

Concern over Nowak's comments is likely to be heightened by the fact that he is married to Barbara Nowak, the Polish government's chief education inspector in Krakow – the nearest big city to the former site of the Nazi German Auschwitz slave labor and death camp.

As *The Algemeiner* reported last week,

Barbara Nowak attacked the museum at Auschwitz for allegedly emphasizing the "foreign, not the Polish narrative." She urged that only guides approved by Poland's Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) – which has been empowered by the new legislation to monitor potential violators – should be permitted to escort visitors to the Auschwitz site.

On Saturday – less than a week after Nowak's criticism of the museum – the apartment belonging to an Italian citizen who works as a guide at Auschwitz was vandalized with antisemitic graffiti.

A Star of David and the slogan "Poland for the Poles!" were found daubed on the door of an apartment belonging to Diego Audero, who has worked as a licensed guide at the Auschwitz site for several years.

"Poland is my country, my home," Audero told a Polish news outlet. "There is no other place in the world where I would like to live. But the last few months, the last year, has been really difficult – more and more people remind me that I am not Polish."

The attack on Audero's apartment was condemned by Bartosz Bartyzel, a spokesperson for the Auschwitz Museum, as "shocking and scandalous."

Following the attack on Audero's property, Barbara Nowak said she "absolutely did not feel responsible for it."

"I have never called for any acts of hatred," she said.

Rafal Pankowski – the head of Polish NGO "Never Again" – told *The Algemeiner* on Monday that his group is "concerned that the current wave of antisemitism in Polish politics and media is impacting the educational system too."

"The repercussions could be felt for many years," Pankowski said.

Perhaps we shall discover the reason in a diary fragment that emerges in future years. Or perhaps it will always remain an odd secret that will be largely forgotten a decade from now. Because at that point, if all goes to plan and barring a scientific miracle, the Queen will have been replaced by King Charles III. Prince Charles, you see, and not William, is Elizabeth's direct heir, and coincidentally, has never paid an official visit to Israel either.

William will, I am sure, say most of what needs to be said when he arrives in Israel in May. But as you listen to him, do remember that his grandmother should have said exactly the same a long time ago.

Continued from Page A2 Windsor

have not received one.

It beggars belief that the shrewd Elizabeth has not herself recognized this anomaly, and for whatever reason, has willingly complied with a stance of pretending that Israel doesn't exist. Even if one could make a realist case that a visit to Israel during the mid-1970s would have been unwise in the face of the Arab oil weapon, what held the royals back in the comparatively more peaceful times of the late 1990s? When Arab leaders and the leaders of Israel's former Communist enemies can and have made the trip, why has Elizabeth not done so?

French Public Intellectual Bernard-Henri Lévy Renews Call for Solidarity With Kurds at AIPAC Policy Conference

BY BEN COHEN

The most high-profile international champion of the Kurdish cause arrived at the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC to urge a redoubling of bipartisan support for the Kurds among American legislators.

"You have in this country decent people who do not understand why their Administration decided to betray their best allies, the friends of the country of George Washington, Franklin Roosevelt and John F. Kennedy," the French-Jewish writer and public intellectual Bernard-Henri Lévy told *The Algemeiner* on Monday, following a special session on Sunday at the AIPAC conference on the current multi-front crisis facing the largest stateless nation in the Middle East.

Lévy said he was encouraged that "you have a handful of congressmen and senators, and maybe even more than a handful, who are discontent with the absurd and suicidal attitude of the West regarding the Kurds."

On Tuesday night, Lévy will attend a special public screening in Washington, DC of his documentary film *Peshmerga*, in which he accompanied Kurdish fighters battling the ISIS terrorist organization in Iraq, recording their thoughts and reflections along the way. Hosted by a group of Congressional legislators, Lévy paid tribute to the group as "true friends of the Kurds, regardless of political party, and true friends of American values." Appearing alongside Lévy at the event will be Bayan Sami Abdul Rahman, the Kurdistan Regional Government's representative to the US.

Lévy did not sugarcoat his analysis of the pressures on the Kurds since last September's independence referendum in Iraqi Kurdistan resulted an Iranian-backed onslaught against the Erbil-based Kurdish government. In the ensuing conflict, Lévy said, the Kurds suffered a "huge defeat" with the loss of the key city of Kirkuk and the imposition by the Iraqi central government in Baghdad of a blockade on international flights into Kurdistan's airports. Further west, Turkish forces have continued to step up their assault on Syrian Kurdish fighters in the Afrin enclave, leading Lévy to assert in a recent interview that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan would be better understood

as "a Sultan who aims to restore the Ottoman Empire in the region."

"There are many people in Erbil who feel and say that they are back to the mountains –



A scene from Bernard-Henri Lévy's documentary 'Peshmerga.' Photo: Screenshot.

which means half a century ago," Lévy said on Monday. "But on the other hand, the [independence] referendum took place. Its result was over 90 percent in favor and the democratic process that it showed was incredible."

Lévy continued, "The Kurds are fighters, in the most noble sense. And I am sure that they will prevail, the only problem is that they cannot prevail alone."

Two countries in particular stood out among the "natural allies" of the Kurds, Lévy argued.

"Among them, and in priority, are America and France," he said. The Kurds, he said, "will definitely not be finished if we finally decide to help rescue and embrace their cause."

Lévy highlighted what he said were three critical policy priorities for western countries. At the top was a demand for the reopening of Kurdistan's borders, "which also means to lift the unfair and suffocating blockade," he said.

American and international pleas to the Baghdad government to end the enforced closure of Kurdistan's international airports ended in failure on Feb. 26, when the ban, imposed at the end of September 2017, was extended for another three months by Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi.

Lévy also called for further weapons deliveries to Iraqi Kurdish forces to "make sure that the government has the means to maintain its army of *Peshmerga*." In addition, western governments needed to be "resolute in front of the Kurds' enemies – who happen to be our enemies, in particular Iran," he concluded.

Continued from Page A2 AIPAC

distance themselves from Trump, AIPAC's job is to do just the opposite. Just as it was their obligation to oppose Obama's efforts to pressure Israel and appease Iran, they have to support pro-Israel policies when they are put in place.

Despite the grouching from the left, AIPAC has always been true to these principles. It faithfully backed the Rabin government's stand after Oslo (though never enthusiastically enough for Rabin's taste, even though US right-wingers were furious about it), and it cheered when President Bill Clinton embraced the Jewish state.

That's why it is neither reasonable nor right to expect AIPAC to jeer Trump when he

keeps his promises.

There are many Americans Jews who regard opposing Trump as more important than backing Israel. Others think they help Israel best when they cheer US presidents who try to force it to make concessions that Israeli voters have rejected. For such people, AIPAC isn't a comfortable fit. But for those who, regardless of their party and ideology, believe supporting the democratically elected government of Israel and helping foster better relations with Washington are sacred obligations, support for AIPAC is still the only possible option.

Jonathan S. Tobin is editor-in-chief of *JNS* — *The Jewish News Syndicate*. Follow him on Twitter at: @jonathans_tobin.

U.S. News.

Trump Touts Possible Visit to Jerusalem for US Embassy Opening in Meeting with Netanyahu

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump may visit Jerusalem this coming May for the opening of the new American Embassy in Jerusalem.

Trump floated the possibility of the visit during a joint appearance on Monday with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, after the two leaders met at the Oval Office. Regarding the historic US decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital in December 2017, Netanyahu told his American host that "This will be remembered by our people."

"Others talked about it, you did it," Netanyahu declared.

"Jerusalem was a wonderful thing, and I know it was very much appreciated in a big part of the world, not just in Israel — in a very big part," Trump said. "So that was a decision that I had to make." Trump expressed some optimism about future negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians, arguing that effect the US decision on Jerusalem is that "we have a shot at doing it."

"The Palestinians, I think, are wanting to come back to the table very badly," Trump said. "If they don't, you don't have peace. I'm not saying it's going to happen."

Addressing the cost of relocating the US Embassy in

Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, Trump said that the final bill would be fraction of the much larger sum suggested by others. "They put an order in front of my desk last week for a billion dollars. I said 'a billion? What's that for?'" Trump said. "They said, 'we're going to build an embassy.' I said 'we're not going to spend a billion dollars.' We're actually doing it for about \$250,000."

Netanyahu made clear that the main strategic issue on his agenda with Trump was Iran's growing political and military influence in Syria and Lebanon.

"If I had to say what is our greatest challenge in the Middle East to both our countries, to our Arab neighbors, it's encapsulated in one word: Iran," Netanyahu said. "Iran has not given up its nuclear ambitions. It came out of this [2015] nuclear deal emboldened, enriched. It's practicing aggression every-



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with US President Donald Trump at the White House. Photo: Reuters/Kevin Lamarque.

where, including on our own borders. And I think we have to stop this country that chants, 'Death to Israel, death to America.'"

"Iran must be stopped. That is our common challenge," Netanyahu concluded.

Israeli Judge, Prosecutor Scandal Leads to Judicial Inquiry

BY JNS.ORG

The president of Israel's Supreme Court announced the establishment of an official inquiry into the relationship between judges and law-enforcement officials, following the collusion of a judge with a state prosecutor in a case involving Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The announcement was made after Tel Aviv Magistrate Court Judge Ronit Poznansky-Katz was found to have coordinated her remand rulings with a state prosecutor for suspects implicated in a corruption case involving Netanyahu and the Israeli telecom giant Bezeq.

Last week, Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked initiated disciplinary proceedings against Poznansky-Katz, who will not face criminal proceedings at this time.

Judge Eliezer Rivlin, the ombudsman handling complaints against judges, found that a dialogue of text messages over several months between Poznansky-Katz and Israel Securities Authority attorney Eran Shacham-Shavit was "highly inappropriate."

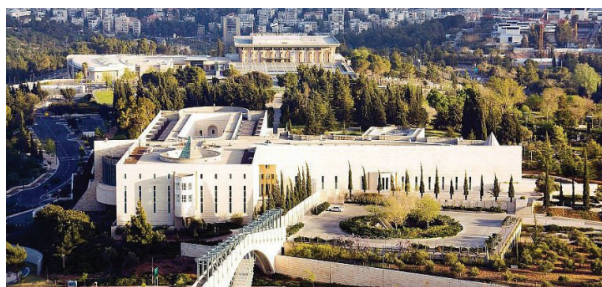
In the exchange, Shacham-Shavit told Poznansky-Katz that the Securities Authority would ask her to release some suspects while continuing to remand others.

"Try and act surprised," he wrote.

"I'm practicing my surprised face," she responded before apparently agreeing to the request.

The Bezeq corruption investigation, dubbed Case 4000, examines whether Bezeq owner Shaul Elovitch ordered his Walla news site to give favorable coverage to Netanyahu's family in exchange for the prime minister, who was communications minister at the time, advancing regulations benefiting Bezeq.

Netanyahu denies any wrongdoing in these cases



Israel's Supreme Court. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

WARNING



Your bottled water may have some dirty secrets...

While promoting an image of health and vitality, bottled water companies burn millions of barrels of oil and generate millions of tons of greenhouse gases in the manufacturing, processing and transporting of their products. To top it off, an estimated 38 Billion bottles non-biodegradable plastic water bottles are tossed into our landfills annually!

Tap into an **unlimited** source of healthy – refreshing water that is **friendly to the environment...** and saves you money.


Watermatic's purification systems feature proprietary technologies that convert ordinary tap water into tasty, healthy drinking water, delivered at the quick touch of a button. Instantly pure hot and cold water that is healthy. refreshing. unlimited!



as low as
\$19.95
 monthly
with coupon code

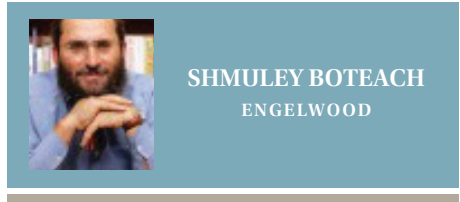
enter coupon code
SAVESNOW
and save up to 50% offer expires April 15, 2012

4-step Purification Process	Benefits
 <p style="font-size: small;"> A Pre-Sediment & Carbon Filter B Carbon Filter C Fine Micron Membrane D Ultra Fine Membrane </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost Affective <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Plastic Bottles <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Heavy Lifting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Run Out of Pure Water <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO Storage – Clutter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GO GREEN!



Opinion.

Why Isn't AIPAC Lobbying for Taylor Force Act?



SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

Eighteen thousand people are here in the nation's capitol to advocate for Israel. On Tuesday, they will fill the halls of Congress to lobby for important pro-Israel legislation, including legislation on BDS, which would punish countries and corporations who boycott Israel. That's all highly admirable. But why did AIPAC, which supports the Taylor Force Act, choose not to lobby for Senate and Congressional passage of the act?

On March 8, my organization will posthumously award the Elie Wiesel Prize — chosen and presented by Marion and Elisha Wiesel — to Yoni Netanyahu and Taylor Force, two heroes who defended liberty and were murdered by terrorists.

Taylor Force was a West Point graduate and Army officer who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and was murdered in Tel Aviv by a Palestinian terrorist on March 8th, 2016. As it stands, Congress is considering legislation named after him — the Taylor Force Act — to cut aid to the Palestinian Authority for paying large stipends to individuals who

commit acts of terrorism, and to the families of deceased terrorists.

Taylor Force was on a study trip with his fellow MBA students from Vanderbilt University when he was stabbed, along with 11 other people.

This horrific crime was celebrated by the Palestinian government, which offers incentives to murder Jews and rewards to those who are imprisoned or "martyred." Under this "pay-to-slay" policy, the Palestinian Authority — which has repeatedly pledged to end terrorism — provides generous monthly stipends to terrorists and their families for attacks against Israelis.

Men who have served at least five years in Israeli jails, and women who have served at least two, are entitled to these "salaries" for life. The more heinous the crime, the more money a prisoner receives. Terrorists also receive health benefits and priority for employment after they are released from jail. Palestinians can earn more money by attacking Jews and going to jail than they can earn for most jobs in the West Bank.

The PA, which pleads poverty and begs for international aid, spends roughly \$140 million for payments to terrorists. That money is coming out of Americans' pockets, whose tax dollars are sent to provide aid — ostensibly for the welfare of the Palestinian people. Given the fungibility of money, however, any

US funding allows the PA to divert other resources to the pay-to-slay program, which now consumes about 7% of the PA's budget.

President Trump has repeatedly criticized the PA for this policy, and told PA President Mahmoud Abbas directly that it has to stop. Abbas thumbed his nose at the president, as well as the Europeans, who also demanded a halt to the policy. Instead, Abbas declared his determination to not only continue to incentivize murder, but to increase the amount paid to terrorists.

Trump subsequently decided to withhold some aid from the Palestinians. Congress has also become fed up with seeing taxpayer money going to support terrorism. The Senate is now poised to pass bipartisan legislation, the Taylor Force Act, to cut the roughly \$400 million in US assistance to the PA if the payments continue.

It is essential that Congress quickly pass this law, named in honor of the murdered American soldier, and send a message to Palestinian officials that America will no longer stand by silently while they pay their people to attack innocent men, women and children — Jews and non-Jews, Israelis and non-Israelis.

It is tragic that it took the murder of an American citizen to prompt Congress to finally act. Sadly, Taylor was not the first American to be killed by Palestinian terrorists. Since Yasser Arafat signed the Oslo Peace Accords in September 1993 — and pledged to end violence — at least 54 Americans have been murdered by Palestinian terrorists.

Taylor Force should be alive today, pursuing a career in business and continuing to contribute to the welfare of the United



The late Taylor Force. Photo: File.

States — as he did during his military service. We are proud to honor Taylor Force with the Elie Wiesel Award. But the greatest homage to Taylor Force will come with the passage of the Taylor Force Act.

AIPAC, are you listening? Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom the Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America" is the international best-selling author of 31 books including his most recent, "The Israel Warrior." For tickets to The Champions of Jewish Values Awards Gala on March 8, go to www.thisworldgala.com.

BETH SHIFRA

Promoting Jewish Identity for 40+ years
www.bethshifra.org
 2102 Avenue T - 718-449-1397
 Tzedakah Donations:
 Beth Shifra P.O. Box 700
 Brooklyn, NY 11229

FREE FOOD PACKAGES!! FREE SEDARIM!! FREE LUNCH & SUPPER!! FREE FASCINATING LECTURES!!
 FREE CHILDRENS SHOW!! FREE SHOMER SHABBOS SINGLES PROGRAM!!! AND MORE!!

"We urge you to do whatever you can do to help Beth Shifra,
 תבא עליהם ברכה
 RABBI AVIGDOR MILLER ZT"L

"We are personally familiar with their important work."
 RABBI GERSHON TANNENBAUM ZT"L
 Director, The Rabbinical Alliance of America

SCHEDULE		
Date	Time	Activities
Fri. 3/30	12-2 pm	Pick up packages
	8:00 pm	Doors Open
3/30 Sedar I	8:30 pm	Ancient Secrets of Judaism
Shabbat 3/31	1:00 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	2:00 pm	Q & A: Judaism
	8:30 pm	Doors Open
3/31 Sedar II	9:00 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
Sun. 4/1	1:00 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	2:00 pm	7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation
	9:00 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:30 pm	Defending The Faith
Mon. 4/2	2:00 pm	Meal
	2:00 pm	Spectacular Children's Program: Arts and Crafts
	7:30 pm	Meal
	7:30 pm	Popular Aish HaTorah Speaker:
	9:00 pm	Matzah = Affliction = Redemption Shomer Shabos Singles Program With Live Music, Matchmakers & Smorgasboard.
Tues. 4/3	1:00 pm	Meal
	1:30 pm	What is kosher food?
	7:30 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:30 pm	The Power of Prayer
Wed. 4/4	1:00 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	1:30 pm	The Deeper Beauty of Shabbos
	7:30 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	7:30 pm	Oral vs. Written Torah

Subsidized Passover Food Donations Appreciated

For Opportunities To Get Involved:
 718-449-1397 / Passover@bethshifra.org

SCHEDULE cont.

Date	Time	Activities
Thurs. 4/5	1:00 pm	Meal
	1:30 pm	"Friend or Foe: Torah & Science"
	8:30 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:00 pm	Why Bad Happens to Good People?
Fri. 4/6	2:00 pm	Meal / Seuda
	2:30 pm	Moral Relativism & Torah
	8:45 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	9:15 pm	Post Holocaust - 2 Million
Shabbat 4/7	2:00 pm	Meal / Seuda
	2:30 pm	Jews Vanished- Why? Solution?
	6:00 pm	Meal/ Seuda
	7:00 pm	Open Forum

TRANSPORTATION: BUSES: B49, B3, B2, B31, BM3. TRAIN: Q To Ave U
 FREE FOOD PACKAGES MARCH 30 12-2 PM 2102 AVE T
 Please join us for daily Mincha and Maariv.

CATERED BY:
 SHUEY'S GRILL & TAKE OUT
 3006 Ave. K
 718-513-6565

ב"ד

RABBINICAL ALLIANCE OF AMERICA
 איגוד הרבנים ד'אמריקא

1 Adar, 5778

February 16, 2018

Dear Friend:

In years past, Beth Shifra maintained a Free Soup Kitchen all year round, open seven days a week, serving free meals three times a day, without charge. During the week of Pesach, Beth Shifra sponsored free Kosher for Pesach Sedorim and daily meals around the city. We are personally familiar with their significant work and urge you to help Beth Shifra with any support that you can, including publicizing their inspiring work in your Shul or organization.

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

We proudly invite you to join us in making this year a memory of a lifetime for those in need. Take the time now to have the merit and joy of helping a hungry family celebrate Passover. Please help Beth Shifra with any assistance that you can, including publicizing their good work in your Shul or organization.

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

Sincerely,

Mendy Mirocznik

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

Presidium:
 Rabbi Hanania Elbaz
 Rabbi Yehoshua S. Hecht
 Rabbi Yaakov Klass
 Rabbi Yaakov Spivak

Honorary President
 Rabbi Shmaryahu Shulman

Av Bais Din:
 Rabbi Herschel Kurzrock

Rosh Beth Din:
 Rabbi Dov Aaron Brisman

Executive Vice President:
 Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik

Coordinator:
 Rabbi Moish Schmerler

Vice Presidents:
 Rabbi Avraham Amar
 Rabbi Noach Bernstein
 Rabbi Eli Hecht
 Rabbi Yechiel Malik
 Rabbi Joseph Salamon
 Rabbi Abraham Stone

305 Church Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11218 U.S.A. Tel. 718-531-8720 Email: Rabbi@Igud.us

Please beware of Non-Jewish missionary organizations (often using Jewish-sounding names) offering free "Seders", Passover food giveaways, etc., especially in Churches.

OHR Pesach DELIGHT

2 0 1 8

With Your Hosts:

HENIA & ARI GRUNER

at the New & Improved

HUDSON VALLEY RESORT & SPA
KERHONKSON, NY



FRIDAY, MARCH 30-SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Optional check-in Thursday night for only \$50/room, including meals!

You'll feel the freedom like never before as you enjoy ALL of this:

THE FUN

Fantastic Nightly Entertainment, Including:



Huge Finale! Watch for Details!!!

- ★ Excellent Daily Activities for Every Age – from Master Children's Storytellers and Magician to Great Programming for Seniors!
- ★ Uplifting Kumzitz night for men — including fine brandies and cigars by the fireplace
- ★ Tuesday Spectacular with Rebbie Hill's Mesmerizing Tales & Magic for All Ages Throughout the Day
- ★ Beautiful Pool, with Men's, Women's and Children's Hours!
- ★ Super singles events, including singles' seder, daily activities and an exciting mystery trip!
- ★ Exceptional Shadchan On Site
- ★ Zumba for Women and Zumbini for Moms & Tots
- ★ Health Club and Brand New State-of-the-Art Spa Included
- ★ Incredible Teens Night
- ★ Special art exhibition and complimentary wine tasting, for adults only
- ★ Miniature Golf
- ★ Round-the-Clock Game Room

DAY CAMP & TEEN PROGRAM!

- ★ Amazing Staff, Led by Professional Educators
- ★ Teen trip to Six Flags (entrance fees not included)
- ★ Uncle Moishy concert, Moon bounce mania/ carnival day, magician, petting zoo
- ★ And so much more...

THE FOOD



- ★ Full Gourmet Glatt Kosher Cholov Yisroel Non-Gebrochts Menu, Prepared Fresh Daily for All Dietary Needs by: Famous Executive Chef David Trachtman of Melbourne, Australia; Catering by Alex of Moscow, Renowned for His Russian Cuisine; and Special Guest Chef Miguel from Madrid, Spain!
- ★ Shmurah Matzah, Grape Juice and an Assortment of Fine Wines Throughout Pesach
- ★ SUMPTUOUS 24-HOUR TEA ROOM!
- ★ No MSG!
- ★ Private Children's Dining Room for Daily Dinner

- ★ Spectacular Chol Hamoed Barbecues with Opulent Carving Stations and Live Entertainment!
- ★ Rabbi and complete staff of experienced Mashgichim will be present on premises full-time
- ★ Additional Dietary Accommodations Include: Diabetic-Friendly Diets, Spelt Matzos, Vegan Dishes, All Other Diets Available by Previous Request

All-Inclusive for ONE GREAT PRICE!
Families or Individuals. Call for Details.

SD staiman.com

THE GROWTH

Under the Strict Supervision of **HARAV YUVAL NOFF**



Senior Dayan, RCA Member Dayan and Moreh Tzedek, Kehillat Kol Simcha, Baltimore, MD

Outstanding Scholar-In-Residence **RABBI SHMUEL SIMENOWITZ**



Dean, Yeshivas Iyun Halacha Noted Author and Attorney

Noted Speaker and Baal Tefillah



RABBI AVRAHAM KISS
Daf Yomi and Modern Issues in Halacha

HEADING INTO NYC ON CHOL HAMOED?

We'll have breakfast waiting, and boxed lunches to take along. We can even arrange for dinner to be held for you if you're getting back late!

FREE BUSES Before, During & After Pesach! Provided by Monsey Tours

For more exciting details, contact Ari today!

202-657-8441

Note: Details on staffing and entertainment subject to change. Watch future ads for more exciting details!

For More Details, See our Facebook Page: [f OhrPesachDelight](#)



PROFESSIONAL DAY CAMP INCLUDED FREE!

Our full-day child care programs are there to make sure your kids are well taken care of while you're gone, complete with exciting activities and delicious meals!

Impressions.

@HRW Notices That Wishing for Children to Be Martyred Is Sick — But Not When Palestinians Wish It

BY ELDER OF ZION

There was a moment of moral clarity from a Human Rights Watch worker recently.

A *BBC* story said:

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has been criticised after telling a girl in military uniform that she would be honoured if killed while fighting.

"If she's martyred, they'll lay a flag on her," he told the sobbing girl at a televised congress of his AK Party.

In the event, broadcast live on state television, the young girl dressed as a soldier seems to catch the attention of Mr Erdogan, who then invites her to the stage.

...

She has a Turkish flag in her pocket too. ... If she's martyred, they'll lay a flag on her, God willing," he said during the congress in the southern town of Kahramanmaras on Saturday.

"She is ready for everything, isn't she?" The girl replied: "Yes."

In response, HRW's Andrew Stroehlein tweeted:



Andrew Stroehlein
@astroehlein

Turkish President Erdogan tells a sobbing girl in military uniform that she would be honoured if killed while fighting. Glorifying children's deaths? Promoting child soldiers? Sick. bbc.com/news/world-eur...

4:19 PM - Feb 26, 2018

That doesn't seem like a controversial thing to say.

But there are many examples of glorification of death and encouraging child "martyrdom" in official Palestinian Authority TV broadcasts — as well as from official Fatah and Hamas sites.

Yet not once has Human Rights Watch called this Palestinian shahid culture, or any of these examples, "sick."

Why is encouraging childhood martyrdom "sick" in Turkey, but not worth mentioning in the Palestinian arena?

One reason is that in Turkey, there was actually disgust in social media about Erdogan's actions — but you will be hard pressed to find a similar reaction in the Palestinian territories or the Arab world towards Palestinian aspirations to die for Allah.

Simply put, HRW doesn't bother to criticize Palestinians pushing their children to become martyrs, because they would be killing Jews — and there is no local outrage about that goal.

'Wine-Washing' and the Question of Jewish Indigeneity

BY MICHAEL LUMISH

The University of California is not fond of Israel — or pro-Israel Jews.

On February 5, professor Ariel Handel lectured at the University of California, Berkeley's Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Handel spoke about his recent paper concerned with the indigenous Israeli grape.

One would think that since the San Francisco Bay Area is home to some of the finest vines in the

of national pride."

Rudoren also quotes Amer Kodash, the export director for Cemisan Cellars, who claims: "these types of grapes are totally Palestinian grapes grown on Palestinian vineyards."

What baffles me is how professor Mandel, as a social scientist, cannot make a claim on the question of Jewish indigeneity — grapes or no grapes.

History as a field of knowledge is part of the humanities and social sciences, and is not silent on this question. The field of history tells us very clearly



An Israeli vineyard. Photo: Udi Steinwell via Wikimedia Commons.

world, that an Israeli expert on indigenous Middle Eastern wine and its political significance would have been greeted with considerable interest.

He was not.

In truth, he was snubbed.

There were barely more than ten of us in the room.

Handel was visiting California from Tel Aviv University to discuss, among other things, the meaning of wine in the debate between Arabs and Jews regarding questions of indigeneity within the Levant.

Central to Handel's thesis is the vinicultural concept of "terroir."

It suggests that the flavor of a wine is due to the character of its natural environment, and how it is nurtured by the indigenous population; thus, he argues, the grape and wine reflect a country's land and people. It is because Chardonnay, for example, is native to the Burgundy region of eastern France that its quality will never be quite the same as when grown in, say, the Jezreel Valley in the Lower Galilee.

Handel insists that "the grape is mute" on Jewish versus Arab claims to the land of Israel.

Nonetheless, some scholars, such as Dr. Shivi Drori from Ariel University, use the vine as a means of establishing Jewish historicity.

In a recent *New York Times* piece, Jodi Rudoren quotes Drori as claiming: "All our scriptures are full with wine and with grapes. ... We have a very ancient identity, and for me, reconstructing this identity is very important. For me, it's a matter

that the Jewish people are the only remaining indigenous people within the small strip of land between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea.

The Jebusites are gone. The Hittites and Amorites are gone. Even the neighboring Romans and ancient Egyptians are gone.

The Arabs who now call themselves "Palestinian" come from elsewhere, and have nothing whatsoever to do with the ancient Canaanites or Aegean Philistines.

Handel is correct that the DNA of an ancient seed of the vine cannot tell us who grew the plant. Only history as a field of knowledge can do that.

Handel refers to the "banalization of the Jewish presence in the West Bank."

What a strange phrase for an Israeli professor to employ.

I do not want to make the worst of it, but it saddens me.

Hannah Arendt famously used the phrase "banality of evil" to describe Adolph Eichmann in *Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on the Banality of Evil*. Arendt described Eichmann as a functionary — a cog in the wheel.

Handel's usage is the same, except that instead of referring to the murderers of millions of Jews, he uses it as a reference to Jews who wish to live on the traditional land of the Jewish people.

The implicit comparison is not only unjust and ahistoric, but grotesque.

My guess is that he does not really mean it, but then I wish he had not used it.

Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE



Notice of Qualification of GFE BROADWAY-BROOKLYN LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/17. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 11/03/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, Attn: George Fellows, 462 Mariner Dr., Jupiter, FL 33477. DE addr. of LLC: c/o National Registered Agents, Inc., 160 Greentree Dr., Ste. 101, Dover, DE 19904. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity.
AJ; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2/9

CW Fulton LLC Arts. of Org. filed w/ SSNY 1/22/18. Off. in Kings Co. SSNY desig. as agt. of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 150 Myrtle Ave., Fl. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201. Purpose: any lawful activity.
AJ; 2/2/9/16/23; 3/2/9

Notice of qualification of CHROME CAPITAL CONSULTANTS LLC. Authority filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/18. Office in Kings County. Formed in NJ on 12/15/17. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 1130 Bedford Ave #68 Brooklyn NY 11216. Purpose: Any lawful purpose
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9/16/23

CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Bertha Keller, Louise Asaraf, Diane Newman, Mary Heuser, George Ferchland, Jr. Laura Delaney, Michelle Ferchland, Robert Froehlich, Ronald Froehlich, Robert Ferchland, Doreen Ferchland, Susan Randall, Thomas Ferchland, Bernard Harvey, Jr., Linda Alford, Barbara Ferchland, Rosemary Ferchland, Christine Ferchland, Patricia Ferchland-Bingham, James Ferchland, Jr., Walter Jackel, Roy Jackel, Carol Pugh, Kenneth Will, Irene Staudt, Raymond Will, Frances Will, Helen Rock, Caroline Jaigobind, Robert Chioffe, Michael Chioffe, Ronald Chioffe, Helen Chioffe, Debora A. Carver aka Debora Mastrangelo, Jennifer A. Mastrangelo, Frederick Cornell, Anthony Mastrangelo, Matthew F. Mastrangelo, Brennan Cornell, Sean Cornell, Janet Cullen, William Cullen, Dorothy Ballard, Kathleen Dube, John Chioffe, Marie Nester, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Ruth Ferchland aka Ruth E. Ferchland aka Ruth Ellen Ferchland, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Virginia Ruckh, Joanne Ruckh and Marilyn Ruckh, if living and if dead, to their heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if they died subsequent to the decedent herein, to their executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and

LEGAL NOTICE

successors in interest whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Ruth Ferchland aka Ruth E. Ferchland aka Ruth Ellen Ferchland, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 87-14 92nd Street, Woodhaven, NY 11421, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Ruth Ferchland aka Ruth E. Ferchland aka Ruth Ellen Ferchland, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 5th day of April, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$27,815.30 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the Estate should not pay for the interment of the decedent's ashes, if interred; and why the Last Will and Testament dated October 29, 2002, copy attached, also attached are copies of the three prior Wills dated 09/10/91, 11/19/93 and 01/09/02, should not be admitted to Probate; and why the Letters of Temporary Administration issued to the Public Administrator should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration CTA should not be issued to the Public Administrator; and why the net residuary estate should not be paid pursuant to the Last Will and Testament as follows; STATEMENT OF PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION \$1,000.00 plus 1/6 of the residuary estate to Jennifer Mastrangelo \$500.00 plus 1/6 of the residuary estate to Anthony Mastrangelo \$500.00 plus 1/6 of the residuary estate to Matthew Mastrangelo \$250.00 to Brennan Cornell \$250.00 to Sean Cornell 1/2 of the residuary estate to Debra Mastrangelo aka Debora Carver Dated, Attested and Sealed 8th day of February, 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it

LEGAL NOTICE

will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-2, Plaintiff AGAINST DANIEL SCHONBRUN, HILLEL SCHONBRUN, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 10, 2018 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 March 22, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1926 EAST 27TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11229. 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 7305, Lot 17. Approximate amount of judgment \$696,259.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #503204/2015. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51819
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH CAMPISI and RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 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 March 22, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT 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 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. Edward Mark Rappaport, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51269
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 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 22nd day of March, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: 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, Bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue 239.96 feet southeasterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue with the southeasterly side of

LEGAL NOTICE

Barlett Place; Running thence southwesterly parallel with Barlett Place and part of the distance through a party wall 90 feet to the northeasterly side of Abbey Court; Thence southeasterly along the northeasterly side of Abbey Court 16 feet; Thence northeasterly parallel with Barlett Place and part of the distance through a party wall 90 feet to the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue; and Thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side of Gerritsen Avenue 16 feet to the point or place of beginning. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, 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
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

ADMINISTRATION CITATION FILE NO.: 2017-3537 SURROGATE'S COURT - Queens COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: To the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Jacquelyn Louise Jacobs a/k/a Jacquelyn Jacobs, 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 Cynthia Jacobs New York State Department of Taxation and Finance A petition having been duly filed by CIT Bank, National Association as Servicer for One West Bank N.A. f/k/a One West Bank, FSB, who is domiciled at c/o 75 North Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91103 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York on April 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Jacquelyn Louise Jacobs a/k/a Jacquelyn Jacobs lately domiciled at 2465 Hogan Rd., Atlanta GA 30344 In the County of Fulton, Georgia, granting Letters of Administration upon the estate of the decedent to Cynthia Jacobs and if she defaults to The Queens County Public Administrator, and if they are permitted to renounce then to petitioners nominee, Scott Gordon, Esq. Upon duly qualifying. That the authority of the representative under the foregoing letters be limited as follows: To represent the estate of the decedent in a foreclosure action on property located at 147-47 Ferndale Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435 HON. Peter J. Kelly SURROGATE James Lim Baker Chief Clerk Dated, Attested and Sealed February 7, 2018 Name of Attorney for Petitioner Frenkel, Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon, LLP Address for Attorney 53 Gibosom Street, Bayshore, NY 11706 Tele. No. 631-969-3100 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-at-law appear for you
AJ; 2/16/23; 3/2/9

Notice of formation of 194 WIMAN LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY,

LEGAL NOTICE

SSNY on 12/08/2017. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 194 WIMAN LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff - against - GALO MONTESDEOCO A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 29th Day of March, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: February 13, 2018
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWALT, INC., ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2007-3T1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-3T1; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARIA VALVI A/K/A MARIA BENETATOS; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about December 5, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On March 29, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 131 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11205 Block: 01890 Lot: 0021 ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,641,508.88 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 501108/2015 Beverly Benjamin-George, Esq., Referee
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: VOYAGER DRONES COMPANY, LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on
Continued on Page A10

Legal Notice.

LEGAL NOTICE

Continued from Page A9

12/11/2017. Office location kings county.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

KERRY COUTU MODEL MAKING LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/03/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: KERRY COUTU MODEL MAKING LLC, 553 Graham Avenue, Apt 3, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Pipe Organ 24 LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/31/2018. 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: Lidia Rast 27 N 6th Street APT 5P Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful activity
AJ; 2/23; 3/2/9/16/23/30

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: BMW BUS SERVICE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/03/2018 Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: the LLC 1413 Rosedale Ave. 1F Bronx, NY 10472. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23/30; 4/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"). A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff AGAINST JACQUELINE R. REID A/K/A JACQUELINE HEDGE, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS SURVIVING JOINT TENANT OF AUBREY HEDGE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 28, 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 05, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 591 OSBORN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11212. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3628, LOT 18. Approximate amount of judgment \$418,007.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 504109/2015. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 50884
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTINA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 501008/2014 MEIR

LEGAL NOTICE

WEISS; WILLIAM SPIEGEL; ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 1/31/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 4/5/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1524 49th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219, and described as follows ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being a part of the 1524 49th Street Condominium, designated as Unit No. 3 in the County of Kings, Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, known and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 5453 Lot 1004, together with an undivided 33.024 percent interest in the Common Elements. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$645,305.90 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 501008/2014. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Philip J. Smallman, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 2/12/2018 GNS
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS LNV Corporation, Plaintiff -against- Vincenzo Stanzione a/k/a Vincent Stanzione, FJC, Capital One Bank (USA), N.A., City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Mrs. Stanzione, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on April 5, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 2371 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 8448 Lot: 12 Approximate amount of lien \$496,432.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 507445/2013 Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: February 23, 2018 FILE #: DOVEN 63793
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Routeboient,LLC Articles of organization filed with secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/29/2015 Office location Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC 98 Grandview Avenue Staten Island NY 10303 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23/30; 4/6

LEGAL NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, V. JASON FREDERICK; ET. AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 24, 2017, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC is the Plaintiff and JASON FREDERICK; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ROOM 224, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN NY 11201, on April 5, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 630 CHAUNCEY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11221: Block 3450, Lot 14: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511662/2014. Helene Blank, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Bronx Soul Food Restaurant, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 10/23/2017, Office location Bronx County SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Bronx Soul food restaurant, LLC c/o Mabel Duncan 82 Seymour Street Windsor CT 06095 purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 3/2/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-11; Plaintiff(s) vs. ISAAC CHKOURI; ILIYA HONOVICH; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about January 5, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On April 12, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1809 VOORHIES AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235 Block: 7463 Lot: 49 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,035.05 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 20473-13 Gregory M. LaSpina, Esq., Referee
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams

LEGAL NOTICE

Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York., Block 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 13, 2018 51704
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES LLC, Pltf. vs. RAYMOND RIVERA, et al, Defts. Index #505779/2015. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Dec. 12, 2017, I will sell at public auction at the room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY 11201 on Thursday, Apr. 12, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 344 Hopkinson Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11233. Said property located on the westerly side of Hopkinson Ave., 61 ft. 7 inches northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Hopkinson Ave. with the northerly side of Prospect Pl., being a plot 80 ft. x 19 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$664,176.88 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way Suite 101, Syosset, NY. 94150
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. MARCIA A. BECKFORD; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about May 4, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of

LEGAL NOTICE

Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On April 12, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 1280 E 86TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236 Block: 8064 Lot: 1 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$572,311.16 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 4029-13 Helene Blank, Esq., Referee
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST FREDERICK L. GRANT, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 02, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 660 WARWICK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4078, LOT 45. Approximate amount of judgment \$653,662.17 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 6144/2013. William D. Bowman Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51852
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).Name: COSMO AND VALENTIN LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/20/2017 Office location: Bronx County . SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Jose Cosme 1916 Edison Ave., Apt. 2R Bronx, NY 10461. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-API, 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;

Continued on Page A12

Social.



Elisha Abargel shows a piece inspired by tallises, or Jewish prayer shawls. Photo: Eliana Rudee.

Exploring the fabric of Israeli society through fashion

BY ELIANA RUDEE/JNS.org

"We are not Russia, Paris or Milan. We are a young country and our story, parallel to the establishment of Israel, is the story of the growth of creativity," says Galit Reismann, founder of TLVStyle, on the fashion industry there.

Mirroring Israel's startup nation mentality in the face of minimal resources, Reismann maintains that with no fashion houses, textile factories, governmental support and few large brands to intern for, young designers must become entrepreneurs to survive in a small and competitive industry.

She hints that challenge breeds innovation. As such, her creative tourism company conducts fashion tours of Tel Aviv and produces fashion pop-up events.

Elisha Abargel, owner of a store by the same name (Lilienblum Street 20, Tel Aviv), notes that the inaccessibility of fabrics can make it "more interesting" for the country's fashion designers. "I was in Paris last week and needed ribbons, so I walked across the street and found exactly what I needed," he tells JNS. "But in Israel, we don't have the material. You can't find everything you can wish and dream for, so we need to innovate and invent."

Abargel upholds that colorful fabrics are in low supply in Israel, encouraging designers to get creative with their work, developing solutions such as 3D and digital printing.

Up-and-coming designer Danit Peleg uses 3D printing to "email a dress and jacket through an incredible new design tool": a digital printer the size of a large microwave. Inspired by artwork, the city of Tel Aviv, modernization and sustainability, she tells JNS that "you can print any structure. Your imagination is the only limit."

Likewise, Moran Porat, a jewelry designer based in Rishon Letzion, developed her style after being inspired by pieces that were inaccessible to her. "I couldn't buy royal jewelry, so I made my own," she says.

"They were right to say that necessity is the father of



Moran Porat displays some her Israel-style jewelry in Rishon Letzion. Photo: Eliana Rudee.

all great inventions," quips Reismann. "That's the spirit of the people in Israel. Even with a history of hard times, we continue because there is no other way. Innovation is in the DNA of our country."

'Doing something for my people'

Because of shared challenges, says Reismann, Israeli designers often reflect a kibbutz mentality and are more willing to work together rather than fear competition. They often mentor young designers, forgoing their desire for ego and power.

"Here, people are happy to share their time without asking for something back," Peleg says, agreeing with Reismann. "To create something new is enough to open their minds and hearts."

Much like a melting pot for culture, Reismann defines the industry in Israel as a "slow fashion movement" where, similar to slow cooking, everything is made in small batches, by hand, and with great attention to craft and detail. The recipe? It's a mix of traditional embroidery taught by Jewish grandmothers, with the manipulation of fabrics from the Arabic, Bedouin and Ethiopian populations, merged with a contemporary style that reflects the free spirit, imagination and

independent thinking of those who reside in Tel Aviv.

Nir Goeta, co-owner of the shop Hannah (Lilienblum Street 19, Tel Aviv), is motivated by this mix and focuses his work on traditional tailoring from Europe, fit to Israeli comfort and minimalism. Even his studio, set in a Bauhaus building that undisputedly represents the foundational architecture of Tel Aviv, inspires his work.

Reismann, too, pioneers a business that represents the intersection of the city and its character. "I feel that it brings my spirit higher doing something for



Nir Goeta holds up one of his pieces. Photo: Eliana Rudee.

my people," she says, proud that her work supports the local fashion industry and tells Israel's story.

After having them fill out a style questionnaire, visitors are taken on a customized tour of Tel Aviv, where Reismann winds through hidden alleyways and the studios of some of the 69 burgeoning designers with whom she works. "It's not just a shopping tour or a styling tour," she tells JNS. "It's good to bring a garment back home and discuss it over Friday-night dinner, but even if you don't, you go home as an ambassador for Israel with an even bigger treasure—the stories of the people."

As she explains, each designer has a narrative; each has a "personality, message and passion, and is fighting to survive. It gives clients a glimpse of life in Tel Aviv."

Although much of her clientele—primarily, American Jewish women—has been to Israel prior to her tours, Reismann gets to show them an Israel they've never seen. "You have to go off the beaten track to truly understand the rhythm of this country," she insists.



Designer Elisha Abargel with Galit Reismann, wearing one of his designs. Photo: Eliana Rudee.

Her message is one of "the liveliness of the Israeli people, telling unique stories of their dynamic country, creating together and reshaping [their] country through the fashion industry."

It is an empowering message, especially for Reismann, whose grandmother was able to survive Auschwitz because she could tailor clothes. It is a message not only of exploration of the human fabric of Israel, but of the Jewish people and the evolution of their homeland.

Tradition.

Legal Notice.

Making Space



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON, UK

Genesis 1-2 With this week's double parsha, with its long account of the construction of the sanctuary – one of the longest narratives in the Torah, taking a full 13 chapters – comes to a magnificent climax:

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the Sanctuary. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the Glory of the Lord filled the Sanctuary. (Ex. 40:34-35)

That is what the building of the sanctuary was about: how to bring God, as it were, from heaven to earth, or at least from the top of the mountain to down in the valley, from the remote God of awe-inspiring power to the Shekhinah, the indwelling Presence, God as shakhen, a neighbour, intimate, close, within the camp, in the midst of the people.

Yet for all this, we wonder why the Torah has to go on at such length in its details of the Mishkan, taking up the whole of Terumah and Tetzaveh, half of Ki Tissa, and then again Vayakhel and Pekudei. After all, the Mishkan was at best a temporary dwelling for the Shekhinah, suited to the years of wandering and wilderness. In Israel, it was superseded by the Temple. For two thousand years in the absence of a Temple its place was taken by the synagogue. Why, if the Torah is timeless, does it devote such space to what was essentially a time-bound structure?

The answer is deep and life-transforming, but to reach it we have to note some salient facts. First, the language the Torah uses in Pekudei is highly reminiscent of the language used in the narrative of the creation of the universe:

Genesis 1-2	Exodus 39-40
And God <i>saw</i> all that He had made and <i>behold</i> it was very good. (1:31)	Moses <i>saw</i> all the skilled work and <i>behold</i> they had done it; as God had commanded it they had done it. (39:43)

The heavens and earth and all their array were <i>completed</i> . (2:1)	All the work of the Tabernacle of the Tent of Meeting was <i>completed</i> . (39:32)
---	--

And God <i>completed</i> all the work that He had done. (2:2)	And Moses <i>completed</i> the work. (40:33)
And God <i>blessed</i> ... (2:3)	And Moses <i>blessed</i> ... (39:43)
And <i>sanctified</i> it. (2:3)	And you shall <i>sanctify</i> it and all its vessels. (40:9)

Clearly the Torah wants us to connect birth of the universe with the building of the Mishkan, but how and why?

The numerical structure of the two passages heightens the connection. We know that the key number of the creation narrative is seven. There are seven days, and the word "good" appears seven times. The first verse of the Torah contains seven Hebrew words, and the second, 14. The word *eretz*, "earth," appears 21 times, the word *Elokim*, "God," 35 times, and so on.

So too in Pekudei, the phrase "as the Lord commanded Moses" appears seven times in the account of the making of the priestly garments (Ex. 39:1-31), and another seven times in the description of Moses setting up the Sanctuary (Ex. 40:17-33).

Note also one tiny detail, the apparently odd and superfluous "And" at the very beginning of the book of Exodus: "And these are the names ..." The presence of this connective suggests that the

Torah is telling us to see Genesis and Exodus as inherently connected. They are part of the same extended narrative.

The final relevant fact is that one of the Torah's most significant stylistic devices is the chiasmus, or "mirror-image symmetry" – a pattern of the form ABCC1B1A1, as in "(A) He who sheds (B) the blood (C) of man, (C1) by man (B1) shall his blood (A1) be shed" (Gen. 9:6). This form can be the shape of a single sentence, as here, or a paragraph, but it can also exist at larger levels of magnitude.

What it means is that a narrative reaches a certain kind of closure when the end takes us back to the beginning – which is precisely what happens at the end of Exodus. It reminds us, quite precisely, of the beginning of all beginnings, when God created heaven and earth. The difference is that this time human beings have done the creating: the Israelites, with their gifts, the labour and their skills.



To put it simply: Genesis begins with God creating the universe as a home for humankind. Exodus ends with human beings, the Israelites, creating the Sanctuary as a home for God.

But the parallel goes far deeper than this – telling us about the very nature of the difference between *kodesh* and *chol*, sacred and secular, the holy and the mundane.

We owe to the great mystic, R. Isaac Luria, the concept of *tzimtzum*, "self-effacement" or "self-limitation." Luria was perplexed by the question: If God exists, how can the universe exist? At every point in time and space, the Infinite should crowd out the finite. The very existence of God should act as does a Black Hole to everything in its vicinity. Nothing, not even light waves, can escape a Black Hole, so overwhelming is its gravitational pull. Likewise, nothing physical or material should be able to survive for even a moment in the presence of the pure, absolute Being of God.

Luria's answer was that, in order for the universe to exist, God had to hide Himself, screen His presence, limit His Being. That is *tzimtzum*.

Now let us come back to the key words

kodesh and *chol*. One of the root meanings of *chol*, and the related root *ch-l-l*, is "empty." *Chol* is the space vacated by God through the process of self-limitation so that a physical universe can exist. It is, as it were, "emptied" of the pure Divine light.

Kodesh is the result of a parallel process in the opposite direction. It is the space vacated by us so that God's presence can be felt in our midst. It is the result of our own *tzimtzum*. We engage in self-limitation every time we set aside our devices and desires in order to act on the basis of God's will, not our own.

That is why the details of the Sanctuary are described at such length: to show that every feature of its design was not humanly invented but God-given. That is why the human equivalent of the word "good" in the Genesis creation account is "as the Lord commanded Moses." When we nullify our will to do God's will, we create something that is holy.

To put it simply: *chol* is the space God makes for humankind. *Kodesh* is the space humankind makes for God. And both spaces are created the same way: by an act of *tzimtzum*, self-effacement.

So the making of the Sanctuary that takes up the last third of the book of Exodus is not just about a specific construction, the portable shrine that the Israelites took with them on journey through the wilderness. It is about an absolutely fundamental feature of the religious life, namely the relationship between the sacred and the secular, *kodesh* and *chol*. *Chol* is the space God makes for us. *Kodesh* is the space we make for God.

So, for six days a week – the days that are *chol* – God makes space for us to be creative. On the seventh day, the day that is *Kadosh*, we make space for God by acknowledging that we are His creations. And what applies in time applies also in space. There are secular places where we pursue our own purposes. And there are holy places where we open ourselves, fully and without reserve, to God's purposes.

If this is so, we have before us an idea with life-transforming implications. The highest achievement is not self-expression but self-limitation: making space for something other and different from us. The happiest marriages are those in which each spouse makes space for the other to be his or her-self. Great parents make space for their children. Great leaders make space for their followers. Great teachers make space for their pupils. They are there when needed, but they don't crush or inhibit or try to dominate. They practice *tzimtzum*, self-limitation, so that others have the space to grow. That is how God created the universe, and it is how we allow others to fill our lives with their glory.

LEGAL NOTICE

Continued from Page A10

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

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: KULTURED KIDZ INTERNATIONAL,LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/22/2018 Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon Whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Ruth Buntin 1232 E. 99th St, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

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

Actress Mayim Bialik Invites Comedian Tiffany Haddish for Passover After Discovering Her Jewish Roots

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Jewish actress and "Big Bang Theory" star Mayim Bialik invited comedian Tiffany Haddish to her home for the upcoming holiday of Passover after learning about the comic's Jewish heritage.

"Hey @TiffanyHaddish, you're totally invited to my house for Passover!" Bialik posted on Twitter on Monday, along with a link to an article about a recent TV appearance Haddish did, in which she talked about being Jewish.

During a segment on the Comedy Central show "Drunk History" that aired in January, the "Girls Trip" star talked about her father, Tsihay Reda Haddish, who was Jewish and born in Eritrea,



Mayim Bialik. Photo: Twitter.

a country in East Africa that shares a border with Ethiopia. She revealed that she took a trip in January to visit her late father's hometown and pay her last respects to him, according to The Jerusalem Post.

Haddish said in the past that her father came to the US as a refugee and was later deported when she was a small child. She added in a radio interview last summer that when she was a teenager her grandmother told her her father was Jewish. Haddish's grandmother also explained to her what bar mitzvahs were and the comedian said she started working bar mitzvah parties as an entertainer, "and I thought maybe I would do a bar mitzvah and I'll see my dad."

Haddish had no contact with her father for decades but her now ex-husband tracked him down and they reconnected for her wedding. The Jerusalem Post reported. The father and daughter had an on-and-off relationship until he died last year.

Haddish has not yet responded to Bialik's Passover invitation.