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Absurd: Syrian Regime to Chair UN Conference on Disarmament



Children in the Syrian town of Douma, following a toxic gas attack, April 7, 2018. Photo: White Helmets via Reuters.

BY BEN COHEN

The Syrian regime is to preside over a UN conference on disarmament next month, despite its consistent use of chemical weapons during a seven-year-old civil war — most recently on Saturday, when at least 42 people, including many children, were killed in a suspected toxic gas attack on the town of Douma that left many victims struggling to

breathe and foaming at the mouth.

The Geneva-based NGO UN Watch said on Monday that it was calling on ambassadors from the US, the EU and other democracies to walk out of the UN's Conference on Disarmament in Geneva during the four weeks when the Syrian regime's envoy, Hussam Edin Aala, serves as president of the conference.

"Having the Syrian regime of Bashar al-Assad preside over

global chemical and nuclear weapons disarmament will be like putting a serial rapist in charge of a women's shelter," Hillel Neuer — executive director of UN Watch — declared in a statement.

Neuer said his organization was urging the UN "to understand that at a time when Syria is gassing its own men, women, and children to death, to see Syria heading the world body that is supposed to

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As Trump Meets With Emir, Jewish Groups Emphasize Qatar's Support for Hamas

BY BEN COHEN

As US President Donald Trump hosted Qatar's Emir Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani at the White House on Tuesday, American Jewish leaders cautioned that any warming of relations between Washington, DC and Doha should not overlook the emirate's ongoing financial support for Palestinian terrorism, along with its promotion of virulently anti-Israel and antisemitic propaganda.

"The President should hold Qatar accountable for the destabilizing role it is currently playing in the Middle East,"



A Hamas military drill in the Gaza Strip in March 2018. Photo: Reuters/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

Betty Ehrenberg, the Executive Director of World Jewish Congress's North American section, told The Algemeiner.

Ehrenberg highlighted the role played by the Qatari broadcaster, Al Jazeera, in "providing platforms to those who justify terrorist attacks against Israelis and American soldiers." A similar concern was expressed by David Weinberg — the Anti-Defamation League's Washington Representative for International Affairs — who pointed out that Qatar's "state TV and state-controlled Grand Mosque

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Opinion.

The Lie of Palestinian 'Refugees'



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As Israel approaches its 70th anniversary of independence, the time has come to finally resolve the Palestinian refugee problem. By that, I mean the real one — and not the fake news incessantly circulated by Palestinians, their left-wing allies and UNRWA (the organization that nourishes itself on the ever-growing population of invented refugees.)

UNRWA — the United Nations Relief and Works Administration — was established in 1949 for the worthy cause of assisting Palestinian refugees dislocated due to a war that was initiated by Arab states against Israel.

UNRWA's dependents were defined as "persons whose regular place of residence was Palestine during the period from 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict" waged by Arab states to annihilate Israel. The largest UN agency, UNRWA is now an employment organization for a staff of 30,000 — the overwhelming majority of whom are Palestinians. Between 2010-2016, the United States was the organization's most generous benefactor, providing upwards of \$3 million annually — before finally recognizing the scam and cutting its monthly contributions in half.

The underlying narrative for this unprecedented generosity is clearly articulated by The Palestinian Right to Return Coalition:

"Zionist policy sought to create an exclusive homeland for Jews in Palestine," already inhabited by "an indigenous population with a history stretching back thousands of years"[sic]. Jewish "terrorist groups ... destroyed villages and slaughtered entire Palestinian families" in pursuit of their aim "to annihilate the Palestinian population." Committed to a "systematic policy of ethnic dispossession and elimination," Israel "forcibly evicted 737,166 Palestinians from their homes and land."

Consequently — and preposterously — the Coalition claims that there are "about 7.2 million Palestinian refugees worldwide." As they inevitably grow in number with the birth of (non-refugee) babies to (non-refugee) families, their inflated numbers can only increase over time.

The problem with this plaintive narrative of perpetual suffering (based on inexorable refugee inflation) is that it is blatant falsity. Yet, this myth has managed to attract devoted adherents.

Take, for example, *The New York Times*. Its first editorial on the plight of Palestinian refugees (11/9/52) cited 850,000. Two years later, Cyrus Sulzberger, the publisher's nephew, referred to 900,000 (1/31/55). The number subsequently peaked at 925,000 (4/2/57). Along the way, the *Times*' mantra of "All the News That's Fit to Print," was trans-

formed into all the news that fit the *Times*' narrative of Israeli blame for Palestinian suffering. Long opposed to the very idea of Jewish statehood, the *Times* had — and occasionally still has — trouble coping with the reality of Israel as the only flourishing democracy in the Middle East.

As for the actual number of Palestinian refugees from the war forced on Israel by its Arab neighbors, the most reliable source is historian Efraim Karsh's *Palestine Betrayed* (2010). Extensively researched in British and Israeli archives, Karsh concluded that actual Palestinian refugees numbered between 583,000-609,000. Anyone can trace the sorrowful town-by-town Palestinian exodus of 1947-48 that he meticulously documented.

Had Palestinian leaders been willing to accept the November 1947 United Nations resolution calling for the partition of Palestine into two independent states — one Jewish and one Arab — Palestinian refugees could have returned to their own sovereign state — in Palestine. It would have ended the conflict.

As future Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meirson (Meir) told Israeli celebrants: "Our hands are extended in peace to our neighbors.



Palestinian students raise their hands in an UNRWA-run school. Photo: UN / Shareef Sarhan.

Both states can live in peace with one another and cooperate for the welfare of their inhabitants." Instead, the Arab High Committee, led by Haj Amin al-Husseini, chose war. Palestinian displacement was the consequence.

Fast forward seven decades. It is estimated that 99% of UNRWA's currently designated Palestinian "refugees" are, in fact, only descendants of actual refugees. That leaves some 30,000 as bona-fide refugees — the same number of people that UNRWA employs. It is well past time for the United States (and even *The New York Times*) to dissociate itself from the world's longest swindle.

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On Zionism, Progressives Take a Page Out of the Socialist Playbook



BEN COHEN/JNS.ORG
NEW YORK

There is a tragic account of the last moments of Grigori Zinoviev, the veteran Russian Bolshevik leader of Jewish descent who was executed by Stalin in 1936. According to the historian Donald Rayfield, on the journey from his prison cell to the execution cellar, the broken Zinoviev "clung to the boots of his guards and was taken down by stretcher."

"This scene," Rayfield continues in his book on Stalin's crimes, "was re-enacted several times at supper at Stalin's *dacha*, the bodyguard Karl Pauker playing the part of Zinoviev — begging for Stalin to be fetched and then crying out, 'Hear, O Israel' — until even Stalin found the charade distasteful."

The image of a Jew desperately mumbling the *Shema* as he prepares to meet his executioner certainly inspires pity, even a Jew like Zinoviev, who spent his entire career building a totalitarian state apparatus that crushed the Soviet Jewish community while at the same time proclaiming antisemitism to be the enemy of the workers.

But more than any of this, embedded in this story are deeper lessons about the relationship between Jews and the left that warrant closer attention — irrespective of whether you are someone convinced that the left can be rescued from its present, destruc-

tive obsession with a caricature of Zionism, or whether you believe that this same caricature is hard-wired into the left's worldview.

At the heart of the spectacle in Stalin's *dacha* was contempt — not just for Zinoviev as a supposed "traitor," but also as the embodiment of the feeble, ingratiating Jew who will say or do anything to preserve himself. This antisemitic stereotype long predated the period of Communist rule, of course, but its persistence was entirely in keeping with a revolutionary program that regarded any expression of Jewish identity — whether religious, secular, cultural or national — as "counter-revolutionary."

That is essentially why the Jewish encounter with socialism in most of its forms has been a disaster. In Russia and Eastern Europe more widely, this was true under Lenin, when a special Jewish section of the Communist Party was created for the express purpose of shutting down separate Jewish institutions; and it was true under Stalin and his successors, whose discriminatory campaigns in the name of "anti-Zionism" terrorized Jews — whether or not they were members of the Communist

Party — across Russia, as well as in Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Poland and other Warsaw Pact countries.

In the West, while many centrist social democrats have been among the greatest friends of Israel and the Jewish people, the remainder of the left largely incorporated ideological hostilities reminiscent of the Soviet regime. When the "New Left" emerged in the 1960s, its libertarian suspicions of the repressive Soviet society didn't prevent the adoption of a demonized view of Zionism straight out of the Soviet playbook; some of the movement's graduates (in Germany, ironically) were even recruited by Palestinian terrorist groups to organize attacks on Jewish and Israeli targets. Meanwhile, in this century, the moderate centrist left, with some honorable exceptions, has been at best passive in the face of a virulent, Soviet-style campaign against "Zionism" that has involved boycotts, harassment and occasional violence not against the Israeli military or government, but directed at ordinary Jews in Western Europe, South Africa and North America.

This recent past matters because the present figureheads of the left are either in denial about it or, in some cases, actually complicit in it. In the United States, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders has spoken out against the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign, but he has never questioned whether a political movement whose core goal is to return Jews to the situation they faced in 1945 should be considered "progressive" in the first place. In France, the leader of the populist left, Jean-Luc



The Israeli flag at Jerusalem's Western Wall. Photo: Hynek Moravec via Wikimedia Commons.

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World News.

Hamas Reportedly Training Fighters to Kidnap IDF Soldiers

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Amid heightened tensions on the Israel-Gaza border, the Hamas terrorist group is openly training its fighters to take over Israeli military posts, infiltrate border communities and kidnap IDF soldiers, the Hebrew news site *Walla* reported on Tuesday.

The IDF, according to *Walla*, is busily preparing for further Hamas-organized disturbances on the border in coming weeks, including this Friday. The past two Fridays have seen violent encounters on the border between Israeli troops and Palestinian rioters.

Hamas, the IDF believes, could use such clashes as cover to launch cross-border attacks.

Many of the several dozen rioters killed in recent weeks were members of terrorist organizations.

Based on social media monitoring, the IDF believes the main focus of rioters this Friday will be to hurl Molotov cocktails into Israeli territory. This has raised the concern that wheat fields on the Israeli side of the border fence could be set ablaze.

To prevent this, the IDF plans to use force to keep rioters out of throwing range of the border fence.

Syrian Businessman: Help From Israel Drops It to Nation's No. 10 Enemy

BY JNS.org

Syrian businessman Ghassan Aboud, founder of the Syrian opposition Orient TV channel and the Orient for Human Relief Organization, said his organization had held discussions with Israeli government officials, as well as with Israelis working for humanitarian organizations in an effort to provide aid

for the people of southern Syria.

"I have seen more compassion in [my Jewish neighbors in Antwerp] than in many Syrians we used to consider our brothers, and who are now bombing us with planes, missiles and tanks," said Aboud.

"Israel is still on the list" of enemies, but has "dropped to number 10," he said in the interview, which aired on Orient TV on March 18.

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have broadcast Friday sermons this past year telling Muslims that Jews are 'your deceitful, lying, treacherous, fornicating, intransigent enemy,' and claiming that Jews are 'dangerous,' 'defiling' the Temple Mount, and aided by Satan."

Weinberg also noted that several Sunni extremist preachers continue to deliver sermons at the mosque in Qatar's "Educa-

tion City," a development funded by the government's semi-official Qatar Foundation housing the six American universities – Virginia Commonwealth, Cornell, Georgetown, Northwestern, Carnegie Mellon, and Texas A&M – with campuses in the emirate.

Among the group was Saudi preacher Tareq al-Hawas, who implored God in one sermon to "kill the Zionists completely," as

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Melenchon, is an enthusiastic advocate of boycotting Israel, declaring last week that the French Jewish leadership is composed of unpatriotic "communalists." In Britain, Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn on one day offers an assurance that antisemitism has no place in a party that has recorded more than 300 internal antisemitic incidents since 2015; the next, he attends a Passover Seder organized by a radical Jewish group that proudly excludes any Jews with basic sympathies for Israel (i.e., most of them) from its events.

At that same Seder, a modified *Haggadah* invited guests to pause and "consider how s**t the State of Israel is." Such puerile obscenities

are, sadly, the price of being accepted as a Jew on the far left. But as relevant history demonstrates, that's not an aberration of our own time, but entirely consistent with the established patterns of the past.

As comforting as it may be for many Jews to observe the rhetorical and thematic overlaps between biblical prophets and modern-day socialists, the bald truth is that the revolutionaries themselves never saw it that way. Nor, it would seem, do their inheritors.

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Chemical Weapons

protect these victims will simply shock the conscience of humanity."

Established in 1979, the Conference on Disarmament meets annually in Geneva for three separate sessions that each last several weeks. While the conference is not formally a part of the UN's institutional architecture,

the post of secretary-general is held by a senior UN official— currently Michael Møller, a veteran Danish diplomat.

Key treaties regarding the use of weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) — including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the prohibitions on the use of chemical and biological weapons — have been negotiated through the conference and its predecessor organiza-

Poland's Deputy PM Calls for Prosecution of Former Political Ally



Polish businessman and former 'Poland Together' leader Kazimierz Plotkowski. Photo: File.

BY BEN COHEN

The deputy prime minister of Poland, Jarosław Gowin, has called for the prosecution of a former political ally whose viciously antisemitic tweet was exposed by *The Algemeiner* on Sunday.

Gowin called for criminal proceedings to be launched against Kazimierz Plotkowski — a former regional leader of the Poland Together Party launched by the deputy prime minister in 2013 — over a tweet last Wednesday that declared "The Jews are not humans, they are animals!"

"Plotkowski's comments about Jews deserve not only the highest moral condemnation," Gowin said on Twitter. "I am counting on the prosecutor's office to launch criminal proceedings."

Gowin cited Article 257 of the Polish Constitution as the basis for a potential prosecution. Adopted in 1997, the article states that any person who "publicly insults a group within the population or a particular person because of his (sic) national, ethnic, race or religious affiliation" faces a maximum prison sentence of three years.

In the same tweet, Gowin said that had been "informed" that Plotkowski — a former chairman of Poland Together in the southern region of Silesia — was expelled from the

party two years ago. On his personal website, Plotkowski says that from March 2015, he worked under Gowin's supervision on mining and energy issues, adding that there was a subsequent "falling out" that resulted in his resignation in 2016.

Plotkowski issued his tweet — since deleted — in response to an announcement from the museum at the Auschwitz concentration camp that it was replacing a small exhibition about a group of Poles executed by the Nazis in 1943 with another about the resistance movement in the camp. A spokesperson for the museum told the *PAP* Polish news agency that the new exhibit would show the central role played by Polish inmates in building the resistance inside the main slave labor and extermination center built by the Nazis during the German occupation of Poland in World War II.

The scandal over Plotkowski's tweet comes amid renewed concern among Jewish organizations about rising in antisemitism in Poland. Antisemitic outbursts in the media and among politicians have significantly increased since the passage in February of the widely-criticized IPN Act, which criminalizes public discussion of Polish collaboration with the Nazi authorities.

tions. Currently, 65 states are full members of the conference, including the US and Israel.

Syria is scheduled to preside over the conference during its second session, from May 28 until June 24.

Syria's regional rival, Turkey, will meanwhile preside over the final session of the conference beginning in August — despite accusations from human rights groups and others of war crimes, including the use of chemical weapons, committed by Turkish forces during their recent assault on the Kurdish-held Afrin district in northern Syria.

While the Syrian presidency of the conference is due to the automatic rotation of member states, Neuer argued that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was nonetheless obliged to speak out "when a UN committee makes obscene decisions which only cast a shadow on the reputation of the UN as a whole."

Neuer said that Syria's presidency of the conference would likely be "exploited by Syrian propaganda, as they have done after

other UN elections, to legitimize [President Bashar] al-Assad's cruel regime."

The controversy over Syria's role comes amid expressions of strong concern from senior UN officials at the conference's general lack of achievement since a landmark treaty in 1996.

"The Conference on Disarmament has been deadlocked since the agreement on the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, more than two decades ago," Miroslav Lajčák, the President of the UN General Assembly, remarked in February. "We have to address this reality."

Away from the UN's deliberations, a prominent Israeli military analyst said on Monday that Israel's reported strike on an Assad regime air base in central Syria early Monday had sent "a moral message that using chemical weapons is not acceptable."

Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Yadlin — a former IDF intelligence chief who now serves as executive director of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) — added that it was important "that Israel make its voice heard" in opposing the use of chemical weapons.

World News.



The Sea of Galilee. Photo: Staselnik via Wikimedia Commons.

Israel to Offset Five-Year Drought With Two New Desalination Plants

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's Ministry of Energy and Water announced Monday that two new desalination plants will be built to offset the deficits of an extended five-year drought that has left Israel's sensitive water sources at their lowest levels in nearly a hundred years.

Currently Israel has five active desalination plants, built over the last 13 years, to extract water suitable for drinking from the Mediterranean Sea, and distribute the desalinated water through Israel's national water carrier.

Each facility is expected to cost approxi-

mately \$400 million.

The plan will include the expansion of pipelines for use in agriculture, and is intended to help Israel to rehabilitate dried-up rivers. The plans may include pumping fresh water into Israel's primary source for drinking water, the Kinneret—also known as the Sea of Galilee—which has continued to suffer receding levels.

The Kinneret is also the primary feeder of Israel's Jordan River, which runs south to the Dead Sea and is another body of water suffering severe ecological damage due to receding water levels.

Irish Students, Teachers Endorse Boycott Campaign Against Israelis

BY SHIRI MOSHE

The Union of Students in Ireland voted last Thursday to join the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, shortly after the country's largest teachers' union expressed support for the movement.

The student body—which represents 374,000 members in universities in Ireland and Northern Ireland—passed the motion at its annual congress in Galway, with some 250 students voting.

The measure called on USI to support an academic boycott of Israeli higher education institutions, mark Palestine Solidarity Day, and teach its members about “the background to the situation in Israel/Palestine.”

It also urged the termination of university contracts with, and divestment of funds from, companies accused of complicity in “the occupation of the Palestinian territories and violation of Palestinian human rights more widely.”

“The students of Ireland have today made the historic decision to support the people of Palestine,” USI President Michael Kerrigan said.

A day earlier, the Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) unanimously passed a resolution at its own annual congress, which noted “with concern the reported human rights abuses perpetrated on a daily basis against Palestinian school children.”

The motion—the only one of its kind focused on international affairs—committed the INTO to “fully support and promote” the “position on Palestine” advocated by the Irish Congress of Trade Unions, which has explicitly backed BDS. It also called for the group to “explore ways to further develop solidarity with Palestinian schools, teachers and trade unions.”

Late last month, Trinity College Dublin's

Students' Union voted to adopt a long-term policy endorsing the BDS campaign. At the time, a student at the school who opposed the motion shared pictures of anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli graffiti he found on campus, some of which included Holocaust denial and targeted an Israeli professor by name.

“Pro-Palestine sentiment is extremely common among the Socialist far-left in Ireland,” the student told *The Algemeiner*. “These movements see a resemblance between an occupation of Ireland under Britain with what they perceive as an occupation of Palestine by an [alien government].”

In January, the Irish Senate postponed voting on a bill that seeks to criminalize trade with Israeli settlements, following opposition from Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Israel said it considered the legislation a BDS initiative, which Ireland's ambassador to Israel denied.

The BDS campaign wants to isolate Israel until it accedes to a number of Palestinian demands. Supporters say their activism seeks to pressure Israel to comply with international law, while opponents argue it aims to destroy the Jewish state. BDS co-founder Omar Barghouti has in the past acknowledged that by supporting the Palestinian “right of return,” the movement seeks to “end Israel's existence as a Jewish state.”



Members of the Union of Students in Ireland vote to support BDS campaign against Israel. Photo: USI.

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We have celebrated the festival of matzos once again and, thanks to Beth Shifra, and its generous contributors and dedicated staff, hundreds of people, who otherwise would have had no Seder and no holiday, have great Pesach memories – some for the first time in their lives. Since 1970, Beth Shifra, a Brooklyn-based organization, has made it its mission to help those of the New York Jewish community who need help the most: poor people (and there are many), new immigrants, elderly people, shut-ins and just plain, ordinary people who otherwise might have little or no connection to Yiddishkeit.

"It was absolutely unbelievable," marveled Rabbi Chaim Prussman, who founded the organization over 45 years ago and who has led it ever since. "We were able to serve hot meals and give food packages to every person that came. Everyone was served with a smile, and at no cost to them. We turned away no one!" A great many people showed up for the Seders each night at Beth Shifra's Pesach headquarters, 2102 Ave T, Brooklyn.

Rabbi Prussman said a long list of people deserve a lot of recognition for making Beth Shifra's Pesach 2018 as successful as it was. Certainly, right near the top of the list is the management of the White Shul. "Rabbi Sroya-Sorscher and Rabbi Mordechai Sorscher and his congregants get a big yasherkoach," said Rabbi Prussman. We also thank the lecturers: Rav Berkstein, Rabbi Sroya Sorscher and Rabbi Mordechai Sorscher who enlightened our participants with their inspiring insights. We are grateful to the Jewish Press, Faigyat *the Algemeiner*, Zev Brenner for helping to publicize our work. We also want to thank those who helped package and distribute packages. The Sorscher family helped tremendously in making it the best Pesach ever! They were there for us from the beginning. Shai Auerbach was our right-hand-man from beginning to end and most importantly his advice gave us the tools to make Pesach 5778 a success. Thank you to Assemblyman-Dov Hikind and his office staff as well as the Rabbinical Alliance of America under the auspices of Rabbi Mircoznic. We also want to thank our suppliers: Manischewitz, Kedem Wines, Kerekes/Bakedeco, Tumid Express, Streit's Matzah Co, The Brandsdorfer Family, Rabbi Goldstein, BaTempte, Redi Record, RiteLite Toys, Shuey's Take Out Grill -3006 Ave K (718-513-6565), Quality Frozen Foods, Paperific on 38th, and Met Council.

The preparations were complicated, but with everyone pulling together, the job got done. With Rabbis Sroya and Mordechai Sorscher, everything was so clean, and every inch of the refrigerator and the ovens were immaculate.

Once the kitchen was prepared, the fridges and freezer delivered, silverware, prizes and pallets of food in place, the process started taking shape. The cook started and worked until he finished the amount needed. The bagging of the food parcels took from morning till night. Many people came to the sederim, which were standing room only. The week of cholhamoed also saw a huge turnout, with activities for children, adults and singles.

We hosted a special children's program, enlightening shiurim and a Jewish singles program. The participants came from near and far and enjoyed a welcoming meal and music, and were given boxes of matzah, grape juice, macaroons, vegetables, pesach toys and other treats for the holiday.

While the kitchen at the White Shul was being kashered and food and wine were being brought in to prepare for the holiday, other preparations were under way as well. A major task was getting the word out to New York's large, diverse Jewish community that there was a place where they could come and eat during the holiday – and it wouldn't cost them a dime. Rabbi Prussman sent out notices and paid advertisements about the upcoming Seders and food distribution in Russian, Yiddish and English newspapers. Editor Ari Kagan from the Russian-language newspaper covered the Russian front and had it sent to a number of other Russian papers. The four Yiddish newspapers that sent out advertisements were: Rabbi and Rebbitzin Friedman's paper, *The Tzeitung*, *Der Yid*, *The Blatt* and the *Algemeiner Journal*. The five English newspapers that got the word out were: *TVVues* (Mr. Allen Hirsch a long-time friend), *The Connections*, *Jewish Press*, *Twenties* and *Thirties* and *Hamodia*. The printing companies that helped us get the word out are *Expressway Printing*, *Colonial Records*, *Kuppy* and staff, *Star Direct* mailing helped us publicize. Zev Brenner's radio show made announcements.

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The week of chol hamoed Pesach

U.S. News.

With Anti-Israel Resolutions, UNESCO 'Fiddling in the Chamber While the Middle East Burns,'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An official with a prominent US-based Jewish human rights group has criticized UNESCO over two anti-Israel resolutions set to be discussed on Wednesday by the global cultural body's Executive Board.

"While ignoring the current poison gas attacks and constant massacres in neighboring Syria, the Turkish flagrant aggression on Syrian Kurds, Russian murderous attacks on Syrian civilians and the terror-training of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard and Hezbollah threatened upon Israel, UNESCO serves as an alternative reality — fiddling in the chamber while the Middle East burns," Dr. Shimon Samuels, director of international relations for the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC), said on Tuesday.

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well as Omar Abdelkafi, an Egyptian who described the January 2015 terrorist attacks in Paris as "the sequel to the comedy film of 9/11," and Mohammed al-Arefe — another Saudi — who explained that the "will to shed blood, smash skulls, and chop off body parts...constitute an honor for the believer."

The rabbi who delivered the blessing at Trump's inauguration in January 2017 called on the President to remember that "Qatar has supported and hosted Hamas and its leaders, whose raison d'être is nothing less than the destruction of Israel and western civilization."

Trump "should reject the Qatari argument that they are supporting the Palestinians, when in fact their assistance enables Hamas leaders to dig tunnels, stockpile rockets, and place millions of women and children in harm's way," Rabbi Marvin Hier — the Dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center — told The Algemeiner.

"The time has come for Qatar to end its dance on both sides of the aisle and to make a decision," Hier continued. "Schools and hospitals or tunnels and rockets."

The ADL's Weinberg criticized Qatar's broader record of support for terrorist groups alongside Hamas. "Qatar's newly updated public list of banned terrorist entities is so inadequate that it doesn't even include al-Qaeda or most of ISIS," he observed. Over the last decade, these groups — as well as others including the Muslim Brotherhood, the Taliban and Jabhat al-Nusra — have received billions of dollars in funding from Qatari sources.

Weinberg argued that Qatar should "face consequences for its continued championing of Hamas, whose genocidal intentions are all too clear."

"There's no excuse for a US-allied government like Qatar sponsoring Jew-hatred," Weinberg emphasized.

The WJC's Ehrenberg added that the US should insist that Qatar use its influence with Hamas to secure the return of Israeli hostages currently held captive by the terrorist group in Gaza — a prospect dangled in September 2017 by US-based lobbyists for Qatar, tasked with improving the emirate's image among American Jews, that remains unfulfilled.

"President Trump should demand that Qatar prevail upon Hamas to return the Israeli MIAs they are holding hostage," Ehrenberg said. "Namely Avera Mengistu, a disabled Ethiopian Israeli they have been holding for three years with no word to Israel or to his parents, and the bodies of Hadar Goldin and Oron Shaul, who were kidnapped and brutally murdered by Hamas during a declared ceasefire in the 2014 war with Gaza."

One of the handful of American Jewish leaders to have traveled to Qatar as part of the emirate's outreach effort agreed that Qatar needed to "do much more" to end its support for terrorism and antisemitic incitement.

Morton Klein — President of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) — nonetheless praised the emirate for having "taken some important steps in the right direction." Specifically, Klein cited the removal of antisemitic titles from the Doha Book Fair and the apparent cancellation by Al Jazeera of a purported TV exposé of the "American Jewish lobby" that was due to have been shown in April.

In a statement on Tuesday, Klein additionally spoke of "an encouraging step this week," in the form of ex-Qatari Prime Minister Hamad bin Jassim bin Jaber Al Thani's tweet that "Israelis have a right to live in their land in peace and safety."

"Former PM Hamad Al Thani wrote this in Arabic, which added to its significance," Klein said. "ZOA hopes the Emir and other Qatari officials will also acknowledge and publicly

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The resolutions referred to by Samuels are agenda items 25 and 26 — titled "Occupied Palestine" and "Educational and Cultural Institutions in the Occupied Arab Territories."

Last week, Israel's UNESCO ambassador, Carmel Shama Hacoen, lambasted agenda item 25 — submitted by Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Qatar and Sudan — as "the most extreme and problematic text" ever considered by the body.

"Article 2 [of the resolution] brings through the backdoor all conceivable anti-Israel prior resolutions," Samuels explained on Tuesday. "Article 4 on 'Occupied Palestine' endorses within this construct the Palestinization of Jerusalem, THE TWO PALESTINIAN SITES IN AL-KHALIL/Hebron and Bethlehem — an oblique de-judaization of the Cave of the Patriarchs and Rachel's Tomb."

Samuels added, however, that there was

"perhaps a flicker of light in the darkness, those frustrated diplomats, predominantly from Latin America and the very few WEOG (Western European and Others Group) states, who, in the corridors, cajole their peers, their capitals and the UNESCO Secretariat to simply place the 'Occupied Palestine' resolutions at the bottom of the pile, thereby postponing the debate until the next session in October."

"Annoyance at Palestinian fast-track[ing], monopolization and time-wasting, may one day — irregardless of Israel — bring back UNESCO to the important agenda for which it was created," Samuels noted.

Last year, the US and Israel announced they would withdraw from UNESCO over its longstanding bias against the Jewish state. Those decisions will not take effect until later this year.

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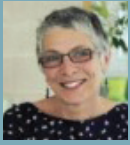
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Opinion.

The Labour Party's Antisemitism Didn't Arise Out of the Blue



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It's been more than two weeks into the great controversy in Britain over Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and antisemitism, and one thing is becoming clear: Everyone is ignoring the elephant in the room.

The revelations of widespread antisemitism in the party have plunged it into an existential crisis. And moderate Labour members opposed to Corbyn — a hard-left friend to Hamas and essentially all left-wing revolutionary causes — are aghast.

Yet few grasp the real nature of this crisis, which extends far beyond the British Labour Party. And that's because few on the left are prepared to acknowledge the principal motivation behind today's antisemitism.

The bare details are bad enough: Corbyn has been exposed as belonging to at least five Facebook groups that are cesspools of antisemitism. Members of those groups have claimed that the Jews were behind ISIS and 9/11, the Rothschilds control the world's finances, and various other such paranoid theories.

In response to these revelations, two Jewish Labour members of a north London borough council resigned, saying that overwhelming antisemitic abuse has made it impossible to be a Jewish Labour councillor.

Horrified Labour moderates say that the party should expel antisemites and embark on an education program, but none of this would address the problem. These moderates have only just woken up to something that's

been poisoning left-wing discourse for at least three decades. Yet still, they don't get it. Still, they won't ask the key question: What in left-wing thinking has given rise to this obscenity?

They are behaving as if this antisemitism has arrived like a thunderbolt out of a clear blue sky. They just cannot understand how thousands of supposedly anti-racist Labour supporters are embracing deranged Jewish conspiracy theories. And that's because they cannot admit that this derangement arises directly from the left's attitude toward Israel — an attitude shared by Labour moderates as well as the hard left. They can't see that their "criticism" of Israel is in fact an obsessional repudiation of reason and an embrace of murderous, colonialist propaganda.

The view of Israel predominant among "progressives" is based largely on libelous falsehoods used against no other people, country, or cause. They turn the Israeli victim into the aggressor and vice versa. They hold Israel to standards expected of no one else. They deny or ignore evidence that it actually meets those standards — as in the Israel Defense Forces' unmatched record in safeguarding civilian lives — and accuse it instead of being a serial violator of human rights.

Above all, they support Palestinianism on the basis of the big lie that the "Palestinians" were dispossessed by the Jews. So these "progressives" relentlessly make the unhinged claim that the Jewish state is a uniquely malign global actor and then are shocked that some of them make the unhinged claim that the Jews are uniquely malign global actors.

They demand that those who support Holocaust denial be expelled. Yet these shocked souls themselves support as a "moderate" Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas, who has a doctorate in

Holocaust denial, explicitly venerates the wartime Palestinian Nazi-ally Haj Amin al Husseini, and uses his media outlets to transmit Nazi-style demonization of the Jews.

In my view, supporting Palestinianism, the default position on the left, is inescapably to be anti-Jew. This has been amplified by the extent to which anti-Western views have spread from the far-left to the political mainstream. It is now generally agreed by the entire political class that the young have a point in their rage against capitalism. But some of these young protesters talk in terms of a global conspiracy by powerful bankers. And these are code words for Jews.

There has been horror at a recent opinion poll that showed most Labour members remain solidly behind Corbyn and think the antisemitism crisis has been exaggerated. What on earth did anyone expect after decades of indoctrination by an education system pumping out a Marxist view of the world, which tells the young that the West is mired in racism and oppression?

The left believes it embodies virtue and thus simply cannot be antisemitic. It thinks antisemitism, however, is directed only at Jews as people. Hence its shock at the Labour supporters' tropes. What the left cannot grasp is that the new antisemitism uses almost identical tropes against Israel, the collective Jew.

British Jews themselves are unfortunately far too nervous to make this link with anti-Israelism. At the demonstration against antisemitism held last month outside Parliament, for example, the organizers didn't allow any Israeli flags. Failure to make this crucial link is providing Corbyn and other facilitators of antisemitism with a human shield.

Last Monday, Corbyn attended a Passover seder held by the virulently anti-



UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn outside his London home. Photo: Reuters/Toby Melville.

Israel Jewish group Jewdas. The Times more accurately referred to this event as a "far-left Passover satire."

Jewdas had previously tweeted: "Israel is itself a steaming pile of sewage which needs to be properly disposed of." At its seder, Corbyn read a short prayer titled "Elijah's Cup," which ended, "Fill this cup with the hope that socialism and revolution will be upon us soon."

Charlotte Nichols, Young Labour's Women's Officer and a member of a Reform synagogue, who took part in the seder, says that Jewdas has been "steadfast in addressing antisemitism on the left" and "all of us are proud of our Judaism, whatever we understand that to mean."

Alas, such Jews on the left understand Judaism to mean hatred of Israel. Given this twisted attitude, they cannot begin to understand the part they themselves are playing in fomenting the antisemitism they tell themselves they are addressing. And that is a tragic and terrible threat to the Jewish people.

Labour will never rid itself of antisemitism while it supports Palestinianism. The choice it faces is said to be between Corbyn and the Jews. In fact, in my view, the choice is between Palestinianism and the Jews.

That's a choice facing not just the British Labour Party, but Western progressives, including progressive Jews, everywhere.

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Why the Iran Nuclear Deal Is a Sham



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President Donald Trump is considering whether to pull out of the nuclear deal signed with Iran by his predecessor Barack Obama. The agreement's supporters are painting apocalyptic scenarios of Iran resuming its nuclear program and the US going to war to stop this. Simultaneously, they claim that the deal cut off all avenues to an Iranian bomb and that the Iranians are complying with their obligations.

But those insisting that Trump adhere to what the president has called the "worst deal ever" are lying.

And how do we know the deal's supporters are lying when they claim that Iran is complying with the agreement and has abandoned its nuclear program? To answer that question, ask yourself this: If Iran was working on a bomb, where would the project be undertaken?

The answer is in a secret location and/or a military installation. By definition, inspectors do not know if Iran has any clandestine

labs, so no one can assure us that nuclear research and development is not currently being conducted.

According to Israeli sources, within a few months of signing the nuclear deal, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) was given information regarding sites that Iran had not reported as part of its nuclear program and where it was believed that forbidden nuclear military research and development activity was being conducted. Few of the suspected sites were inspected because of Iran's refusal to allow access and the IAEA's unwillingness to confront Iran on the issue.

Assuming we know about all of Iran's facilities, the deal still has a gaping loophole created by Iran's refusal to allow inspectors to enter Iranian military sites in violation of the agreement. This is quite different from Obama's promise of "unprecedented" inspections. It is also proof that no one can verify that Iran is not developing nuclear weapons.

Not surprisingly, the head of the Mossad, Yossi Cohen, said that he is "100 percent certain" that Iran remains committed to developing a nuclear bomb.

We don't need secret intelligence to know that Cohen is the one telling the truth. The IAEA has found that Iran has committed several

violations and only complied when caught. According to then-National Security Advisor H.R. McMaster, "The IAEA has identified and we've identified some of these breaches that Iran has then corrected. But what does that tell you about Iranian behavior? They're not just walking up to the line on the agreement. They're crossing the line at times."

IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano revealed in September 2017 that Russia opposed the agency's enforcement of the section of the nuclear deal that bans "activities which could contribute to the development of a nuclear explosive device," such as using computer models that simulate a nuclear bomb or designing multi-point, explosive detonation systems.

David Albright, President of the Institute for Science and International Security, testified last year in Congress that his institute found several Iranian violations of the agreement, as well as cases where Tehran exploited loopholes in the deal to weaken its effectiveness.

For example:

- Iran has twice had more than its heavy water limit of 130 metric tons.
- Iran is likely operating advanced IR-6 centrifuges in excess of the limit allowed.
- The Atomic Energy Organization of Iran has sought sensitive nuclear-related materials and facilities beyond what it needs or should get.
- Iran is seeking to exploit a loophole in reactor restrictions, including work on naval propulsion reactors.

Last October, German intelligence reported that the Iranian regime made 32 attempts to purchase illicit nuclear materials

during September and October 2017. The report stated that the Iranians used front-companies based in the UAE, Turkey, and China to try and purchase the materials from individuals in the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia.

The head of Iran's nuclear program, Ali Akbar Salehi, has said that Iran has the capability to build advanced centrifuges on short notice.

Furthermore, according to the Institute for Science and International Security:

The mass production of these centrifuges (or their components) would greatly expand Iran's ability to sneak-out or breakout to nuclear weapons capability, or surge the size of its centrifuge program if the deal fails, or after key nuclear limitations end. If Salehi's statement is true, Iran could have already stockpiled many advanced centrifuge components, associated raw materials, and the equipment necessary to operate a large number of advanced centrifuges.

Behrouz Kamalvandi, spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said on March 5 that Iran could ramp up enrichment of uranium to the pre-agreement level of 20% within 48 hours. How would this be possible if the agreement cut off all pathways to a bomb, as then-president Obama claimed?

Critics of the deal have also pointed out that, at best, the agreement only buys a few years before Iran can resume its nuclear program. Even Obama acknowledged that, by the end of the deal, the breakout time for Iran to build a bomb would shrink "almost down to zero" (emphasis added).

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Opinion.

Trump Administration Supports Terrorists, Not Victims, in Lawsuit

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Victims of international terrorism suffered a terrible blow last week when the United States Supreme Court declined to hear *Sokolow v. Palestine Liberation Organization*, a case brought by American citizens killed or injured in terrorist attacks committed in the early 2000s in Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Palestinian Authority (PA).

This was the last in a series of betrayals by the US government, which shamefully took positions in the case that supported the terrorists, not the American victims.

The terror victims in *Sokolow* sued the PLO and the PA in 2004 under the Anti-Terrorism Act, or ATA, a Federal law that affords a crucial legal right and remedy to American victims of international terrorism. After waiting 10 years for their day in court, the victims prevailed at a trial in February 2015. The jury awarded them \$655.5 million in damages.

The victims suffered their first betrayal by the US government when the PLO and PA appealed the jury's verdict. These terrorism perpetrators disingenuously claimed they could not afford to post a bond as security while their appeal was pending — and the Obama administration's Department of Justice supported this ridiculous claim. In August 2015, the Justice Department filed a statement of interest, urging the court to consider the harmful impact that a bond would have on the PLO and PA. The trial judge listened, reducing the bond to be paid by terrorist murderers of US citizens.

Then came another blow: In October 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit vacated the jury verdict and dismissed the victims' case. Even though the victims proved at trial that the PLO and PA were responsible for executing the terrorist crimes against them, the Second Circuit concluded

that it would violate the Fifth Amendment's Due Process Clause to exercise jurisdiction over the PLO and PA. The court's reasoning? The plaintiffs had failed to show that the PLO and PA "specifically targeted" US citizens or had the "specific aim" of targeting the United States.

That is a difficult, if not impossible, requirement for any terror victim to satisfy — and it appears nowhere in the ATA itself. Terrorists are rarely available to testify in US lawsuits to describe their targets or aims. The goal of terrorists is to kill as many people as possible, including Americans.

In March 2017, the victims petitioned the Supreme Court to review the Second Circuit's decision. The Supreme Court issued an order inviting the Solicitor General to express the views of the United States regarding the victims' petition.

Again, the US government, now under President Trump, betrayed the terror victims. It took the Solicitor General eight months to finally file his brief in February 2018. When he did — together with the legal adviser for the State Department and attorneys at the Department of Justice — he failed to stand up for the victims and their right to recover damages under the ATA. Instead, the Solicitor General encouraged the Supreme Court to leave the Second Circuit's dismissal decision as is.

The Solicitor General and the State Department knew or should have known that they had a legal and moral obligation to file a different brief — one that supported jurisdiction over the PLO and PA under the ATA, and the victims' right to compensation under the law. As the Solicitor General and the State Department knew or should have known, in 2007, that the PLO and PA unequivocally consented to the jurisdiction of US courts in all cases brought against them under the ATA, and to defend all ATA cases on the merits.

In fact, in documents submitted to a US court, including sworn statements by the PA's own leadership, the PLO and PA represented that their officials had met with the State Department and concluded that it was in their own best interests, and in the interests of the United States, for them to defend

military facilities and to force the permanent closure of Iran's nuclear installations and destruction of all centrifuges.

It would be preferable to have the support of our allies, as well as the Chinese and Russians, but if they refuse to cooperate, we should use banking sanctions to hamstring their ability to do business with Iran. Sanctions placed on Iranian air travel, oil sales, and shipping can further choke the regime.

Our focus should not only be on eliminating Iran's nuclear threat; we must roll back Iranian gains in the region and the destabilization it has caused. We need to work, ideally with our allies, to expel Iranian troops from Syria and Yemen, disarm Hezbollah, stop Iran's support of terror, halt its development of ballistic missiles, prevent an Iranian takeover of Iraq, and support internal opponents of the regime. Fixing or nixing the nuclear deal is a pivotal first step in what must be a comprehensive strategy to confront Iran.

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these cases on the merits — to prove to the American people that they did not provide material support for terrorism.

That, of course, was a lie, as the jury in *Sokolow* resoundingly determined. After losing at trial and facing the prospect of paying millions in damages to the terror victims, the PLO and PA tried a new ploy: renege on their sworn commitments by challenging the court's jurisdiction over them. Instead of calling them out for this sleazy maneuver, our government unconscionably filed a brief supporting them.

Congress should be as appalled as we are by the Solicitor General's actions on the government's behalf. The House of Representatives unanimously submitted a brief urging the Supreme Court to review the Second Circuit's decision, as did many members of the Senate on both sides of the aisle. Lawmakers understood that the decision undermined our country's fight against international terrorism, and nullified the rights and remedies that Congress afforded to American terror victims under the ATA.

We urge Congress to hold hearings about

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Strength

you were chosen. You know what sin is like. You know what it is to feel guilt. You more than anyone else understand the need for repentance and atonement. You have felt the cry of your soul to be cleansed, purified and wiped free of the stain of transgression. What you think of as your greatest weakness will become, in this role you are about to assume, your greatest strength."

How did Moses know this? Because he had experienced something similar himself. When God told him to confront Pharaoh and lead the Israelites to freedom, he repeatedly insisted that he could not do so. Reread his response to God's call to lead the Israelites out of Egypt (Ex. chapters 3-4), and they sound like someone radically convinced of his inadequacies. "Who am I?" "They won't believe in me." Above all, he kept repeating that he could not speak before a crowd, something absolutely necessary in a leader. He was not an orator. He did not have the voice of command:

Then Moses said to the Lord, "Please, my Lord, I am not a man of words, not yesterday, not the day before and not since You have spoken to Your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." (Ex. 4:10) Moses said to the Lord, "Look, the Israelites do not listen to me. How then will Pharaoh listen to me? Besides, I have uncircumcised lips." (Ex. 6:12).

Moses had a speech defect. To him that was a supreme disqualification from being a mouthpiece for the Divine word. What he did not yet understand is that this was one of the reasons God chose him. When Moses spoke the words of God, people knew he was not speaking his own words in his own voice. Someone else was speaking through him. This seems to have been the case for Isaiah and Jeremiah, both of whom were doubtful of their ability to speak and who became among the most eloquent of prophets.[2]

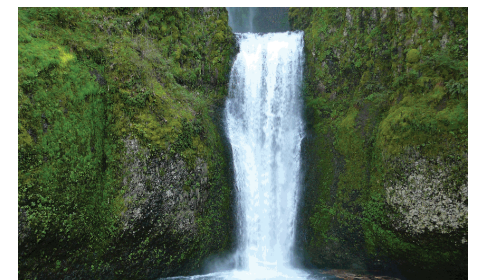
The people who can sway crowds with their oratory are generally speaking not prophets. Often they are, or become, dictators and tyrants. They use their power of speech to acquire more dangerous forms of power. God does not choose people who speak with their own voice, telling the crowds what they want to hear. He chooses people who are fully aware of their inadequacies, who stammer literally or metaphorically, who speak not because they want to but because they have to, and who tell people what they do not want to hear, but what they must hear if they are to save themselves from catastrophe. What Moses thought was his greatest weakness was, in fact, one of his greatest strengths.

The point here is not a simple "I'm OK, You're OK" acceptance of weakness. That is not what Judaism is about. The point is the

how and why our government would act in ways that support terrorists, not American terror victims. The Solicitor General, the State Department, the Justice Department, and others should have to answer for making terrorists less concerned about facing legal consequences for their hideous actions.

In addition, we urge Congress to withhold funds earmarked for the PA until the victims receive the compensation they are due. There is no question that the PLO and PA orchestrated the horrific terror attacks that killed and injured our citizens. This is now the only way to make them pay for their crimes — and pay they must.

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struggle. Moses and Aaron in their different ways had to wrestle with themselves. Moses was not a natural leader. Aaron was not a natural priest. Moses had to accept that one of his most important qualifications was what nowadays we would call his low self image, but what, operating from a completely different mindset, the Torah calls his humility. Aaron had to understand that his own experience of sin and failure made him the ideal representative of a people conscious of their own sin and failure. Feelings of inadequacy — the imposter syndrome — can be bad news or good news depending on what you do with them. Do they lead you to depression and despair? Or do they lead you to work at your weaknesses and turn them into strengths?

The key, according to Rashi in this week's parsha, is the role Moses played at this critical juncture in Aaron's life. He had faith in Aaron even when Aaron lacked faith in himself. That is the role God Himself played, more than once, in Moses' life. And that is the role God plays in all our lives if we are truly open to Him. I have often said that the mystery at the heart of Judaism is not our faith in God. It is God's faith in us.

This then is the life-changing idea: what we think of as our greatest weakness can become, if we wrestle with it, our greatest strength. Think of those who have suffered tragedy and then devote their lives to alleviating the suffering of others. Think of those who, conscious of their failings, use that consciousness to help others overcome their own sense of failure.

What makes Tanakh so special is its total candor about humanity. Its heroes — Moses, Aaron, Isaiah, Jeremiah — all knew times when they felt like failures, "imposters." They had their moments of dark despair. But they kept going. They refused to be defeated. They knew that a sense of inadequacy can bring us closer to God, as King David said: "My sacrifice [i.e. what I bring as an offering to You] O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise" (Ps. 51:19).

Better by far to know you are imperfect than to believe you are perfect. God loves us and believes in us despite, and sometimes because of, our imperfections. Our weaknesses make us human; wrestling with them makes us strong.

Impressions.

Seventy Years of Sacrifice: A Global Salute to Israel's Fallen Soldiers

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If you've ever been in Israel for Yom Hazikaron — the Memorial Day for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the Jewish homeland — chances are you will never forget it.

Even if you somehow miss the official ceremonies honoring the fallen, there's no way to sleep through the siren sounding across the Jewish state at 8 p.m. and then again at 11 a.m. the next morning. At that moment, Israelis everywhere freeze in mid-air — mid-bank deposit, mid-math lesson, mid-email or mid-carpool — while traffic screeches to a halt, and folks climb out of their cars and stand completely silent.

Both instances represent a long minute of stillness in a country not known for its reticence. At that moment, the entire nation of Israel stops to remember the 23,632 soldiers and security forces who have given their lives to defend the state of Israel.

Unless you are Israeli or related to someone who gave their life for their country, you might not see the bereaved parents, brothers, sisters, widows and orphans who gather every year at Mount Herzl on this day to mourn and reflect at the gravesites of loved ones.

For example, the Mizlavi family is among the throngs who congregate there every year to pay their respects to brother-uncle-cousin Tzadok Mizlavi, a 28-year-old graphics artist at *The Jerusalem Post* who was killed in the Yom Kippur War in 1973.

"Most Israelis have lost someone," says his younger sister, Tzadika Mizlavi. So when asked to participate in a new project to honor the 23,632 for Israel's 70th anniversary this spring, Mizlavi — a teacher at the Shulamith School for Girls in Brooklyn — was quick to say "yes."

"Not only is it special for me, but we really want our girls to understand the sacrifices made so we could have Israel," says Mizlavi, who was 24 when her brother was killed. "I'll never forget my father saying at the *shiva*: 'May he be the last to die.'"

This year, in addition to established traditions, a new way exists for Jews around the globe to honor these fallen heroes.

Launched in February, "*Yizkereim: Honor Israel's Fallen*" (*Yizkereim* is Hebrew for "remember them") has already collected more than 21,000 acts of *chesed* ("kindness") — be it public service, prayer, Torah learning or *tzedakah* ("charity") by a Jew somewhere in the world in memory of the fallen.

A project of the international Jewish outreach organization Olami — in partnership with the Afikim Foundation and Israel's Ministry of Diaspora Affairs — *Yizkereim* is designed to "keep each soldier's memory

alive with positive actions done in their memory," says Karen Hochberg, who runs community programming for Afikim. "I'm so impressed with the creative and caring actions people have already performed."

When they're posted on the website, bereaved families can read about these acts done in their loved one's name. And hundreds of the family members, Hochberg reports, have asked to be connected with the Diaspora Jews who are honoring their fallen soldier.

Though many of these good deeds are planned, Steven Grutman's tribute to Shlomo Ashkenazi was a spontaneous one. Strolling through the streets of Washington, D.C., the University of Maryland junior spied a man who appeared to be homeless and hungry. "I told him I was going to get some dinner and did he want to come with me." The man quickly accepted, adding that he'd never eaten Mexican food before, but was willing to try.

Over dinner, the man said that he'd been out of work for a few years. "And he loved the Mexican food," adds Grutman. "Feeding him felt like the right thing to do in this soldier's memory."

To date, some 190 schools, congregations and groups have signed on to the project, and more than 21,000 positive actions have been performed or pledged in soldiers' memories. Hochberg's goal: "To use each act of goodness to keep their memories alive."

In addition, each act of *chesed* leaves a "lit" virtual candle "burning" on the website. A culminating event for "*Yizkereim: Honor Israel's Fallen*" is scheduled for Yom Hazikaron, on April 17 at the Queens Museum in Queens, New York — the same building where the United Nations voted to approve Israeli independence back in 1947.

Rabbi Joel Landau of San Francisco's Adath Israel Congregation had an extra motivation for pledging his congregants to honor 100 fallen soldiers: He served in the Israel Defense Forces in the 1980s, and saw friends die for the cause. "But besides my personal connection, I believe Israel is the land of all Jews, and these are *our* boys who died for *our* homeland. They paid the price for all of us, so we owe them a huge debt of gratitude."

It's especially powerful, adds the rabbi, when families take on the project together.

At 37, Olami CEO David Markowitz is too young to recall most of the wars that resulted in these casual-

ties, but old enough to appreciate the impact that their sacrifice has on contemporary Jewry.

And, like other Olami partnership programs — which connect 25,000 students and young adults to Jewish engagement, learning and practice each week — the *Yizkereim* campaign is also active on college campuses. "When we get to know about our fallen soldier's life and then we grow ourselves in some way Jewishly to honor him, it pulls Diaspora Jews and Israelis together," says Markowitz. "It reminds us that we're one people."

To maximize participation, the website has been



Graves of fallen IDF soldiers at the Mount Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem. Photo: IDF via Wikimedia Commons.

translated into Russian, Spanish and French, along with Hebrew and English.

This project is a rare opportunity for Diaspora Jews to honor Israelis who've made the greatest sacrifice, stresses Michal Nordmann, a Tel Aviv mother of three who moved to Israel five years ago and now directs communications for Olami. "When we lived in America, there was no siren on this day, no ceremony where we could sing 'Hatikvah' with a thousand other Jews," she says. "These soldiers gave up their lives not so we'd have a nice place to vacation, but so we would have our ancient homeland back — a place that all Jews around the world can call home."

Educator Mizlavi of New York says that "to have a Jewish teen in America doing something in the name of our brother so many years later, it means so much. None of us ever dreamed something like this would happen."

To sign up your family, school, club or congregation for *Yizkereim*, visit: honorisraelsfallen.com.

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Emphasize

state this simple but long Arab-avoided truth."

In his public appearance with Emir Al Thani on Wednesday, Trump acclaimed his guest as "a gentleman...who buys a lot of equipment from us, a lot of purchases in the United States, and a lot of

military airplanes, missiles — lots of different things."

Trump referred to Arab Gulf countries that "are stopping the funding of terrorism, and that includes UAE, it includes Saudi Arabia, it includes Qatar and others." Since June 2017, Qatar has been the target of an embargo imposed by Saudi Arabia and its allies in retaliation for the emirate's alignment with Iran and its

funding of Shia and Sunni terrorist organizations.

For his part, the Emir assured Trump that "we do not and we will not tolerate with people who fund terrorism."

"We've been cooperating with the United States of America to stop funding terrorism around the region," Emir Al Thani said.

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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

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

AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

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

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

AJ; 3/9/16/23/30; 4/6/13

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

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: V&E Cleaning Services, LLC Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/19/17. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC 7014 13TH AVENUE SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY 11228. purpose: all lawful activity

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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY

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MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. MERLENE A. CAMPBELL A/K/A MERLENE CAMPBELL, et al., Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on January 31, 2018, I, Richard A. Klass, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on April 26, 2018 at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: 624 E 89th Street Brooklyn, NY 11236 SBL No.: 7993-43 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 500170/2014 in the amount of \$365,255.21 plus interest and costs. Brittany J. Maxon, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel: 855-227-5072

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST EDWARD BATISTA, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 15, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 224 MOFFAT STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3447, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$901,751.09 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 16667/13. Charles F. Otey, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52076

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrew Grant, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on 4-26-2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, SBL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 52035

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

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MAZE SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 11/03/2017.

Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Legalinc Corporate Service Inc 1967 wehrle drive Suite 1 #086 Buffalo, NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity

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

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

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES NEW YORK, INC., Plaintiff against MARCO FUENTES A/K/A MARCOS FUENTES; WILFREDO A. FUENTES; JANE FUENTES (REFUSED FIRST NAME), et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 28, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 26th day of April, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 205 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11232. (Block: 665, Lot: 52). Approximate amount of lien \$ 893,360.06 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505007-15. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 *For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832*

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, Trustee of the SRP 2013-9 Funding Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Jason Dorset a/k/a Jason H. Dorset; Louisa Dorset; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 374 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. All that

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certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4670 Lot 156. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,897.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502684/2015. Jeffrey R Miller, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 7, 2018 52428

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, INC. 2006-NC2, ASSET BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-NC2, Plaintiff AGAINST OMARI JOHNSON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 13, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1043 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 3380, Lot 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$829,830.71 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index #12164-13. Aaron Maslow, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52603

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS PNC Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Renata Ramdass; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September 14, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 964 East 43rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Section 23 Block 7746 Lot 59. Approximate amount of judgment \$384,277.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502013/2014. Steven H. Richman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 16, 2018 52792

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, MTGLQ INVESTORS, L. P, Plaintiff, vs. ROGELIO CLARK, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Order to Amend Caption duly filed on October 25, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 26, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 269 East 52nd Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain

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plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4658 and Lot 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$441,593.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510070/2014. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bank of America, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Henry Bell; Valencia E. Bell; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 17, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 3, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1604 East 94th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8296 Lot 52. Approximate amount of judgment \$443,152.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1691/2013. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: February 28, 2018 52337

AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/

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

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

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Tradition.

When Weakness Becomes Strength



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Have you ever felt inadequate to a task you have been assigned or a job you have been given? Do you sometimes feel that other people have too high an estimate of your abilities? Has there been a moment when you felt like a faker, a fraud, and that at some time you would be found out and discovered to be the weak, fallible, imperfect human being you know in your heart you are?

If so, according to Rashi on this week's parsha, you are in very good company indeed. Here is the setting: The Mishkan, the Sanctuary, was finally complete. For seven days Moses had consecrated Aaron and his sons to serve as priests. Now the time had come for them to begin their service. Moses gives them various instructions. Then he says the following words to Aaron:

"Come near to the altar and offer your sin offering and your burnt offering and make atonement for yourself and the people; sacrifice the offering that is for the people and make atonement for them, as the Lord has commanded." (Lev. 9:7)

The sages were puzzled by the instruction, "Come near." This seems to imply that Aaron had until then kept a distance from the altar. Why so? Rashi gives the following explanation:

Aaron was ashamed and fearful of approaching the altar. Moses said to him: "Why are you ashamed? It was for this that you were chosen."

There is a name for this syndrome, coined in 1978 by two clinical psychologists, Pauline Clance and Suzanne Imes. They called it the imposter syndrome. People who suffer from it feel that they do not deserve the success they have achieved. They attribute it not to their effort and ability but to luck, or timing, or to the fact that they have deceived others into thinking that they are better than they actually are. It turns out to be surprisingly widespread, and particularly so among high achievers. Research has shown that around 40 per cent of successful people do not believe they deserve their success, and that as many as 70 per cent have felt this way at some time or other.

However, as one might imagine, Rashi is telling us something deeper. Aaron was not simply someone lacking in self-confidence. There was something specific that he must have had in mind on that day that he was inducted into the role of High Priest. For Aaron had been left in charge of the people while Moses was up the mountain receiving the Torah. That was when the sin of the Golden Calf took place.

Reading that narrative, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that it was Aaron's weakness that allowed it to

happen. It was he who suggested that the people give him their gold ornaments, he who fashioned them into a calf, and he who built an altar before it (Ex. 32:1-6). When Moses saw the Golden Calf and challenged Aaron – "What did these people do to you, that you brought upon them this great sin?" – he replied, evasively, "They gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"

This was a man profoundly (and rightly) uncomfortable with his role in one of the most disastrous episodes in the Torah, and now he was being called to atone not only for himself but for the entire people. Was this not hypocrisy? Was he not himself a sinner? How could he stand before God and the people and assume the role of the holiest of men? No wonder he felt like an imposter and was ashamed and fearful of approaching the altar.

Moses, however, did not simply say something that would boost his self-confidence. He said something much more radical and life-changing: "It was for this that you were chosen." The task of a High Priest is to atone for people's sins. It was his role, on Yom Kippur, to confess his wrongs and failings, then those of his household, then those of the people as a whole (Lev. 16:11-17). It was his responsibility to plead for forgiveness.

"That," implied Moses, "is why

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Bank, National Association, Successor in Interest by purchase from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as Receiver of Washington Mutual Bank F/K/A Washington Mutual Bank, FA, Plaintiff against Jessie Lozada, et al Defendants Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered March 27th, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 3rd, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Sec N/A Block 4129 Lot 23. All that certain Plot, Piece or Parcel of Land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: WHISPERING WINGS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/13/2018. Office location: Kings

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county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 2020 West 13th Street Apt. #2R Brooklyn, NY 11223. Purpose: all awful activity AJ; 3/30; 4/6/13/20/27; 5/4

CITATION File No. 2017-4792 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: The maternal heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees of Elsie Kovner, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. • Queens County Public Administrator • Alan Kovner, A petition having been duly filed by Michael Liff who is domiciled at 1299 Corporate Drive, Apt. 604 Westbury, New York 11590 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Rm 62, Jamaica, New York, on May 24, 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the Fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Elsie Kovner lately domiciled at 6384 Saunders Street, 4T, Rego Park, New York 11374, United States admitting to probate a Will dated July 9, 2014 (and Codicil(s), if any, dated), a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Elsie Kovner deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that: Letters Testamentary issue to Michael Liff Dated, Attested and Sealed, March 23, 2018 HON. Peter J. Kelly, Surrogate, James Lim Becker Chief Clerk, Adam Katz, Esq., Katz Law Firm, PLLC, 77 Spruce Street, Suite 201, Cedarhurst, New York 11516, Telephone 516-500-8111. NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you. AJ; 4/6/13/20/27

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 2005-50CB, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-50CB, Pltf. vs. ROGER DELONEY, et al, Defts. Index #504313/2013. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated Feb. 13, 2018, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on May 10, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 1067 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn, NY a/k/a Block 3340, Lot 51. Said property beginning at a point on the Northerly side of Wheatly Ave., distant 68.87 ft. westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Wheatly Ave. and the New Westerly side of Manhasset Ave., being a plot 75

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ft. x 100 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$465,695.27 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. HELENE BLANK, Referee. DRUCKMAN LAW GROUP, PLLC, Attys. For Pltf., 242 Drexel Ave., Westbury, NY. File No. 37418 - #94516 AJ; 4/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff AGAINST BARBARA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SEREATHA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAKEYIA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAMMEL HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 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 May 10, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 144 CHESTNUT STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4127, LOT 32. Approximate amount of judgment \$737,451.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 8644/2013. LENORE KRAMER, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 51095 AJ; 4/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST MARCUS SMITH, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 15, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 10, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 570 RALPH AVENUE, 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, and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1387, LOT 47. Approximate amount of judgment \$571,443.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4836/2014. Lisa Breier Urban, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52621 AJ; 4/6/13/20/27;

Notice of qualification of Lownet , LLC. Appl. For Auth. Filed with secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/27/2018. Office of LLC Craig Nordby 1229 N Dutton Avenue, suite c Santa Rosa CA 95401 Office location: Kings county. LLC formed in the state of California on 04//25/2013 ALEX Padilla secretary of State 1500 11th St., Sacramento, CA 95814. SSNY has been designated as an agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to:

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Craig Nordby 1229 N Dutton Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401 . Purpose: any lawful activity AJ; 4/6/13/20/27; 5/4/11

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Taryn Miller a/k/a Taryn C. Miller; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 4, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 10, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1113 East 93rd Street Apt 500, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8181 Lot 1009. Approximate amount of judgment \$161,886.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501348/2014. Steven Naimen, Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 23, 2018 AJ; 4/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST PETERSON REGISTRE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 17, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7903 SEAVIEW AVENUE UNIT 1-E, A/K/A 7903 SEAVIEW AVENUE UNIT E-1, BROOKLYN, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 8089, LOT 1001. Approximate amount of judgment \$461,717.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 507056/2014. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 52864 AJ; 4/13/20/27; 5/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roger Wagner; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 19, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 17, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 442 Amber Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block: 4518 Lot: 121. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,028,687.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 19707/2012. Henry J. Achiron, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: March 7, 2018 52493 AJ; 4/13/20/27; 5/4

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A promotional photo of the Netflix series "Fauda." Photo: Instagram.

Top Entertainment Industry Execs Condemn BDS Threats to Sue Netflix Over Israeli Series 'Fauda'

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Fifty-six high-level executives in the entertainment industry signed an open letter to Netflix on Tuesday denouncing threats by boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) activists to pursue legal action against the company if it continued to stream the hit Israeli television series "Fauda."

The letter — addressed to Netflix's Chief Content Creator Ted Sarandos and VP of Original Series Peter Friedlander — was issued by Creative Community for Peace (CCFP), an entertainment industry advocacy group. The executives told Sarandos and Friedlander in the letter, "we stand behind you and Netflix in the face of this blatant attempt at artistic censorship."

They added, "The BDS movement seeks to isolate Israel in the cultural, academic, economic, and diplomatic arenas. Its myopic and simplistic anti-Israel worldview is threatened by the worldwide exposure Netflix has generated for [the show's] nuanced portrayal of issues related to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. This worldview was evident in the letter BDS wrote to Netflix, in which they continued their habit of using inaccurate and inflammatory language, such as 'colonialist' and 'apartheid,' to describe Israel. As always, they assign every evil imaginable to Israel, while absolving the Pales-

tinians of any and all responsibility or agency."

In a letter sent last week to Netflix, supporters of the BDS movement made demands for Netflix to "stop broadcasting and not to produce the third season of the series," and threatened legal action against the company if it does not remove the first season of "Fauda" from its platform. They claimed the show serves as "racist propaganda for the Israeli occupying army...encourages violating international law and human rights...and gives legitimization to war criminals." The letter also attacked the show's co-creators Avi Issacharoff and Lior Raz, both former soldiers in the Israel Defense Forces.

In their own letter, the entertainment industry executives told Netflix that Issacharoff and Raz "go out of their way to show the conflict — and the individuals caught up in the conflict — in all its complexity." They also mentioned Raz's comments in a previous interview where he said he worked with his Arab actors to rewrite scenes if they felt their characters were portrayed incorrectly.

The executives ended by saying that the BDS movement was attempting to "block true understanding and instead force a black and white, good versus evil view of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict upon the world. In threatening to sue Netflix for distributing a television series with which they disagree, they have simply taken those attempts to the next level of absurdity."

Internet of Things Security Firm Armis Raises \$30 Million

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

US-Israeli Armis, a provider of Internet of Things (IoT) enterprise security, said on Monday it raised \$30 million in financing, bringing the total it has raised to \$47 million.

Red Dot Capital Partners, a Temasek-backed venture capital fund based in Israel, led the round with Bain Capital Ventures joining. Sequoia Capital



The Armis logo. Photo: Screenshot / Facebook.

and Tenaya Capital also participated as return investors.

Armis said it will use the investment to meet demand for advanced security technologies, expand sales and marketing and further develop its security platform.

Global spending on IoT security is expected to reach \$3 billion in 2021, according to data released by Gartner.

"Last year, IoT played a role in driving enterprise cyber threats up by almost 300 percent," Armis CEO Yevgeny Dibrov said.

Founded in 2015, Armis is headquartered in California with a development center in Israel.

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