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Trump Warns Iran Against Restarting Nuclear Program



US President Donald Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron in Washington, DC, April 24, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Jim Bourg.

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US President Donald Trump warned Iran on Tuesday not to follow through with threats to restart its nuclear program, as he and French President Emmanuel Macron tried to find common ground on saving an international agreement on Iran's nuclear ambitions.

Meeting Macron in the Oval

Office, Trump heaped scorn on the 2015 nuclear accord negotiated by his predecessor, former president Barack Obama, and aimed at stopping Iran from getting a nuclear weapon.

Iran has said it will ramp up its nuclear program if the deal collapses and a senior Iranian official said on Tuesday that Tehran might quit a treaty designed to stop the spread of nuclear weapons if Trump scraps

the agreement.

"If they restart their nuclear program, they will have bigger problems than they have ever had before," Trump said without explaining what he meant. ADL Offering \$5,000 Rewards After Second Brutal Antisemitic Assault in Brooklyn's Crown Heights Neighborhood

Under the deal, Iran agreed to curb its nuclear ambitions in

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ADL Offering \$5,000 Rewards After Second Brutal Antisemitic Assault in Brooklyn

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Anti-Defamation League is offering \$5,000 rewards for information leading to the conviction of suspects in two separate vicious attacks against Orthodox Jews in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in the space of a week.

The latest attack occurred on Saturday, when a 50-year-old Jewish man was beaten and choked in broad daylight shortly after leaving Shabbat morning prayers at the



Victim Menachem Moskowitz was chased and beaten in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn by a man yelling antisemitic insults. Photo: Screenshot.

synagogue in the Kingsbrook Jewish Hospital.

The victim, Menachem Moskowitz, gave a detailed account of the attack by a man described as "tall and muscular and in his 40s" in an interview with local blog crownheights.info.

"As I was walking home I passed a man smoking a cigar on the corner of Rutland and Schenectady and I said 'good afternoon' to him," Moskowitz said, explaining that "it's a nice neighborhood and everyone is close."

"As soon as [I greeted] him he began yelling at me 'you

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Opinion.

The Palestinians' Kite Jihad

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In the history of weaponizing the mundane, no one beats the Palestinians. When they have been unable to acquire conventional weapons, they have resorted to the unconventional — such as kitchen knives and screwdrivers. When unable to acquire conventional vehicles of war, they have resorted to the unconventional — such as cars, truck, and even bulldozers.

In the latest round of attacks against Israel — the “March of Return” — they have yet again demonstrated ingenuity by weaponizing the simplest of children’s toys: the kite.

Their method involves fashioning a wire tail onto a kite, with an explosive attached to it. The kite is then flown from the relative safety of the Gaza side of the border into Israel. Once it has reached far enough into Israeli territory, the string is cut and the kite — explosive attached — falls into Israeli territory.

Recalling the success of the November 2016 fire jihad, some of the kites have been used to deliver incendiary devices, while others have used explosives. Some of the weaponized kites are made to resemble the Palestinian flag, while others more ominously feature swastikas. Reporters from the Agence

France Presse (AFP) found Palestinian children boasting of their new “means of struggle,” one of whom enthused: “They [the IDF] are firing explosives bullets and tear gas, we are flying kites to burn the farmland.”

On Tuesday, April 17, one such weaponized kite — with a Molotov cocktail attached — started a fire in a field outside Kibbutz Be’eri, several miles into Israeli territory. According to The Times of Israel, it took four teams of firefighters to put out the fire, which had spread over nearly 25 acres.

Using toys as weapons recalls the tactic that the Soviet Union used against the children of Afghanistan in the 1980s. The idea was to maim, but not kill, Afghan children in order to fill hospital beds that therefore couldn’t be used to treat mujahideen fighters attacking Soviet troops. So the ingenious minds of Soviet scientists designed bombs disguised as toys.

In 1985, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights — which was inquiry conducted by an Felix Ermacora — asserted that many Afghan “children had been very seriously wounded, having their hands or feet blown off, either by handling booby-trap toys they had picked up along the roadway, or by stepping on them ... booby-trap toys encountered include those resembling pens, harmonicas, radios or matchboxes, and little bombs shaped like a bird. This type of bomb, consisting of two wings, one flexible and the other rigid, in the shape and colors of a bird, explodes when the flexible wing is touched.”

After the Russians were expelled from Afghanistan, the Taliban infamously forbade Afghan children from playing with kites which they deemed “un-Islamic.” Yet they too came up with ingenious ways to disguise weapons, especially bombs — for instance, in turbans. Burhanuddin Rabbani, head of the Afghan High Peace Council, was assassinated by a Taliban bomber who defeated security measures by hiding explosives in his turban.

Al Qaeda has used the human body to disguise their bombs, either as suicide vests (which they learned from the Tamil Tigers) or by shoving bombs in their rectums. In Iraq, bombs were disguised as the pregnant abdomens of women, packing a larger payload than the slim vests.

The ingenuity displayed by jihad warriors to disguise their weapons shows just how adaptable they are, always a step or two ahead of Western thinkers in their deviousness. It also shows that the Palestinians are willing to sacrifice their children.

AFP reporters in Gaza not only found children willing to talk, but also adults, who had put the children up to their treachery. One said that the aim was “to destabilize, creating



Palestinian rioters near the Israel-Gaza Strip border fence. Photo: Wissam Nassar / Flash90.

confusion,” and to “burn ... crops.” A man named Jamal al-Fadi, identified as a professor of political science in Gaza, said that, “The Palestinian people, frustrated and desperate due to the Israeli siege ... have had their hope renewed” by the new “means of struggle.”

If the Palestinians devoted a fraction of the ingenuity they have shown in devising and hiding weapons to diplomacy, compromise, and to building in the territory that Israel abandoned in 2005, they would be far closer to achieving the state they crave. Unfortunately, they prefer killing over negotiating, protesting over compromising, and burning over building.

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How Not to Beat BDS

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The BDS movement hasn’t won many victories in the United States in recent years, but Israel’s opponents had to be thrilled when they learned that the student body at Barnard College voted by a 2-1 margin to endorse a proposal asking the highly regarded educational institution to divest from eight companies that do business in Israel.

The symbolic importance of the Barnard vote wasn’t limited to the timing, which came on the eve of Israel’s Independence Day. According to Hillel International, Barnard is one of the most heavily Jewish colleges in the United States with 850 Jewish students out of a student body of 2,500. That makes the vote in which 1,153 students participated a signal triumph for the anti-Zionist Jewish Voices for Peace and Students for Justice in Palestine groups, which sponsored the resolution.

While pro-Israel groups vowed to redouble their efforts to fight BDS, some Jews blamed the Jewish establishment for what happened. Barnard alumna Jenny Singer wrote in The Forward that the problem was that Jewish students are fed fairy tales about a perfect Israel and are then unprepared to face the anti-Zionist narrative in which the Jewish state is portrayed as a human-rights offender. She believes that what’s needed is Jewish education about Israel that is more self-critical. Singer is right about the appalling

ignorance about the Middle East that is displayed by Jewish students. She’s also right that this reflects a failure on the part of the American Jewish community, rather than putting the onus just on the students. However, she’s wrong to think that the answer to the antisemitism of the BDS movement is more criticism of Israel, or that a decision not to directly confront the liars and haters is the wiser path for pro-Israel students.

The problem at Barnard is no different than that of scores of other colleges.

Jewish teenagers arrive on campus and are confronted by Israel-haters that have a clear script in which the Jewish state is depicted as an apartheid regime that commits genocide against innocent Palestinians. Most Jewish students don’t know that the smears of Israel are lies or lack the basic knowledge of history to refute them. Even many who do realize that the charges are false feel intimidated by a campus culture in which intersectional theory has become a modern gospel. At a time when support for groups like Black Lives Matter is the new liberal orthodoxy, the bogus connection asserted between US civil-rights disputes and the Palestinian war on the Jewish state is enough to bludgeon a great many Jewish students into



A pro-BDS demonstration. Photo: FOA / Facebook.

silence or acquiescence. That’s the opening that BDS supporters have exploited into victories like the Barnard vote.

Why don’t Jewish kids know as much about the Middle East as the BDS crowd?

The answer starts and finishes with the appalling failure of Jewish education.

Large numbers of Jewish kids get no Jewish education at all, let alone one that will arm them with the facts about the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Yet the truth is that those who do get some kind of Jewish education often don’t wind up knowing much about Israel either.

Given the limited time they get with their students, even the best synagogue schools are hard-pressed to give youngsters the religious knowledge and Hebrew skills needed to pull off a bar or bat mitzvah. An in-depth look at the Jewish state is usually beyond their means. Sadly, the same is often true for many day schools, which, in theory, ought to have the time to teach Jewish history and Zionism, as well as dive deeply into contemporary Israel’s challenges. Nevertheless, sometimes they wind up giving all that short shrift.

One of the greatest achievements of American Jewry in the last 20 years was the creation of Birthright Israel, the program that takes college-age students (as well as young adults in their later 20s) on trips to Israel. As much as Birthright has had a positive impact, if we wait until kids get to college to teach them about Israel, we’re going to lose most of them. Jewish schools of every variety need to begin making the centrality of Israel a bigger part of Jewish education.

It’s also true that teaching about Israel

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Netanyahu Delays 'Override Clause' Vote After Consult With Supreme Court President

BY JNS.org

Israeli Supreme Court President Esther Hayut convinced Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to postpone a vote on a controversial Knesset bill that would enable legislators to override Supreme Court rulings on Knesset laws, saying she would not meet with him otherwise.

The prime minister had invited her to meet on Monday in advance of the vote, but Hayut told him she conditioned their talk on the postponement of the vote by at least one week.

Dubbed the "Override Clause," the new law would alter Israel's Basic Law on Human Dignity and Liberty, and empower the Knesset to overrule the Supreme Court and re-enact laws nullified by the court.

The new law is meant to address what supporters view as an activist and left-leaning political position taken by the court.

It is being brought by Israeli Education Minister and Jewish Home Party leader Naftali Bennett, in response to the Supreme Court's recent decisions to deem illegal two different laws passed by Knesset to deport illegal Eritrean, Somali and Sudanese immigrants, compromise agreements between the government and citizens living in Judea and Samaria, and plans by the Israel Defense Forces to demolish the homes of terrorists.

If passed, the Knesset will be able to reverse court rulings on Knesset laws with a 61 majority vote. Most other laws require only a majority of Knesset members voting at any given time.

Hayut is expected to tell Netanyahu that she objects to the 61 majority vote. Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit said he would support the legislation if the required voting majority was raised to 70 Knesset members, but the Ynet news site reported that the court would accept the legislation if it was raised to 80.

US Central Command Visits Israel for the First Time

BY JNS.org

For the first time, the head of the United States Central Command (CENTCOM) arrived in Israel for an official meeting with top Israeli military officials.

Gen. Joseph L. Votel is scheduled to meet with Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eisenkot, Israeli National Security Council members and senior IDF officials to discuss security issues in the region.

As Votel arrived, the IDF fired on a position held by Syrian President Bashar Assad's troops after a mortar shell landed near Israel's security fence on the northern Golan Heights on Monday close to Quneitra.

The shell is believed to be spillover from the ongoing Syrian civil war.

The IDF reported that the return of fire is in line with Israel's policy of holding the Assad regime responsible for any and all errant projectiles in its effort to provide security to citizens in the north.

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fake Jews, who are you saying hello to? You're fake Jews and you stole all my money and robbed me, and stole my mortgage and my house. I want to kill you!" Moskowitz recalled. "I thought the man was just crazy so I started walking away, and he shouted 'you don't walk away from me' and started chasing after me."

Moskowitz said the man caught up with him and placed him in a chokehold, punching and kicking him at the same time. "I started to feel dizzy, I felt my air going out, I started saying Shema, I thought I was going to die," he remembered. Passersby then intervened, enabling the terrified Moskowitz to run home. He was later admitted to a hospital with a cracked rib and swelling, bruising and scratches all over his body.

Saturday's shocking attack followed the brutal assault on a Jewish man the previous week by a group comprised of three black men

and two black women. The attack took place in the early hours of Apr. 14, as the victim walked home with a Jewish friend along Eastern Parkway. As they passed the group, one of the men asked the victim if he wanted to fight. He then began kicking and punching the victim as the other members of the group joined the frenzied assault. The assailants then fled in the direction of New York Avenue, leaving the victim lying bloodied on the ground.

Both attacks are being investigated by the New York Police Department's Hate Crimes Task Force.

Evan R. Bernstein, ADL New York Regional Director, urged the Crown Heights community to "stand together in the wake of these vicious attacks as the NYPD conducts thorough investigations."

Bernstein said he hoped the \$5,000 rewards being offered by the ADL "will encourage anyone who may have seen something to come forward."

peaceful means.

A source close to the French presidency said Trump's remarks were "an articulation of strongly-held positions. We knew that it's a

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Nuclear Program

return for relief from economic sanctions. Tehran says its nuclear program is only for

Jewish, Christian and Congressional Leaders Laud Israel-Azerbaijan Ties



From left: Bishop Robert Stearns, Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus co-chair Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.), Ambassador Elin Suleymanov, Rabbi Marc Schneier and Pastor Bob Roberts Jr. Photo: JNS.org.

BY JNS.org

Nearly two-dozen Jewish, Christian and congressional leaders turned out last week for a special event on Capitol Hill to honor Azerbaijan's longstanding support for Israel amid its 70th anniversary celebrations.

The event, attended by Northwood Church's Founding Pastor Bob Roberts Jr., Eagles' Wings founder and executive director Bishop Robert Stearns, and the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding's President Rabbi Marc Schneier, focused on the close relationship that Azerbaijan and Israel share, and how it should serve as a model for other Muslim nations.

"On the eve of Israel's 70th anniversary, today we celebrate the authentic relationship between the Muslim nation of Azerbaijan and Israel. There are 57 Muslim nations, but when it comes to their support of Israel, Azerbaijan is number one," said Schneier.

sensitive topic and, (it's) among the priorities for this state visit. We are seeking to defend the French and European positions, which are not incompatible, in our view, with America's concerns."

Trump said he and Macron could have an agreement soon on the Iran deal. "We could have at least an agreement among ourselves very quickly. I think we're fairly close to understanding each other."

Trump called the Iran agreement, struck between Iran and world powers, a "terrible deal" that was "insane" and "ridiculous" because it did not deal with ballistic missiles or Iran's involvement in conflicts such as those in Yemen or Syria.

Regional tension

A US withdrawal from the Iran agreement would raise tensions in an already volatile region, possibly prompting an arms race involving Saudi Arabia.

Pulling out of the Iran agreement would also raise questions over how Trump could coerce North Korea into giving up its nuclear weapons. Trump is trying to arrange a summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in late May or early June.

Macron came to Washington hoping to persuade Trump to keep the United States in the Iran agreement, saying it offered the best chance to constrain Tehran, imperfect as it may be.

The French president has forged an improbable bond with the volatile Trump, and hopes to leverage their friendship into progress on not only Iran but exempting Europe from steel tariffs, and protecting the 2016 Paris climate accord.

He told Trump the Iran accord is part of

Azerbaijan, a predominantly Shi'ite Muslim country in central Asia bordering Iran and Russia, has enjoyed close relations with Israel for the past 25 years. Both countries cooperate closely on security, geopolitical and military issues, and have expanded economic relations in recent years, especially in the field of high-tech.

Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the United States Elin Suleymanov said that Israel is one of his country's "strongest" partners in the region.

"Azerbaijan is proud of its history of inclusiveness and its vibrant Jewish community," said Suleymanov. "Our strong, growing partnership with Israel has a special meaning today as Israel celebrates its 70th anniversary and Azerbaijan marks the Centennial of the first-ever democratic republic in the Muslim world. The relationship between Azerbaijan and Israel stands as a pioneering example of what is possible."

a "broader picture" of security in region.

"On Iran, we must contextualize this subject within the challenges of the region. There is the situation in Syria, there is security in the entire region and I think, in any case, we share a common goal of avoiding an escalation and proliferation of nuclear weapons in the region. So the question is what is the best path," Macron said.

European calls for exemptions from Trump's plan for 25 percent tariffs on steel imports are also on their agenda, as well as the US president's desire to withdraw American forces from Syria.

Trump said chronic trade deficits with US allies around the world are "unacceptable."

Macron, whose visit will be followed by one on Friday from German Chancellor Angela Merkel, has called on Trump to keep troops in Syria for the time being to ensure the defeat of Islamic State militants.

A 21-gun salute echoed across the South Lawn and a flute-playing fife and drum corps, in red-coated uniforms and tri-corner hats, marched by Trump and Macron and their wives, Melania Trump and Brigitte Macron in a welcoming ceremony on Tuesday.

In the evening, the Trumps are to host the Macrons at the first state dinner conducted by Trump since he took power.

Trump thanked France for joining with the United States and Britain in launching airstrikes in Syria earlier this month in response to a chemical weapons attack blamed on Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

He said he and Macron had developed over the past year "a wonderful friendship" that is "a testament to the enduring friendship that binds our two nations."

World News.



The minaret of a mosque in Creteil, a suburb of Paris home to a large Muslim population.
Photo: Reuters / Gonzalo Fuentes.

'Indignant' French Imams Issue Harsh Condemnation of Muslim Antisemitism, Terrorism

BY BEN COHEN

Thirty prominent French imams issued a strongly-worded condemnation of antisemitism and Islamist terrorism on Tuesday, stressing that the alternative of remaining silent "would make us complicit and therefore culpable."

In a declaration published by the French daily *Le Monde*, the imams described themselves as "indignant" — both as French citizens and as faithful Muslims — "at the confiscation of our religion by criminals."

"We, the signatories of this appeal, would first like to express our compassion for all our fellow citizens who have been directly or indirectly affected by terrorism and by the antisemitic crimes that have blindly struck our country," the declaration began — referring to the rash of Islamist terrorist attacks in France over the last decade that have struck targets from a Jewish school to the country's leading satirical magazine, as well as the violent hate crimes that have compelled thousands of Jews to move out of their homes in several major urban districts.

The group of thirty imams represent mosques and Islamic centers in Paris, Strasbourg, Lyon, Nice and other French cities. Significantly, five of the signatories serve as chaplains to thousands of Muslim inmates in the French prison system — historically, a fertile recruiting ground for radical Islamist groups.

In often emotional language, the declaration denounced what it called the "subversive expressions of Islam" that have "ragged" in the French Muslim community, generating a "religious anarchy."

"Some imams unfortunately contributed, often unconsciously," the imams continued. "Courage compels us to recognize it." The declaration added that "many imams" had still not grasped "the harmful psychological effects on vulnerable minds" that their incendiary sermons had produced.

In an unambiguous condemnation of the suicide terrorism glorified by Islamists as "martyrdom," the declaration stated that "theologically speaking, the martyr is the one who suffers unjust or sudden death, and not the one who seeks and provokes it." The imams urged young men attracted to radical Islam "to listen to the Prophet Muhammad's warning that a Muslim who harms the life of an innocent person living in peace with Muslims will never breathe the perfume of Paradise."

The imams said that the growth of ISIS had driven home the realization that Muslim youths in France and elsewhere in Europe were "tinkering with a disturbing combination of crime and religion."

Ending the declaration with the words "Long live the Republic and long live France!" the thirty Muslim religious leaders called on other "enlightened imams" to join them in combating "all forms of extremism that can directly or indirectly lead to terrorism."

Tuesday's statement by the imams followed a widely-reported manifesto issued on Sunday by 300 leading French intellectuals, artists and politicians against the "new antisemitism in France."

Actor Gérard Depardieu and writers Pascal Bruckner and Bernard-Henri Lévy were among those who denounced the "low-level ethnic cleansing" that had led some 50,000 Jews to urgently seek safer housing away from largely-Muslim urban neighborhoods.

"In our recent history, eleven Jews have been murdered — and some tortured — by radical Islamists because they were Jews," the manifesto observed.

Two of those murders took place in the last twelve months in the same neighborhood of eastern Paris. In April 2017, Sarah Halimi, a 65-year-old pensioner, was beaten and then thrown out a third-floor window by an Islamist intruder, while in March 2018, Mireille Knoll, an 85-year-old Holocaust survivor, was stabbed to death and then burned by two assailants, one of whom was a Muslim neighbor she had known since his childhood.

The manifesto urged Muslim "religious authorities" to follow the example of the Catholic Church by declaring antisemitic statements in the Quran to be "obsolescent" — that is, discredited — "so that no believer can rely on a sacred text to commit a crime."

Writing in *Le Monde* on Tuesday, Dr Gunther Jikeli — an expert at Indiana University's Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism — noted that successive opinion surveys conducted over the last ten years had concurred that "antisemitism is significantly higher among Muslims than among non-Muslims."

"In spite of all the denial that surrounds it, the truth is that there is a specific form of Muslim antisemitism — just as there is a specific form of Christian antisemitism," Jikeli wrote. "As long as this phenomenon is not recognized, it will be impossible to fight it."

Hebrew University Study: Extended Acetaminophen Used During Pregnancy Increases Risk of ASD/ADHD

BY JNS.org

For the first time, prolonged use of medication containing paracetamol or acetaminophen by pregnant women has been linked to an increased risk of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) in their children, according to researchers at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Pregnant women are standardly prescribed acetaminophen or paracetamol as safe for pain or fever management during pregnancy.

However, new evidence gathered from 132,738 mother-child pairs over the course of three to 11 years by Dr. Ilan Matok and doctoral student Reem Maarwa at the Institute for Drug Research in Hebrew University Medical Faculty's School of Pharmacy, in partnership with Dr. Amichai Perlman and Dr. Hagai Levine of Hebrew University and Hadassah University Medical Center, has concluded that acetaminophen and paracetamol have neurodisruptive properties that may affect the development of the fetal nervous system when given in low doses over an extended period.

The study, published in the "American Journal of Epidemiology," reveals that prolonged exposure to acetaminophen throughout pregnancy is associated with a 30 percent increase in risk for ADHD and a 20 percent increase in risk for ASD, in comparison to those who did not take the medication.

The researchers were quick to point out that the results should be interpreted with caution. They emphasized that pain and fever have negative effects on the developing fetus, and that pregnant women should not be anxious about limited use of acetaminophen or paracetamol to manage those symptoms, as the drug is still safe to use in the short term.



Acetaminophen. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

"[T]he observed increase in risk was small, and the existing studies have significant limitations," said Matok. "While unnecessary use of any medication should be avoided in pregnancy, we believe our findings should not alter current practice, and women should not avoid use of short-term acetaminophen when clinically needed."

Female Border Police Officer Shot by Palestinians During Demolition of Terrorist's Home

BY JNS.org

Palestinians opened fire on Israeli security forces on Tuesday when law enforcement entered Jenin to demolish the home of a terrorist.

A female Border Police officer was lightly injured and taken to the hospital for treatment.

The home of Ahmed Kunba, who was charged as an accomplice in the drive-by shooting murder of Rabbi Raziel Shevach outside of his town of Havat Gilad, was successfully demolished with a bulldozer, according to a statement by the Israel Defense Forces, though the team was attacked with explosive devices and stones.

Shevach — a father of six, teacher and volunteer medic with Magen David Adom — was driving home the night of Jan. 9 when Ahmad Nassarr Jarrar fired 22 shots at him,

hitting him in the neck and chest.

Kunba was accused of plotting and carrying out the attack with Jarrar, and charged with numerous other terror attempts with him, including shooting at an Israeli bus and



Israeli security forces have wrecked or sealed with cement homes of known terrorists, such as the house of Ala Abu Jamal in the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood of Jabel Mukabar on Jan. 4, 2015, as part of retribution for terror attacks. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90.

trying to infiltrate the Jewish town of Dotan.

Jarrar escaped following the attack on Shevach, but was killed in a shootout with IDF troops that had discovered his hideout outside Jenin less than a month later.

U.S. News.

Trump Middle East Envoy: We Remain 'Deeply Committed' to Achieving Israeli-Palestinian Peace Deal

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The US remains "deeply committed to achieving an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement," a top Trump administration official reiterated on Monday.

"Past failures do not absolve us of the responsibility to try," Jason Greenblatt — President Donald Trump's special representative for international negotiations — told attendees at the American Jewish Committee's Women's Leadership Board Spring Luncheon. "I ultimately

believe there may be a clear path toward peace."

Greenblatt emphasized, however, that it would be "up to the parties themselves" to negotiate a deal.

"True, lasting peace will be only as strong as the moral values that underlie it," Greenblatt noted.

Trump, according to Greenblatt, "treats Israel the way a valued ally should be treated."

US-Israel relations "are stronger than ever," Greenblatt went on to say. "The revitalization of US-Israel relations culminated in President Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital."

Many Arab countries, Greenblatt pointed out, are "increasingly looking to Israel as a security and economic partner."



US Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt.
Photo: INSS via Facebook.

In Condemnation of Antisemitism, British Labour Leader Jeremy Corbyn Rises to Defense of 'Anti-Zionism'

BY BEN COHEN

Nearly three years into his term as leader of Britain's Labour Party, Jeremy Corbyn on Tuesday issued his plainest denunciation so far of the antisemitic scandals that have plagued the UK's official political opposition — but it was too little, too late for the Jewish community's leaders, who described their crisis talks later in the afternoon with Corbyn as a "disappointing missed opportunity."

In an op-ed for the London Evening Standard, Corbyn — once a marginal parliamentarian from the far left who won the Labour leadership contest following the party's humiliating performance in the May 2015 general election — admitted that he had to "face the uncomfortable fact that a small number of our members and supporters hold antisemitic views and attitudes, which need to be confronted and dealt with more rapidly and effectively."

Corbyn's acknowledgement of Labour's internal problem with antisemitism came one week after the British Parliament held a general debate on the subject. While the Labour leader did not speak before leaving the debate early, several of his Jewish and non-Jewish Labour colleagues gave excruciating accounts of the abuse they had been subjected to as a result of their pushback against the party's antisemites — among them outspoken supporters of Corbyn who insist that the Labour leader is the victim of a "Zionist smear campaign" out to destroy his personal reputation.

"The evidence is clear enough," Corbyn wrote in Tuesday's op-ed. "Labour staff have seen examples of Holocaust denial, crude stereotypes of Jewish bankers, conspiracy theories blaming 9/11 on Israel, and even one member who appeared to believe that Hitler had been misunderstood."

He continued: "So let me be clear. People holding those views have no place in the Labour Party."



A young protester holds a placard at a demonstration, organized by the British Board of Jewish Deputies for those who oppose antisemitism, in Parliament Square in London, March 26, 2018.
Photo: Reuters / Henry Nicholls.

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Opinion.

Natalie Portman Comforts Israel's Enemies



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I am currently in Warsaw for the 75th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, having just left the inspirational festivities commemorating Israel's 70th anniversary in Jerusalem.

While honoring the legacy of the great Mordechai Anielewicz, who together with 700 fighters held off the Nazis for an astonishing three weeks, I was disheartened to see a world-famous Israeli-born actress gave aid and comfort to Israel's enemies by boycotting the Jewish state.

On Friday, I heard the news that Natalie Portman decided not to attend the ceremony where she was to be given Israel's Genesis Prize.

Natalie Portman is a wonderful actress, who has on rare occasions defended the country of her birth. I applaud her earlier solidarity with her people. But her cowardly decision to abandon Israel as it is fighting a war with Hamas terrorists trying to overrun its border is shocking, hypocritical, and provides aid and comfort to Israel's enemies, however unwittingly.

Portman is within her rights to criticize government policies. That's what a democracy is all about. But the way that she has chosen to do so — by boycotting Israel — has shown a disdain for democracy and a thoughtless disregard for the welfare of the Israeli people.

When the Genesis Foundation decided to bestow its prestigious prize on the Oscar winner, I thought it was a reasonable choice. Though she did not have a long history of work on behalf of the Jewish people, her high-profile as an actress and charitable work gave Genesis publicity, would have been a positive thing for Israel and offered a chance for Portman to put

the one-million-dollar prize money to good use, especially on behalf of women.

Portman originally responded to the prize enthusiastically, saying:

I am deeply touched and humbled by this honor. I am proud of my Israeli roots and Jewish heritage; they are crucial parts of who I am. It is such a privilege to be counted among the outstanding Laureates whom I admire so much. I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Genesis Prize Foundation and look forward to using the global platform it provides to make a difference in the lives of women in Israel and beyond.

Now, just weeks before the Foundation was to present her with the award, Portman announced she would not attend. When the news broke, it was immediately reported as a boycott of Israel and seized on by the antisemitic boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement as evidence that even famous Israelis view their country as uniquely deserving of demonization.

One thing that celebrities care about more than anything is bad publicity. Perhaps Portman was worried that going to Israel in the midst of tensions in Gaza would allow Israel's detractors to paint her in a bad light. Nearly every artist who goes to Israel is pressured to boycott the Jewish state — and the cowardly ones, such as Lorde, cave in to the antisemites.

Portman apparently did not anticipate the backlash from joining with the BDS sect. After widespread criticism and perhaps realizing the gift that she gave to Israel-haters around the world, Portman tried to explain that she was not boycotting Israel.

"I chose not to attend because I did not want to appear as endorsing Benjamin Netanyahu, who was to be giving a speech at the ceremony," she wrote on Instagram. "Like many Israelis and Jews around the world, I can be critical of the leadership in Israel without wanting to boycott the entire nation. I treasure my Israeli friends and family, Israeli

food, books, art, cinema, and dance."

Portman's words were too little too late and her behavior is inexcusable.

Initially, it was reported that she was upset by "recent events," presumably meaning the protests in Gaza. Unlike Portman, I was standing on the outskirts of Gaza watching Hamas terrorists advancing on the border, with the intent of crossing into Israel and murdering Jews. I watched the restraint used by Israeli troops who used riot-control measures practiced around the world to disperse the protesters.

What would you have Israel do, Natalie? Do you believe that Israelis have the right to defend themselves against a mob armed with knives, guns, and bombs? Did you watch "peaceful protesters" placing improvised explosive devices along the fence or see the kites flown across the border with incendiary devices to set agricultural fields on fire? Did you speak out against the Hamas terrorists' explicit call for the destruction of your homeland, or their charter, which calls for the murder of Jews around the globe?

If Portman wants to criticize Israeli policies, no one is stopping her. But for her to use the Israeli prime minister as an excuse for not attending a gala in her honor reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of Israel, and a disdain for democracy.

As an Israeli citizen, she is entitled to vote and to campaign in Israel against him if she disagrees. But to use her platform as an actress in America to delegitimize the views of the Israeli people is unforgivable. Furthermore, being at the same event with the prime minister, or even shaking his hand, would not tarnish her reputation. It would be simply good manners. Instead, she chose to stain her own reputation. And if she wanted to really stand up for her beliefs, she could have used her speech at the gala to speak her mind. No one could have stopped her.

I wonder if she has given any thought to

Senator Warren went on to defend "the rights of Palestinians to peacefully protest."

A line like that would have worked in say the 1940s, when most Americans didn't have television sets. But anybody with eyes — and who wants to seek out the footage — has seen the videos of Palestinian mobs rushing towards the Gaza fence, hurling Molotov cocktails and rocks, and using sling shots and even catapults. No reasonable person can call them "peaceful protesters."

And what exactly are they "protesting"? The Gazans have openly proclaimed that they want to tear down the border fence so they can overrun Israel, which they call "Occupied Palestine." They are not "protesting" some Israeli policy. They are "protesting" Israel's very existence. Shouldn't that elicit some "concern" from the senator?

Warren also took Israel's soldiers to task. She demanded that they "exercise restraint" in the face of mobs trying to murder them. If mobs of firebomb-throwing foreigners were trying to storm across one of America's borders, I doubt that she would lecture our border guards to "exercise restraint." There is no justification for making such demands on America's ally Israel.

The irony, of course, is that Israeli soldiers do exercise restraint, often risking their own lives to avoid harming enemy civilians. Yet despite taking such risks, they still find themselves excoriated by Israel's relentless critics.



Natalie Portman. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

the fact that if she wanted to criticize the leader of Hamas or the Palestinian Authority in front of them, she would be jailed or worse. If Portman were really concerned about Palestinian rights, she would be denouncing their leaders for denying them freedom of speech, assembly, and the press. She should also be speaking out against the widespread practice of honor killings by Palestinians against innocent women for simply having boyfriends.

Portman also showed tremendous insensitivity to Israeli soldiers protecting their country when she chose not to serve in the Israeli army. I do not judge her for doing so, but it would be pleasant to see her show some appreciation for the young heroes who don the olive green uniform and protect Israel from the genocidal plans of Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and ISIS.

Natalie was happy to carry a gun and play a soldier defending the world in her latest movie. But life is not fiction, and she should be magnanimous in praising those young Israelis who put themselves in harm's way so that Israeli buses and kindergartens are not blown up.

With great fame comes great responsibility. Portman should reverse course, accept the prize, and give any speech she deems fit, including one that might publicly challenge government policy. That's all in keeping with democratic discourse.

But to boycott Israeli is to demonize her own country, undermine its democracy, and abet its implacable enemies.

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Elizabeth Warren's Gaza Problem



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Why does Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren keep putting her foot in her mouth when it comes to the riots on Israel's border with Gaza?

Massachusetts' senior senator responded to the violence last week with this statement: "I am deeply concerned about the deaths and injuries in Gaza. As additional protests are planned for the coming days, the Israel Defense Forces should exercise restraint and respect the rights of Palestinians to peacefully protest."

I don't know who is advising the Democratic senator on this subject, but it is remarkable how many misstatements are packed into those two sentences.

Let's start with her "concern about the

deaths and injuries."

The Gazans who have been killed were military-age men. Many of them are documented members of the Hamas terrorist organization. Even the ones who were not known to be official Hamas members were engaging in very Hamas-like behavior by throwing firebombs and rocks at the Israelis on the other side of the border fence, and by burning tires as a smokescreen in the attempt to breach the fence and infiltrate Israel.

Some of the Gazans who were injured were likewise throwing firebombs and rocks. More recently, they flew kites attached to incendiary devices in order to burn nearby Israeli fields and forests. Some of them were injured from tear gas or gunfire because they chose to venture into a live-fire battle zone — a battle that Hamas has initiated, organized, and sponsored.

I am disappointed that the senator did not express any "concern" about a terrorist regime busying thousands of women and children to a site where some of them will inevitably be injured.

Four years ago, another comment by Senator Warren about Gaza caused a stir. She was speaking at Tufts University outside Boston. At the time, Hamas was firing thousands of rockets into Israel and the Israelis were striking back. A woman named Eva Moseley, who claimed to be "a Holocaust refugee," rose during the question period and said she was "extremely concerned that Jews don't do to another people [in Gaza] what was done to them." In other words, Israel was carrying out a Holocaust in Gaza. Moseley asked the senator if it was "fair" to raise that question.

"I think that's fair," replied Warren.

But Ms. Moseley was not merely raising a question. She is a virulent opponent of Zionism. She has, among other things, signed an online petition calling Zionism "colonialism" and accusing Israel of "racism and genocide." Her question to Senator Warren was a way of making a point.

Remember how former presidential candidate Howard Dean said the notion that President George W. Bush knew in advance about the 9/11 attacks was "an interesting theory"? Remember how Donald Trump said he was "just pointing out" a National Enquirer report claiming that Ted Cruz's father was connected to Lee Harvey Oswald and the JFK assassination?

Those are rhetorical devices that people use to make a point when they don't want to

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Opinion.

A Wake-Up Call on Syria

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In his initial reaction to the raid in which 100-plus Tomahawk missiles hit Syria on April 13, Bashar Assad remarked that it signified the “failure of the West.” He fortuitously touched upon a sensitive point — albeit the wrong way round.

Far from a failure, the strike represents a sudden reawakening: America, France, and the United Kingdom collectively decided to prevent further atrocities and acted together on a joint mission of justice: to not only punish but also to prevent the use of chemical and biological weapons.

The history of such weapons is engraved in the numerous images of soldiers in the trenches of Europe during World War I, the gas chambers used by the Nazis, the massacre of Iranians by the Iraqis during the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein’s slaughter of his Kurdish citizens.

In 1925, the Geneva Protocol was signed by most of the world’s countries in order to ban the use of chemical weapons. In 1972, the protocol was supplemented by the Biological Weapons Convention, which has been in effect since 1975, and the Chemical Weapons Convention of 1993, which went into effect in 1997. Syria also signed this treaty. It prohibits the production, development, stockpiling, and use of chemical weapons, and orders their destruction.

Now, the Tomahawks and other missiles have quite rightly taken out Syria’s

chemical weapons program — its storage and equipment facilities, as well as research centers located in the suburbs of Damascus and Homs. It was a raid that was, as President Donald Trump said, “justified, legitimate, and proportionate,” but above all “perfectly executed.” This indicates superb intelligence and outstanding military organization.

The strike has saved lives. And it was careful to avoid provoking both the



Members of the Syrian police hold their weapons as they sit on a back of a truck in Douma, April 16, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ali Hashisho.

Russians and Iranians, whose facilities were circumvented. The goal was solely to target Assad’s chemical facilities. The Syrians tried but were unable to intercept the missiles. Various military bases were evacuated. Syrians who were stationed at some fled and sought refuge among the Russians. Even the Iranians evacuated areas and bases — at least temporarily.

But will nothing change for Assad, as we’ve heard reiterated? No one will want to pose this question in the short term, and the practical details still need be worked out, but at the very least, in my view, Vladimir Putin is not attached to Assad.

Trump was wrong to proclaim in a tweet “Mission Accomplished.” Assad has been able to retain power for so long due to two reasons:

to win you many friends (and in some cases could even affect your academic standing).

No matter how educated college students are about the Middle East or how nuanced their views of the conflict or Israel’s flaws, resisting BDS also requires a willingness to do something that is hard for anyone: standing up to the political fashion of the day and being willing sometimes to be an embattled minority.

Calling out antisemitism on campus is the kind of a task that won’t win anyone a popularity contest. But when confronted by groups like Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voices for Peace, which trade in lies about Israel and engage in anti-Semitic arguments that delegitimize Jewish rights, that’s exactly what is needed. Yet before we can expect Jewish kids to muster the courage to fight back, the Jewish community must do a better job in preparing them for the challenge. Until that happens, more debacles like the one at Barnard are almost certain to follow.

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didn’t. She chose to falsely call the rioters “peaceful protesters.”

A United States senator should be more careful with her words.

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his savage mania for control, which has led him to kill hundreds of thousands of his own people; and support and encouragement from Iran. This week, Iran was the first, along with Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, to run to his rescue with statements that accuse the coalition of violating international law — a rather ironic accusation. Russia has also been an Assad supporter and made similar statements.

At present, we haven’t heard a peep from the Arab world, apart from the Palestinians, who are all fervently anti-Trump. Previously, Trump had announced that he intended to leave Syria. Now, given Iran’s aggressive use of the Syrian border against Israel and the development of American relations with those Arab countries most concerned about Iran’s presence in Syria, it seems highly unlikely that the mission is truly over. Israel has already said that it will not let Iran establish a military front on its border. Russia will want to make its voice heard, albeit with caution, in the new

situation, even if it plays lip service to the “war on terrorism” and “aggression against the government of a foreign state.”

It seems clear at this point that it will be difficult to reverse course now. A new front has been opened that calls into question seven years of arrogance in Syria, which the United States, France, and Britain have finally taken into account.

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The US Must Force Iran and Syria to Blink First

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Donald Trump’s decisiveness might be bearing fruit against North Korea following threats by its dictator Kim Jong Un to launch a missile strike against the continental US. Although the North Koreans apparently blinked first, removing the threat that Kim poses to the safety and peace of the Far East is still far away.

It’s a shame that Washington did not adopt this same decisive stand to either Syria or Iran, which are far weaker rivals than North Korea.

Unfortunately, the Americans were unsuccessful in convincing Syrian President Bashar Assad and the rulers of Iran to take them seriously. Instead, Damascus and Tehran are listening to Trump’s promise that the United States will leave Syria. They find it difficult to believe that there is any real substance behind American officials’ seemingly empty declarations that Assad’s blood-soaked regime has lost its legitimacy or that Washington is determined to stop Iran from becoming a regional power and threatening US allies in the Middle East.

As opposed to the North Korean crisis, where the American administration has clear-cut goals, not to mention a policy and a plan of action, Trump’s apparent goal in the Syrian crisis is to withdraw from the country as quickly as possible. The Americans first came to Syria to fight Islamic State, but since the success of their operations against it, they apparently do not see any reason to stay in Syria or continue their involvement.

The Russians and Iranians are filling the void left by the Americans, both economically and militarily. In the meantime, they are successfully transforming Assad’s slaughterhouse into a sanctuary safe from any attack.

Now the Russians are threatening to sell Assad the S-300 surface-to-air missile defense system, among the most advanced in the world. Assad does not need such weapons to keep on massacring his people. Such systems will not stop a potential American missile barrage. The

only one threatened by these missiles is Israel. In the past, Israel declared that it would not let Syria arm itself with such weapons, but that was before the Russians arrived.

In my view, the Russians are not an enemy of Israel or the United States. Despite the rivalry between Washington and Moscow, understandings can be reached that will respect the interests of and the balance of power between the two superpowers. Washington needs a clear-cut policy and a plan of action for such understandings to be reached. It must decide what to do with the Kurds that it aided in the fight against Islamic State, the rebel groups in areas like southern Syria that vested their hopes in America and are now being annihilated by Assad thanks to Russian and Iranian support, and finally, how to curb the continuing Iranian presence on Syrian soil.

This May, Trump is expected to reopen the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, the nuclear deal that the Barack Obama administration negotiated with Tehran. It is important not to repeat Obama’s mistake of limiting discussions with Iran to the nuclear question. Instead, Trump must discuss subversive Iranian activity throughout the Middle East, from Syria to Lebanon, Gaza, Iraq, and Yemen. In general, Trump must remember that tolerating Iran in these places makes it more difficult to contain the Iranian threat.

Iran, for its part, chose to open a new hostile front with Israel. Last weekend, Tehran threatened once again to throw Israel into the sea. However, these threats remain empty, not only because of the fatal blow Iran will be forced to take if it attempts to attack Israel. Tehran is boasting about its anti-Israel bona fides to raise low morale and turn the attention away from severe economic problems at home; as well as, primarily, to deter the United States and Israel from any attempts to counter the Iranian presence in Syria.

The Iranian challenge demands a root canal, not a topical solution like Obama’s JCPOA. The case of North Korea shows that such an approach can work. On the other hand, blinking first makes the Americans appear weak.

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BDS

should take into account the complex nature of the conflict with the Palestinians. It’s OK to acknowledge that Israel isn’t perfect, while still pointing out that it is the sole real democracy in the Middle East, and that Arab citizens there have rights denied to their counterparts in Arab majority nations.

But the problem goes deeper than that. Jewish kids grow up in an environment that tends to view all forms of nationalism as illegitimate and to regard the concept of a Jewish state as a form of racism. That makes them vulnerable to the lies of those who wish to destroy Israel.

Many on the left point to groups like AIPAC, blaming them for not being more critical of Israel. But the notion that BDS can be countered by advocates who spend as much time bashing the Jewish state as upholding the justice of its cause is as much of a myth as any tall tales about a perfect Israel. The problem isn’t that the pro-Israel side isn’t more reasonable. It’s that countering the lies requires a willingness to stand out in a campus world where doing so isn’t going

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take responsibility for it. It’s “just a question,” or “an interesting theory.” They’re just mentioning what somebody else said; they didn’t say it themselves. But, of course, they did.

Senator Warren could have slapped down the Gaza-Holocaust analogy. She didn’t. She called it a “fair” question. She could have told the truth last week about Gaza. She

Impressions.

Change the Omer?

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Pesach is over and normal services have resumed. But what is “normal”? We are now in a period called “the Omer.” It is a time of mourning. No weddings or parties are permitted and, for the decadent among us, no public entertainment, opera, concerts, theater, or cinema.

None of these restrictions are mentioned in the Torah. In fact, all it says is that the Omer was the first sheaf of the new barley harvest. Until it was brought and dedicated at the Temple on the morning after the Pascal sacrifice, one was not allowed to eat any of the new agricultural produce of that year. Then we were instructed to count seven weeks (49 days) until the festival of Shavuot, when the wheat harvest began.

This time of the Omer is now an integral part of our Jewish calendar, but as a period of mourning. The only clue we have for why this is the case is that, quite separately, without any seeming connection, the Talmud (Yevamot 62a) says that 12,000 pairs of Rabbi Akiva’s pupils died during this period, because they did not treat each other with respect.

In the post-Talmudic period, Lag B’Omer (the 33rd day of the Omer) is mentioned as a happy day, because the plague that was killing off the pupils of Rabbi Akiva stopped. And that is all. There is no suggestion of any lengthy period of mourning, or not listening to music — although some communities refrained from music altogether, in memory of the destruction of the Temple.

The legal code in the Shulchan Aruch by Rabbi Yosef Caro (1563) takes this up and says, “We have the custom not to get married from Pesach until the 33rd day of the Omer because of what befell the pupils of Rabbi Akiva.” It goes on to add that one does not cut one’s hair until the 33rd day. However, the Ashkenazi version adds that one does not start the period of mourning until Rosh Chodesh Iyar, a week after Pesach, stopping for the 33rd day, then resuming until three days before Shavuot.

So how did we get to our current period of strict public mourning? Here’s a theory: We know that mainstream rabbis opposed fighting the Romans in 70 CE and that Rabbi Akiva died supporting the failed Bar Cochba revolt from 132-135 CE. This in itself was highly controversial. Almost all the other mainstream rabbinic leaders disagreed with him. Both rebellions led to massive loss. Was the story about his pupils dying a sort of code? A cover to discourage the idea of rebellion, because of so many casualties on both occasions?

The whole issue also reminds us how we were divided into rival camps and political parties in the past. Things haven’t changed very much. Religiously, we are as split now as we were then. Perhaps it is this split that we need to mourn, as much as the violence and death.

Here’s another theory: Throughout the Middle Ages, Easter was a period of disaster, murder, and suffering for the Jews. Christian preachers in their Easter sermons called for vengeance for the death of Jesus. Easter was when the Blood Libel regularly reappeared — the myth that Jews needed Christian

blood for the Passover matzah (ironic, given the Christian belief that the wine of the eucharist turns into the blood of Jesus).

The Crusades were a time of constant horror for European Jews, and indeed for those living in the Land of Israel. The days of the Omer coincided with the spring, peak marching time for hordes of murderous anti-Jewish fanatics.

But if this explains the period of mourning during the Omer, one would also have to explain

Omer. It is mentioned in our synagogues and in our prayers all the time, often at our celebrations. Why don’t we formally restructure this whole period of the Omer as one of mourning the Holocaust? And if the argument is that we should respect tradition, then what about all those other local tragedies over the past 2,000 years that — for a period of time — were turned into public fast days, but now are forgotten or ignored?

The Prophet Zachariah said, “The fasts of the



Counting the Omer Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

why the tradition extended to the whole of Eastern Jewry as well. Perhaps it was because, there too, the spring was a time when armies started to march and religious fanatics came out in force. Regardless of where you lived, this time of the year was a fraught and dangerous one.

What about the deaths of Rabbi Akiva’s students? Can we really argue that this in itself was so cataclysmic? Why is it still relevant? One answer might be the emphasis on the loss of Torah students. The other answer usually given is that however relatively safe we are nowadays, we Jews are still constantly hated around the world. Antisemitism is alive and well — and sadly growing, not diminishing.

But if that is the message, why not make the Holocaust its symbol instead of Rabbi Akiva’s students? Why is the Holocaust not regarded as a far greater catastrophe?

Some will say that the Holocaust is deeply embedded in our psyche anyway. It certainly is in the Haredi world, which sees its very existence as a response to Hitler. On a public level, many Jews include a Holocaust Day within this period of the

fourth (month), the fifth, the seventh, and the tenth will be turned, for the houses of Judah and Israel, into days of happiness and celebration.”

We were prepared to consider adapting to changing circumstances then, why not now? Is the answer the strength of tradition and its inertia — that our fractious religion and rabbinate seem incapable of flexibility, leniency, and anything other than making life more difficult, intolerant, and obscurantist? Sometimes accommodation is the better part of valor.

If logic plays any part, this mindset makes no sense. But then you could say that the whole point of religion is not to make sense. Indeed, the world itself does not seem to make much sense nowadays. Only we as individuals might. Some of us, sometimes!

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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
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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: 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
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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

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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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH CAMPISI and RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 24, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. Edward Mark Rappaport, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53309
AJ; 4/20/27; 5/4/11

Notice of formation of a limited liability company(LLC) Name: SEPTEMBER SWELL, LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/27/2017. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents, inc. 7014 13th Ave., suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 4/20/27; 5/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF 192 CLAREMONT LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the

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Sec. of State (SSNY) on 03/27/2018. Location: Kings County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 192 Claremont LLC, 5550 Glades Rd Suite 500, Boca Raton, FL. 33433. Purpose: For any lawful purpose.
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff against Kingsley Palmer, 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 6, 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 24 th, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Premises known as 891 East 40 th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Sec N/A Block 7724 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 \$379,745.01 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 508193/2013. th Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee
AJ; 4/20/27; 5/4/11

NOTICE OF LEGAL POSTPONE-MENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank, National Association, as Trustee for RASC 2006-EMX6, Plaintiff AGAINST Norma Tirado; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 7, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 10, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 281 Ashford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3984 Lot 7. Approximate amount of judgment \$865,788.92 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 4148/2013. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 11, 2018 Original Sale Date: April 12, 2018 53615
AJ; 4/27;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Noel Brown, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/2017 and entered on 9/26/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 31, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 77A Somers Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1539, LOT: 68. Approximate amount of judgment is \$663,522.18 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject

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Love Is Not Enough



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The opening chapter of Kedoshim contains two of the most powerful of all commands: to love your neighbour and to love the stranger. "Love your neighbour as



yourself: I am the Lord" goes the first. "When a stranger comes to live in your land, do not mistreat him," goes the second, and continues, "Treat the stranger the way you treat your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were strangers in Egypt. I am the Lord your God (Lev. 19:33-34).

The first is often called the "golden rule" and held to be universal to all cultures. This is a mistake. The golden rule is different. In its positive formulation it states, "Act toward others as you would wish them to act toward you," or in its negative formulation, given by Hillel, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour." These rules are not about love. They are about justice, or more precisely, what evolutionary psychologists call reciprocal altruism. The Torah does not say, "Be nice or kind to your neighbour, because you would wish him to be nice or kind to you." It says, "Love your neighbour." That is something different and far stronger.

The second command is more radical still. Most people in most societies in most ages have feared, hated and often harmed the stranger. There is a word for this: xenophobia. How often have you heard the opposite word: xenophilia? My guess is, never. People don't usually love strangers. That is why, almost always when the Torah states this command – which it does, according to the sages, 36 times – it adds an explanation: "because you were strangers in Egypt." I know of no other nation that was born as a nation in slavery and exile. We know what it feels like to be a vulnerable minority. That is why love of the stranger is so central to Judaism and so marginal to most other systems of ethics. But here too, the Torah does not use the word "justice." There is a command of justice toward strangers, but that is a different law: "You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him" (Ex. 22:20).

Here the Torah speaks not of justice but of love.

These two commands define Judaism as a religion of love – not just of God ("with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your might"), but of humanity also. That was and is a world-changing idea.

But what calls for deep reflection is where these commands appear. They do so in Parshat Kedoshim in what, to contemporary eyes, must seem one of the strangest passages in the Torah.

Leviticus 19 brings side-by-side laws of seemingly quite different kinds. Some belong to the moral life: don't gossip, don't hate, don't take revenge, don't bear a grudge. Some are about social justice: leave parts of the harvest for the poor; don't pervert justice; don't withhold wages; don't use false weights and measures. Others have a different feel altogether: don't crossbreed livestock; don't plant a field with mixed seeds; don't wear a garment of mixed wool and linen; don't eat fruit of the first three years; don't eat blood; don't practice divination; don't lacerate yourself.

At first glance these laws have nothing to do with one another: some are about conscience, some about politics and economics, and others about purity and taboo. Clearly, though, the Torah is telling us otherwise. They do have something in common. They are all about order, limits, boundaries. They are telling us that reality has a certain underlying structure whose integrity must be honoured. If you hate or take revenge you destroy relationships. If you commit injustice, you undermine the trust on which society depends. If you fail to respect the integrity of nature (different seeds, species, and so on), you take the first step down a path that ends in environmental disaster.

There is an order to the universe, part moral, part political, part ecological. When that order is violated, eventually there is chaos. When that order is observed and preserved, we become co-creators of the sacred harmony and integrated diversity that the Torah calls "holy."

Why then is it specifically in this chapter that the two great commands – love of the neighbour and the stranger – appear? The answer is profound and very far from obvious. Because this is where love belongs – in an ordered universe.

Jordan Peterson, the Canadian psychologist, has recently become one of the most prominent public intellectuals of our time. His recent book *Twelve Rules for Life*, has been a massive best-seller in Britain and America. He has had the courage to be a contrarian, challenging the fashionable fallacies of the contemporary West. Particularly striking in the book is Rule 5: "Do not let your children do anything

that makes you dislike them."

His point is more subtle than it sounds. A significant number of parents today, he says, fail to socialise their children. They indulge them. They do not teach them rules. There are, he argues, complex reasons for this. Some of it has to do with lack of attention. Parents are busy and don't have time for the demanding task of teaching discipline. Some of it has to do with Jean-Jacques Rousseau's influential but misleading idea that children are naturally good, and are made bad by society and its rules. So the best way to raise happy, creative children is to let them choose for themselves.

Partly, though, he says it is because "modern parents are simply paralysed by the fear that they will no longer be liked, or even loved by their children if they chastise them for any reason." They are afraid to damage their relationship by saying 'No'. They fear the loss of their children's love.

The result is that they leave their children dangerously unprepared for a world that will not indulge their wishes or desire for attention; a world that can be tough, demanding and sometimes cruel. Without rules, social skills, self-restraints and a capacity to defer gratification, children grow up without an apprenticeship in reality. His conclusion is powerful:

Clear rules make for secure children and calm, rational parents. Clear principles of discipline and punishment balance mercy and justice so that social development and psychological maturity can be optimally promoted. Clear rules and proper discipline help the child, and the family, and society, establish, maintain and expand order. That is all that protects us from chaos.

That is what the opening chapter of Kedoshim is about: clear rules that create and sustain a social order. That is where real love – not the sentimental, self-deceiving

substitute – belongs. Without order, love merely adds to the chaos. Misplaced love can lead to parental neglect, producing spoiled children with a sense of entitlement who are destined for an unhappy, unsuccessful, unfulfilled adult life.

Peterson's book, whose subtitle is "An Antidote to Chaos," is not just about children. It is about the mess the West has made since the Beatles sang (in 1967), "All you need is love." As a clinical psychologist, Peterson has seen the emotional cost of a society without a shared moral code. People, he writes, need ordering principles, without which there is chaos. We require "rules, standards, values – alone and together. We require routine and tradition. That's order." Too much order can be bad, but too little can be worse. Life is best lived, he says, on the dividing line between them. It's there, he says, that "we find the meaning that justifies life and its inevitable suffering." Perhaps if we lived properly, he adds, "we could withstand the knowledge of our own fragility and mortality, without the sense of aggrieved victimhood that produces, first, resentment, then envy, and then the desire for vengeance and destruction."

That is as acute an explanation as I have ever heard for the unique structure of Leviticus 19. Its combination of moral, political, economic and environmental laws is a supreme statement of a universe of (Divinely created) order of which we are the custodians. But the chapter is not just about order. It is about humanising that order through love – the love of neighbour and stranger. And when the Torah says, don't hate, don't take revenge and don't bear a grudge, it is an uncanny anticipation of Peterson's remarks about resentment, envy and the desire for vengeance and destruction.

Hence the life-changing idea that we have forgotten for far too long: Love is not enough. Relationships need rules.

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to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 017681/2009. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Sean R. Smith, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, V. CLAUDE L. HENRY; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, is the Plaintiff and CLAUDE L. HENRY; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on May 31, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 BERGEN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233; Block 1452, Lot 42: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 5359/2013. Elena Makau, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.
AJ; 4/27; 5/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH ALONZIA A/K/A DEBORAH R. ALONZIA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 31, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 931 East 88th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8025 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1365/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
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The balcony of the presidential suite at Jerusalem's The David Citadel Hotel. Photo: The David Citadel Hotel website.

Reader's Digest Deems Presidential Suite at Jerusalem's The David Citadel Hotel One of Most Luxurious in World

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The presidential suite at The David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem has been deemed by *Reader's Digest* as one of the 16 most luxurious in the world.

"You don't need to be the leader of the free world to vacation like one. Feel like the commander-in-chief of your own life when you spend the night in one of these

fancy hotel suites," *Reader's Digest* wrote of its choices.

The David Citadel Hotel's top accommodations offering — which was redone by Italian designer Piero Lissoni two years ago — "offers modern elegance in historic Jerusalem," *Reader's Digest* wrote. "Oak parquet flooring connects the bedroom, living room, dining area, and study area of the 958 square-foot suite with a furnished balcony running the entire length of the space."

American Model Kate Upton Shares Photos From Her Trip to Israel

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

American model Kate Upton shared with her Twitter followers on Thursday photos from her recent trip to Israel.

The 25-year-old uploaded three pictures onto social media, one showing her and a friend riding camels. She said she loved the Jewish state and that visiting Israel had been on her bucket list.

The model did not reveal when she arrived in the country and how long she would stay for, but the Israeli magazine Pnai Plus shared a picture of Upton visiting the Western Wall in Jerusalem last week.



Kate Upton, left, and a friend riding camels in Israel. Photo: Twitter.

40 Dignitaries to Attend Dedication of US Embassy in Jerusalem on May 14

BY JNS.org

A sizeable delegation of American dignitaries will arrive in Israel to attend the official dedication ceremony for the US Embassy in Jerusalem, according to Sunday report on Israel's *Channel 10* news.

US Secretary of Treasury Steven Mnuchin, senior adviser to the president Jared Kushner and his wife Ivanka, Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt, and US Sens. Ted Cruz and Lindsay Graham are among the estimated 40 politicians who will arrive from the United States as part of a 250-person American



Newly minted Israeli road signs for the US Embassy in Jerusalem are circulating in social media. Photo: Twitter/CUFI.

delegation.

US President Donald Trump will reportedly not be in attendance.

Images of newly minted road signs directing drivers to the US Embassy have been circulating on social media, confirming that concrete steps were being taken towards implementing Trump's Dec. 6 announcement that the United States would move its Israel embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The ceremony will take place in Jerusalem's Arnona neighborhood on May 14, which will mark the secular 70th anniversary of Israel's independence. The United States currently operates its Jerusalem consulate in Arnona. The new embassy will operate out of that space temporarily, and is expected to complete construction of additional office space at the compound to meet its needs.

A brand-new embassy complex will be constructed in the coming years.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced last week that Israel's Foreign Ministry will host a celebratory reception for "guests" coming to Israel on the occasion of the US embassy dedication. He did not elaborate further at the current time.

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