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Israel Hints It Could Hit Iran's Air Force in Syria



Israeli Air Force F-15 planes. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel released details on Tuesday about what it described as an Iranian air force deployed in neighboring Syria, including civilian planes suspected of transferring arms, a signal that these could be attacked should tensions with Tehran escalate.

Iran, along with Damascus and its big-power backer Russia,

blamed Israel for an April 9 air strike on a Syrian air base, T-4, that killed seven Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) members. Iranian officials have promised unspecified reprisals.

Israeli media ran satellite images and a map of five Syrian air bases allegedly used to field Iranian drones or cargo aircraft, as well as the names of three senior IRGC officers suspected of commanding related projects, such as missile units.

The information came from the Israeli military, according to a wide range of television and radio stations and news websites. Israel's military spokesman declined to comment.

However, an Israeli security official seemed to acknowledge the leak was sanctioned, telling *Reuters* that it provided details about "the IRGC air force (which) the Israeli defense establishment sees as the entity that will try to

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Polish Ultra-Nationalists Seek Prosecution of Israeli President

BY BEN COHEN

Poland's leading far-right political party announced on Tuesday that it was launching criminal proceedings against the president of Israel, Reuven Rivlin, under new legislation that criminalizes public discussion of Polish collusion with the Nazi authorities during World War II.

In a letter to Polish state prosecutor Marcin Golebiewicz, the head of the far-right National Movement (RN), Robert Winnicki, said he wished "to inform about



Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and Polish President Andrzej Duda arriving at the 2018 "March of the Living" at the site of the Auschwitz death camp built by the Nazis. Photo: Reuters / Kacper Pempel.

the crime committed by Israeli President Reuven Rivlin consisting in attributing to the Polish State responsibility for Nazi crimes."

"I am seeking the prosecution of the perpetrator," Winnicki said.

Under a widely-condemned amendment passed in March to the country's Institute of National Remembrance (IPN) Act of 1997, a person found guilty of claiming "... publicly and contrary to the facts, that the Polish Nation or the Republic of Poland is responsible or co-responsible for

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Opinion.

Trump's Syria Strikes Are Not Enough



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If the sole criteria by which Donald Trump's actions in Syria should be judged are to be compared with his predecessor, then perhaps the claim of "mission accomplished" might be accurate.

Stacked up against President Barack Obama's epic failures in Syria, Trump doesn't look so bad. But even if he were not describing the American-led strikes on Syrian dictator Bashar Assad's chemical weapons capability with that cringe-inducing phrase, we would still have to judge Trump's actions as — at this point in time — very much a mission left unaccomplished.

As the White House has made clear, the missile strikes were strictly a one-off event, entirely disconnected from any overall strategy to deal with the threat posed by a Syria dominated by Russia and occupied by Iranian forces determined to turn that country into a front against Israel. Just as troubling is the signal from Washington that the president is planning, despite appeals from his national-security team and American allies, to pull all US forces out of Syria after the defeat of ISIS is deemed complete.

While Trump was moved, as he should have been, by Assad's atrocities against civilians — and decided to strike at the Syrian dictator's forces — he isn't prepared to do anything more than that or act in a meaningful

way to stop the slaughter in that country.

Despite the missiles, Trump is maintaining Obama's policy of punting Syria to Russia, and treating Iran's takeover as something of no interest to the United States. He's also apparently prepared to stand by and let a successor Islamist group fill the vacuum left by the United States withdrawal, just as happened after Obama pulled out of Iraq and stayed out of Syria — the exact events that led to the rise of ISIS.

Americans can take some satisfaction that the United States is not prepared to let the use of chemical weapons go unpunished, as was the case with Obama's humiliating "red line" retreat. By the same token, they should applaud the progress that American-led forces have made in the fight against ISIS. Trump's loosening of the rules of engagement transformed the stalemate he inherited from Obama into a rout of the Islamists.

But no one should be fooled by the spectacle of the allied attacks on Assad's chemical-weapons capability into thinking that America is doing anything meaningful about what is arguably the worst human-rights catastrophe of the 21st century. Nor should it escape anyone's notice that Trump's policies are essentially leaving Israel alone to face a deadly threat on its northern border.

The problem here is just the opposite of the chaos obsessed over by the president's detractors. The issue in Syria is Trump's unwillingness to confront a basic contradiction in his foreign-policy outlook that has been glaringly obvious since he first began campaigning for the presidency. He still can't

seem to grasp that you can't be tough on Iran while being soft on Russia.

If the United States is to mount a meaningful campaign — as Trump has often said he would — to roll back Iran's efforts to achieve regional hegemony by a nuclear deal that has enriched and empowered it, this must be part of an approach that takes into account that Tehran's most dangerous conduct is being enabled by Russia.

The other contradiction is that while Trump has been extremely supportive of Israel in many ways, he's also ignoring what is rapidly becoming the most lethal threat to its security: Iran's presence in Syria.

Friends of Israel should be grateful to Trump for discarding the foreign-policy establishment's warnings about recognizing Jerusalem as the Jewish state's capital, and for ending Obama's policy of trying to put "daylight" between America and its sole democratic ally. He's also right — and the supposed "adults" wrong — when he speaks of the dangers inherent in an Iran nuclear deal that must be renegotiated if Tehran is to be prevented from eventually gaining nuclear weapons.

But that doesn't give him a pass for deciding that Syria is merely a theater for dramatic US gestures, rather than the pivotal issue that may decide whether another war in the Middle East is inevitable.

If the message Trump is sending to Assad is that he can go on killing people — though not with chemical weapons — that is just as much of an abdication of America's moral authority as Obama's spineless responses.



The remains of the Syrian regime's Scientific Research Centre in Damascus, April 14, 2018.
Photo: Reuters/Omar Sanadiki.

Just as troubling is the idea that the message Trump is sending to Russia is that it shouldn't interpret the president's histrionics as an indication that the United States is still interested in engaging in the region.

Worst of all is that Iran is likely interpreting Trump's gestures as a sign that the United States doesn't regard its building of military bases and weapons factories in Syria as an issue it cares about. If America is telling Russia that it won't demand that Vladimir Putin restrain Iran or push it out of Syria, then Israel is being left to fend for itself as a problem the Americans helped create gets out of control.

For all of the good Trump has done for Israel in the last 14 months, leaving it alone to deal with Iran and Russia in Syria is simply too dangerous. Israel must balance the need to maintain relations with Russia — now the region's leading power — with the imperative to prevent Iran from threatening its safety. If Trump doesn't understand that simply abandoning Israel in this manner is an invitation to Iranian aggression and a new Middle East war, and that this is profoundly precarious for US interests and security, then he's just as foolish as his enemies claim.

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Celebrating Israel at 70



DAVID HARRIS
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Israel celebrates its 70th anniversary this month. Let me put my cards on the table — I'm not dispassionate when it comes to Israel.

For centuries, Jews around the world prayed for a return to Zion. We are the lucky ones who have seen those prayers answered: The establishment of the state in 1948; the fulfillment of its envisioned role as home and haven for Jews from anywhere and everywhere; its wholehearted embrace of democracy and the rule of law; and its impressive scientific, cultural, and economic achievements are extraordinary accomplishments.

And when one adds that Israel's neighbors tried from day one to annihilate it, the story of Israel's first 70 years becomes all the more remarkable.

No other country has faced such overwhelming odds against its very survival, or experienced the same degree of never-ending international demonization by too many nations ready to throw integrity and morality to the wind.

Yet Israelis have never succumbed to a fortress mentality, never abandoned their deep yearning for peace or their willingness to take unprecedented risks to achieve that peace. This was the case with Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994, the unilateral withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, and one day, let's hope, a deal with the Palestinians — if and when their leadership

finally accepts the reality of Israel and the legitimacy of Jewish self-determination.

To be sure, nation-building is an infinitely complex process. In Israel's case, it began against a backdrop of tensions with a local Arab population that laid claim to the very same land and tragically refused a UN proposal in 1947 to divide it into Arab and Jewish states (the original two-state solution). This also took place as the Arab world sought to isolate, demoralize, and ultimately destroy the state. At the same time, Israel was forced to devote a vast portion of its limited national budget to defense expenditures, even as it coped with forging a national identity and social consensus among a geographically, linguistically, socially, and culturally diverse population.

Like any vibrant democracy, Israel is a permanent work in progress. To be sure, it has its shortcomings, including the excessive and unholy intrusion of religion into politics, the inexcusable marginalization of non-Orthodox Jewish religious streams, and the unfinished, if undeniably complex, task of integrating Israeli Arabs into the mainstream.

But such challenges, important as they are, cannot be allowed to overshadow Israel's remarkable achievements.



The Western Wall and Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

In just 70 years, Israel has established a thriving democracy unique in the region. This includes a Supreme Court prepared to overrule the prime minister or the military establishment, a feisty parliament that includes every imaginable viewpoint, a robust civil society, and a vigorous press.

Israel has built an enviable economy, increasingly based on mind-blowing innovation and cutting-edge technology, whose per capita GNP far exceeds the combined total of its four contiguous sovereign neighbors — Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. It has joined the OECD, become a global hub of research and development, and is a magnet for foreign direct investment.

It is home to universities and research centers that have contributed to advancing the world's frontiers of knowledge in countless ways and won a slew of Nobel Prizes in the process.

It has created one of the world's most powerful militaries — always under civilian control — to ensure its survival in a rough-and-tumble neighborhood. At the same time, it strives to adhere to a strict code of military conduct that has few rivals in the democratic world, much less elsewhere, even as its enemies send children to the front lines and seek cover in mosques, schools, and hospitals.

It is ranked among the world's healthiest nations, with a life expectancy higher than that of the US — not to mention a consistent top ranking in the annual world "happiness index."

It has forged a thriving culture admired far beyond Israel's borders, and has lovingly taken an ancient language — Hebrew, the language of the prophets — and rendered it modern to accommodate the vocabulary of

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World News.

Israeli Defense Minister: We Will Not Permit Iranian Entrenchment in Syria

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel will do what is necessary to prevent Iranian entrenchment in Syria, Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman said in a pre-Independence Day *Walla* interview that was published on Monday.

Lieberman declined to confirm or deny Israel's involvement in an air strike last week on an air base in Syria's Homs region — an incident in which seven Iranian military personnel were reportedly killed.

"We don't interfere in Syria's internal affairs and we're not coming to fix the world," Lieberman told *Walla*. "We're dealing only with Israel's security, and the Russians understand this well."

Regarding Israel's freedom of action in Syria — where the Russian military has been operating for the past two and a half years on behalf of President Bashar Assad's regime — Lieberman said, "We won't accept any limitations when it comes to Israel's security interests. We've managed to prevent direct friction with the Russians and we talk to them

all the time. We have a steady line of communications that has proven itself."

"All options are on the table," Lieberman continued. "We will not allow a situation in which Syria serves as a front base against Israel."

Hezbollah and Hamas, according to Lieberman, "could not exist for one day without Iranian support."

Lieberman also said that Israel would not let the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip become an "Iranian front base."

Israel's vision for Gaza's future, Lieberman stated, involves demilitarization, followed by a prisoner swap and, ultimately, rehabilitation.

"Gaza Strip residents have to understand that they can become the Singapore of the Middle East," he said. "In the Gaza Strip, they realize that Hamas is bringing them nothing except frustration and poverty, because Hamas keeps investing money in tunneling and missile manufacturing. Instead of talking about how to destroy the State of Israel, it must talk about living alongside the State of Israel. As long as Hamas is in control there, there will be nothing."

Syrian State Media Claims it Shot Down Missile Attack on Bases, US Denies Involvement

BY JNS.ORG

Syrian state media reported that it shot down a missile attack on two of its bases early Tuesday morning.

One of the bases was targeted by American forces last year following a chemical weapons attack by Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces in Khan Shaykhun. However, the US has denied any involvement.

Although the Israel Defense Forces Spokesperson's Unit has not commented on the attack, no evidence has surfaced implicating Israel in the attack.

Initial report attributed the attack to fighter jets.

On Monday, a senior IDF official confirmed in an interview with *The New York Times* that the attack on the T-4 military base

last week was carried out by Israel, with the goal of destroying Iranian installations and hitting military personnel.

However, just hours after the article was published, the *Times's* senior analyst edited the article to state that the IDF rejected the report, stating Israel does not comment in foreign publications.

The IDF has deployed increased air and ground forces in the Golan Heights to be ready for Iranian or Syrian reprisals.

The United States, France and Britain bombed Syrian targets over the weekend, with US President Donald Trump stating that the attacks were in response to Assad's chemical attacks on the rebel-controlled town of Douma, which killed at least 40 people, including children, and injured hundreds more.

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Nazi crimes committed by the Third Reich... faces a maximum prison sentence of three years. The law is not limited to Poland in its scope and can be used to prosecute foreigners.

The RN is basing its case against Rivlin on comments the Israeli president was said to have made during a meeting with his Polish counterpart, Andrzej Duda, on Apr. 12. "There is no doubt that there were many Poles who fought the Nazi regime, but we cannot deny that Poland and Poles had a hand in the extermination," Rivlin — who traveled to Poland for

the annual "March of the Living" at the site of the Auschwitz death camp — was reported as saying by both Polish and Israeli media outlets.

However Rivlin's speech at the official memorial ceremony at Auschwitz used notably different wording than that attributed to him earlier in the day.

Turning to President Duda, he solemnly acknowledged that under the Nazi occupation, "the Poles were an oppressed people, living in fear."

"The people of Poland produced thousands of 'Righteous among the Nations,'" Rivlin said.

Israel Faces New Palestinian Tactic — 'Kite Terror'



A Palestinian riot on the Israel-Gaza Strip border, April 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

For the fourth time in recent days, a kite rigged with a Molotov cocktail was flown by Palestinian terrorists from the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip into southern Israel on Tuesday, the Hebrew news outlet Mako reported.

Firefighters were called to a field near

Kibbutz Be'eri to extinguish a blaze ignited by the "kite bomb."

The "kite terror" phenomenon began last Friday as part of the ongoing Hamas-orchestrated "Great March of Return" riots on the border.

One goal of the rioters in recent weeks has been to set Israeli agricultural fields adjacent to the border on fire.

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attack Israel, based on Iranian threats to respond to the strike on T-4."

The official, who requested anonymity, would not elaborate.

Israel's *Army Radio* reported that, given tensions with Iran over Syria, the Israeli air force canceled plans to send F-15 fighter jets to take part in the US-hosted exercise Red Flag, which begins on April 30.

'Exposed'

Roni Daniel, military editor for Israeli TV station *Mako*, said the disclosure was a signal to Iran that its deployments in Syria "are totally exposed to us, and if you take action against us to avenge (the T-4 strike) these targets will be very severely harmed."

According to Daniel, Israel was bracing for a possible Iranian missile salvo or armed drone assault from Syria.

There was no immediate response from the IRGC or Syria.

The Iranian death toll in T-4 was unusually high. "It was the first time we attacked live Iranian targets — both facilities and people," *The New York Times* on Sunday quoted an Israeli military source as saying.

Iran, Israel's arch-foe, has cast its military personnel in Syria as reinforcements helping

He continued: "Nevertheless, It is impossible to deny the truth. The Nazi death machine would not have been able to achieve its terrible vision, if it had not received help; if it had not found a fertile ground of hatred for Jews, in which to take root."

Rivlin commented that while Nazi Germany had "built the camps, our people were not murdered only in the camps."

"The members of our nation were betrayed by the people amongst whom they lived, in France, in Holland, and in Belgium," the Israeli president declared. "They were murdered by Ukrainians, Lithuanians and, yes — also by Poles."

In the same speech, Rivlin also countered the widespread claim in Poland

President Bashar al-Assad battle a seven-year-old insurgency. The Iranians have also described their cargo flights to Syria as carrying humanitarian aid only.

An Israeli-Iranian showdown over Syria has loomed since Feb. 10, when Israel said an armed drone launched from T-4 penetrated its air space. Israel blew up the drone and carried out a raid on Syrian air defenses in which one of its F-16 jets was downed.

"Israel is headed for escalation," Yaacov Amidror, former national security adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, told Tel Aviv radio station *103 FM*. "There could be a very big belligerent incident with Iran and Hezbollah."

While not claiming responsibility for the T-4 strike, Israel has restated a policy of preventing Iran setting up a Syrian garrison. Scores of previous such raids went unanswered but Israel worries that changing conditions may now embolden Iran.

Russia, which long turned a blind eye to Israeli actions in Syria while serving as a brake on retaliation by Iran or its Lebanese Shi'a proxy group Hezbollah, is now at loggerheads with Western powers over accusations, denied by Syria's government, that it has used chemical weaponry in fighting.

that the Holocaust was as much a Polish as a Jewish tragedy.

"Polish people were killed and murdered in the cruel war," he said. "We, the Jews, were slaughtered in the Holocaust."

While the prosecution of Israel's sitting president by a Polish court is unlikely to move forward, the invocation of the IPN Act by a political party that marshaled 60,000 neo-Nazis and other extremists onto the streets of Warsaw last November suggests that the legislation will now become a campaigning tool for Polish ultranationalists. A number of leading historians — including the Princeton-based Prof. Jan Gross — have been threatened with prosecution under the amended act.

World News.



Liverpool striker Mohamed Salah scores against Manchester City in the UEFA Champions League. Photo: Reuters / Andrew Yates.

Qatari Sports Channel Promotes Gaza 'March of Return' During TV Coverage of Crucial Soccer Contest

BY BEN COHEN

A soccer announcer for the Qatari-owned broadcaster *beIN Sports* began his coverage of a crucial UEFA Champions League match last week by declaring solidarity with Palestinian rioters on the Israel-Gaza Strip border seeking to "return to the lands occupied in 1948."

As Liverpool and Manchester City players lined up for the much-anticipated second installment of their Champions League quarterfinal tie on April 10, *beIN's* Algerian commentator, Hafid Derradji, promised that an exciting match was in store. But as the two teams playing formations scrolled down the screen, Derradji apparently decided that viewers would rather hear a solidarity message with the Palestinians than a discussion of tactics on the pitch.

Addressing "our steadfast viewers in the Gaza Strip and the occupied lands," Derradji — in a clip made available by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI) — said he hoped they could watch the entire game "without any of the power outages to which they have become accustomed."

(The closure of Gaza's only power plant

by the Palestinian Energy Authority due to lack of fuel earlier this month has crippled the electricity supply in the coastal enclave, with the only relief coming from Israel, which provides 120 megawatts per day out of the total of 500 required. Electricity and fuel supplies to Gaza from Egypt, meanwhile, are essentially suspended.)

Derradji declared: "We wish them all the best in their Great Marches of Return to the lands that have been occupied since 1948."

"We salute you, oh heroes," Derradji continued, over images of players taking their positions for the kick-off. "We wish you more perseverance and steadfastness."

beIN Sports — which broadcasts soccer, basketball and other sports on its English, French, Spanish and Arabic channels — is a spin-off from the Qatari-owned *Al Jazeera Media Network*. Its chairman, Nasser al-Khelaifi, is a confidant of Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani and one of the emirate's leading international investors. Based in Paris, al-Khelaifi — a minister without portfolio in the emir's cabinet — is also the chairman of Qatar Sports Investments and the owner of FC Paris St. Germain, France's leading soccer club.

Bowing to Pressure From Anti-Israel Groups, Durham, NC, City Council Bars 'Military-Style Training' for Local Police

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The city council in Durham, North Carolina, has voted to bar the city's police department from engaging in international exchanges where officers receive "military-style training."

The 6-0 vote on Monday night was the outcome of a campaign by anti-Zionist and left-wing groups to prevent any future partnerships between the city's police department and the Israel Police.

The campaign began with a petition launched in September 2017 by the vehemently anti-Zionist advocacy group "Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP)," which called

on the City Council to "immediately halt any partnerships that the Durham Police Department has or might enter into with the Israeli Defense Forces and/or the Israel Police."

The group has been campaigning during the last year to end what it calls a "Deadly Exchange" involving police departments in the US allegedly learning from their Israeli counterparts the techniques of "discriminatory and repressive policing."

The JVP campaign has already been condemned as antisemitic by the Anti-Defamation League, the prominent US Jewish civil rights group that sends senior American security officials to Israel for counter-terrorism

Soldier Originally Injured in 1973 Yom Kippur War Succumbs to Wounds Prior to Israel's Memorial Day

BY JNS.org

Yitzhak Dreksler, an IDF soldier seriously wounded during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, passed away on Saturday afternoon following medical complications relating directly back to the injuries he suffered in battle.

Dreksler served in the Orthodox Nahal Hareidi Battalion and in the Armored Corps during reserve service. During the war a rocket struck his tank in the Golan Heights but he escaped the burning tank, suffering severe, debilitating burns. After undergoing 70 surgeries, he was declared a disabled IDF veteran on 95 percent disability.

He went on to help found the ultra-Orthodox town of Emmanuel in Samaria and

spent the last years of his life in the Orthodox town of Elad, where he dedicated his time to commemorating fallen ultra-Orthodox IDF soldiers, helping to found the Netzah Yehuda Battalion in the Kfir Brigade and advocating for ultra-Orthodox Israelis to enlist in the IDF.

Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman honored him in a tweet, noting that Dreksler "was a yeshiva student who left his studies and his pregnant wife and went to serve as a reserve soldier to protect the country and the nation," adding, "I salute you."

Dreksler noted that ultra-Orthodox soldiers during his youth were warmly accepted by their families and communities.

He is survived by six children, including two military officers and many grandchildren.

German Authorities Raid Homes of Suspected Neo-Nazis

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

German authorities raided the homes of four alleged neo-Nazis whom they suspect of attempting to obtain weapons, ammunition and explosives with which to attack political opponents, prosecutors said on Tuesday.

The raids, targeting a group calling itself the Northern Eagle, took place on Tuesday morning at locations in northern Germany.

Authorities have become increasingly concerned about the activities of far-right

movements such as the Reichsbuerger (Citizens of the Reich), who do not recognize modern Germany as a legitimate state and insist the former "Deutsche Reich" is still alive despite Nazi Germany's defeat in World War Two.

The domestic intelligence service estimates that the Reichsbuerger have several thousand members. One of them shot dead a police officer in Bavaria in October.

The home in eastern Germany of a fifth individual, who was not a suspect, was also searched. The timing of any possible planned attack was not yet known. No arrests had yet been made as part of the investigation, which continues.

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Israel at 70

the contemporary world.

Notwithstanding a few extremist voices, it has built a climate of respect for other faith groups, including Baha'i, Christianity, and Islam, and their places of worship. Can any other nation in the area even begin to make the same claim?

It has built an agricultural sector that has had much to teach developing nations about turning an arid soil into bountiful fields of fruits, vegetables, cotton, and flowers.

Step back from the twists and turns of the daily information overload and consider the sweep of the last seven decades. Look at

the light-years traveled since the darkness of the Holocaust, and marvel at the miracle of a decimated people returning to a tiny sliver of land — the land of our ancestors — and successfully building a modern, vibrant state against all the odds.

In the final analysis, the story of Israel is the wondrous realization of a 3,500-year combination of a land, a faith, a language, a people, and a vision. It is an unparalleled story of tenacity and determination, of courage and renewal. And it is ultimately a metaphor for the triumph of enduring hope over the temptation of despair.

David Harris is executive director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

training. The ADL noted last year that JVP used "language to describe American Jewish organizations that veers uncomfortably close to age-old antisemitic canards about Jews using their influence to undermine the societies of the countries in which they live."

Indeed, many of the fifty speakers who addressed a tense meeting of the City Council on Monday night noted that the Durham Police Department currently has no exchange programs with Israel to begin with — fueling concern that the resolution was primarily intended as an anti-Israel political statement.

"This entire discussion is much ado about nothing," one speaker remarked to the council. "We wonder why the City Council feels the need to take up a position on this. There are real problems facing this city."

Other pro-Israel advocates warned that the JVP campaign was nationwide in its scope.

"It very clearly is anti-Israel," Bob Gutman, a co-chair of Voice for Israel, told local news outlet WRAL. "It's very personally offensive. They are using this false flag as a way of getting Durham to pass a petition that defames Israel, so they can show it around the United States and get other cities to do the same."

Outside the council meeting, one pro-Palestinian protestor described Israel's leaders as "savages."

"These are savages that are controlling Israel," claimed Jihad Shawwa, a retired engineer for the NC Department of Transportation who was born in Gaza. "These are not human beings."

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U.S. News.

Amid Blackface Controversy, Cal Poly Student Collective Targets 'Zionist' Campus Groups

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A student collective at the California Polytechnic State University has issued a list of demands in the wake of a racially-charged controversy on campus, which includes calls for increased funding to all non-Zionist student clubs.

The school drew national attention last week after photos surfaced on social media showing a member of its Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity attending a party in blackface, and his peers dressed in stereotypical "gangster" clothing. While university president Jeffrey Armstrong has denounced the students' actions, the administration has so far rebuffed calls to expel them.

Students addressed the offensive images at an emergency town hall meeting held last Monday, after which the Drylongso Collective campus



Jespersen Hall at California Polytechnic State University. Photo: Indefiarch.

group published a set of demands "in consultation with various student organizations affected by the inaction of the Administration, including the Black Student Union."

The list, released on Friday, urged the school to provide Greek clubs with training to help address "Cal Poly's deep-seated racial issues," require students to complete Ethnic Studies courses before graduation, and establish an endowed professorship in the Ethnic Studies Department, among other requests. It also called for increased "funding for ALL cultural clubs, with the exception of organizations that are aligned with Zionist ideology."

If instituted, the demand would impact Jewish student groups including Hillel of San Luis Obispo, which has supported programming on campus related to Zionism, the movement for Jewish national-self determination in the Levant. No other cultural clubs that cater to students of a particular national or ethnic background would be affected.

Efforts to stigmatize Zionism — most famously through United Nations General Assembly Resolution 3379, which called the movement "a form of racism and racial discrimination" before being repealed — have been advanced on college campuses in recent years by pro-Palestinian activists, whose

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Training

A former police chief in the city who trained with Israeli police officers expressed regret at the resolution.

"None of the training had anything to do with militarization," former police chief Jose Lopez, who retired in December 2015, told WRAL. "It was about leadership, it was learning about terrorism and then learning about how to interact with people who are involved in mass casualty situations and how to manage mass casualty situations."

During his time as chief, Lopez said two of his commanders went to Washington, DC, to receive training from Israeli police, and he felt the experiences were valuable.

"It would be a shame that we would not be allowed to interact with police departments solely because someone believes we will be tainted," he said.



Police in Durham, NC have been barred from "military-style training" by the City Council. Photo: Screenshot.

rejection of the ideology has been supported through intersectional coalitions.

While such positions have been spearheaded by groups including Jewish Voice for Peace, they largely remain on the fringe of the Jewish community. Israeli Jews overwhelmingly endorse Zionism, while a Pew Research survey published in 2016 found that most American Jews say "that caring about Israel is essential or important to what being Jewish means to them."

Following criticism from some community members over the exclusionary treatment of Zionist students, the Drylongso Collective released a statement on Monday emphasizing "the distinction between Judaism and Zionism," which cited works by the anti-Zionist group Jews Against Zionism, Palestinian-American academic Noura Erakat, and civil rights activist and author Angela Davis.

"That we chose to use these definitions by

these scholars and organizations negates any insinuation that as a Collective we are in any way Anti-Semitic or Anti-Jewish," the group claimed. "We encourage everyone, Jewish or not, to educate themselves on this very important distinction before lashing out with accusations or assumptions about where we stand."

"Black folks and other People of Color have a long-standing history of standing in solidarity with Palestinian folks," the statement continued. "Particularly given the Palestinian students who have struggled alongside marginalized students in previous Cal Poly student movements... it would be disingenuous for us to bring attention to our own liberation struggles at the cost of theirs."

Representatives for the Black Student Union, the Drylongso Collective, and Cal Poly did not respond to requests for comment by press time.

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Opinion.

What a Difference an Administration Makes

SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

Barack Obama is a moral man. But as president, he had an amoral foreign policy. Obama and his national security trio of John Kerry, Susan Rice, and Samantha Power regularly obfuscated on clear-cut moral issues, like whether or not Iran should be penalized for genocidal incitement against Israel; whether Hamas should be punished for terrorism; and, most importantly, whether the United States should attack Bashar Assad for gassing Arab children.

In the case of all three, the Obama quartet decided not to take sides. They decided to be neutral on Iran, mildly critical of Hamas, and take no action against Syria, even after Obama declared that the use of poison gas against civilians was a red line that he would enforce. Over the years, I praised Samantha Power, but I was very disappointed by her actions.

Now we have witnessed Donald Trump attack Syria for the second time in about a year because the Butcher of Damascus is using outlawed sarin and chlorine gas to exterminate his people. Assad is a vile man. And if the words "Never Again" are to have meaning, than the civilized world must destroy his capacity for gassing children — otherwise, we

lose moral credibility.

Donald Trump has endured much criticism as president. But when it comes to foreign policy, what a difference an administration makes. Less than four years ago, Hamas was firing mortars and rockets into Israel, and the Obama administration was condemning Israel for failing to do all it could to prevent civilian casualties. Now Hamas is stoking riots in Gaza against Israeli soldiers, attempting to place bombs along the border fence, and trying to infiltrate Israel to commit terrorist attacks. But this time, the Trump administration is defending Israel's actions to protect its citizens and calling out Hamas for its commitment to violence and genocide.

It is, of course, sad and very unfortunate that lives have been lost during the melee along Israel's border with Gaza — even though most were Hamas terrorists. Israel was put in a no-win situation. If its troops did nothing, terrorists could have attacked soldiers, placed IEDs along the fence, and the mob could have crossed into Israel and threatened the population. Let us never forget that Hamas is a genocidal organization whose charter calls for the annihilation of the Jewish people. And if Israel takes measures to stop them, any injuries are exploited by Hamas for propaganda purposes.

Sadly, as it so often does, the media is singing from the Hamas song sheet. Major news outlets printed screaming headlines saying that Israeli troops were killing Palestinians, ignoring Hamas' role in the conflict and

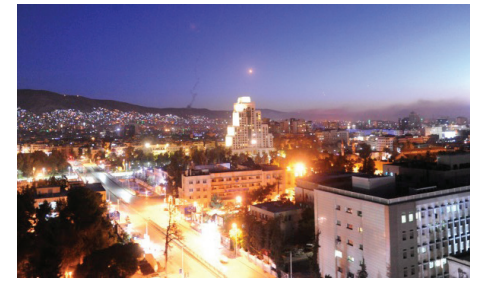
giving the impression that the Israeli military was shooting peaceful protestors rather than rioters and terrorists. Those same news outlets mostly omit Hamas' genocidal charter and incitement against Israel and international Jewry.

President Trump's special envoy for Middle East peace Jason Greenblatt has forcefully held Hamas to account for their calls to violence. Unlike the myopic journalists I've cited, Greenblatt noted in a tweet that Hamas' leader Yahya Al-Sinwar said that they will "tear down the wall and tear out [Israelis'] hearts." Greenblatt rightly called the message "monstrous" and added "this only hurts the Palestinians of Gaza." He said that the statement's "old-line of thinking and ideology hurts all Palestinians" and "can cause the situation to escalate and many lives could be lost."

He asked the question that everyone should: "Will Hamas ever learn?"

Before the second week of protests, Greenblatt sent the Palestinians a strong message:

The United States strongly urges protest leaders to communicate loudly and clearly that protestors should march peacefully; should abstain from all forms of violence; should remain outside the 500-meter buffer zone; and should not approach the border fence in any way or any location. We condemn leaders and protestors who call for violence or who send protestors — including children — to the fence, knowing that they may be injured or killed. Instead,



A missile is seen over Damascus, Syria, April 14, 2018. Photo: SANA / Handout via Reuters.

we call for a renewed focus by all parties on finding solutions to the dire humanitarian challenges facing Gazans.

Hamas ignored the warning and engaged in a second week of violence. Afterward, Greenblatt reiterated the conditions that Israel, the United States, and the EU have set for an end to the blockade of Gaza — and the participation of Gaza's leaders in negotiations: "Hamas must relinquish its control of Gaza to the PA and disarm. If it wants to join the REAL world, it must renounce violence, recognize Israel, and decide to abide by past agreements. It's time for Hamas to make some real decisions."

Greenblatt added that if the Palestinian leadership "renounces violence & ceases to threaten its neighbors, it will find an outstretched hand from the US, ready to help improve the quality of life of its inhabitants. Such a step forward can yield tremendous opportunity."

Meanwhile, at the UN, instead of an ambassador quick to castigate Israel, as Samantha Power did during Israel's war with Hamas, we have Nikki Haley standing up for Israel against the lynch mob mentality at the Security Council and Human Rights Council (HRC).

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Opinion.

Attention Donald Trump: Mission Not Accomplished



RON PROSOR
NEW YORK

The five days that it took the US administration to respond to a chemical weapons attack in Syria were vital for two reasons: First, to consolidate a diplomatic coalition with two other UN Security Council member states. Second, to define the military targets that would send a clear message that the use of chemical weapons crosses a red line. And all this without undermining Syrian President Bashar Assad's regime and, as a result, changing the rules of the game with Russia.

From a military perspective, the Americans did not need the British and the French to carry out the attack, but the cooperation between the three countries lent the operation political legitimacy, including at the UN Security Council. The attack also sent another important message — that in the year 2018, and in a world of competing narratives, facts still matter. Assad used chemical weapons against his own people last week and it was not for the first time. Period. End of story.

The odd claims by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov that the chemical attack on Douma was "fabricated" by a foreign intelligence agency, along with Russia's sweeping denials that it was behind the poisoning of Russian double agent Sergei Skripal and his daughter in England are indicative of a deeper phenomenon that the world's democracies will need to address in future conflicts.

According to the words attributed to Abraham Lincoln, "You can fool all the people



US President Donald Trump. Photo: Screenshot.

some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time."

While the US airstrikes may well be behind us, the Syrian front continues to heat up. Israel must continue to carefully navigate this front. On the one hand, it must work to prevent Iran from establishing itself militarily on the northern border. On the other hand, it cannot push the limits so far that the Russians decide to position advanced S-300 or S-400 missile batteries in Syria, leaving Israel with little room to maneuver there or in Lebanon.

My greatest fear is that the US airstrikes will be the final act in America's involvement in Syria. US military action must not conclude with a limited tactical victory. That would only result in a long-term strategic loss for the United States.

The US must maintain and increase its presence in Syria in order to stand up to Russia and stand with its allies like Israel, Saudi Arabia, and the other Persian Gulf states who know that America's presence in Syria can prevent a Russian and Iranian takeover of the country. This is not just in Israel's interests, but the interests of the Middle East and the entire world.

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Walking in the Footsteps of Those Who Fought in 1948

YAAKOV LAPPIN
JERUSALEM

Members of the Israel Defense Forces and Israeli civilians are jointly commemorating the decisive battles of the 1948 War of Independence ahead of national celebrations of Israel's 70th anniversary.

"When you study the War of Independence, which is fascinating, in an in-depth manner, you see that the IDF was born in this war," Education Officer Lt.-Col. Shuli Ben Moha, who is running the commemoration tours, told JNS.

"In this war, the IDF built itself up. Its values were born in it. Its DNA was formed. This is the incredible aspect of the War of Independence. The things that were born in it can be seen to this day. It is moving to learn and read about this," she added.

Ben Moha said that the walking tours took place in Israel's north, central, and

southern regions on consecutive days in early April, with each day containing four routes for civilians to choose from.

Those who walked down the routes heard about the battles that raged there seven decades ago, as the newly born Israel fended off an attack by the states of the Arab League and local militias.

Participants of the tour learned about acts of bravery that turned the tide and left a major mark on Israeli history, added Ben Moha.

"We are using this wonderful opportunity of marking 70 years since the War of Independence, which was a seminal event of great significance, to bring people closer to the war's legacy. We have a real opportunity to do that," she said.

The war's most significant and unique battles were chosen for the tours, Ben Moha said, describing them as having the most influence on the outcome of the conflict. These include the site of Ramat Yochanan, east of Haifa, "where the Druze sect sealed its blood pact [with the Jews of Israel] that exists to this day. We remember a significant battle there."

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Instead of allowing yet another anti-Israel investigation to be launched, Haley made sure that the recommendation never came to a vote at the Security Council. And when the HRC condemned Israel, Haley tweeted, "When the Human Rights Council treats Israel worse than North Korea, Iran, & Syria, it is the Council itself that is foolish and unworthy of its name."

On Syria, Haley has been exemplary, holding Russia and Iran to account for Assad's atrocities against his people and making clear that the most recent American attack will be one of many if Assad dares gas his people again. In fact, Haley was even harder on Russia than Trump, who later overruled her.

Hamas sees the unfair attacks against Israel in a biased media — especially in Europe — as vindication for its behavior. The Palestinian issue is once again getting international attention, and Israel is bearing the brunt of the criticism for Hamas-instigated violence. Hence, Hamas promises to continue its violent protests to provoke more confrontations, hoping that they will produce casualties to blame on Israel. The Palestinians

learned long ago they can fabricate casualty statistics, stage photo-ops, use their people as human shields, and claim terrorists are civilians — and the press will parrot their propaganda.

After eight long years of Israel being cast as the obstacle to peace, we have an administration that understands that it is Palestinian terror, incitement, and refusal to recognize the Jewish right to independence in their homeland that is the cause of ongoing strife. We also have an administration that will not turn a blind eye to the use of gas against children. Knowing the United States is pursuing a foreign policy with a moral underpinning and with an emphasis on the infinite value of every human life might just lead other nations to finally hold Assad accountable for his atrocities — as well as Hamas and Iran for their stated goals of exterminating Israel and the Jewish people.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, "America's Rabbi," whom the Washington Post calls "the most famous Rabbi in America," is the international best-selling author of 31 books including his most recent, *The Israel Warrior*. Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.

Palestinian 'Protest Pizza' Tells a Story at Which The New York Times Only Hints



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

As the pre-planned violent riots in Gaza plod on, *The New York Times* coverage of them is starting to show its own internal contradictions.

A recent *Times* editorial had recommended that Israel defend its border with "nonlethal tactics common to law enforcement, such as the use of high-powered fire hoses."

Lo and behold, it turns out that the Israelis have been doing precisely that already. The *Times* news columns now report:

After protesters burned tires to obscure the soldiers' view and rolled them toward the fence, the Israelis brought in giant industrial fans to disperse the thick black smoke and powerful water cannons to douse the fires. Soldiers have fired countless volleys of tear gas to try to push back crowds of demonstrators...nearly 1,000 [rioters] have inhaled tear gas; 300 have been hit by rubber bullets.

Just as contradictory as the *Times* reporting on Israel's use of nonlethal force has been its reporting in economic conditions in Gaza. One *Times* dispatch managed simultaneously to refer to Gaza's "collapsing economy" and report as well that at one of the riot sites, "Once a day or so, a delivery arrives with free slices of pizza or cakes."

The *Times* has been insisting that the Gaza riots were "ignited by isolation and economic deprivation." A good question for the newspaper's intrepid Gaza-based journalists to pursue might be who paid for the pizza and cakes, and who caused them to be delivered to the riot site? They may have been "free" to the rioters, but someone must have paid at some point for their ingredients, production, and delivery. Instead the *Times* account has them arriving almost magically, a kind of immaculate pizza delivery, a *Domino's* ex-



The headquarters of The New York Times. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

machina, so to speak.

Speaking of pizza, there's actually an interesting news article to be written about the Gaza dairy industry. A 2017 Oxfam International report faulted Israel for flooding Gaza with dairy products:

The local authorities do not control or limit the amount of dairy products entering Gaza, which means that the local sector is dependent on imported products and prevented from growing. The lack of an import quota, which would limit the amount of foreign dairy products entering Gaza, particularly those that can be easily produced locally such as labneh, plain yoghurt, feta cheese and different types of white cheese, has hindered the dairy processors' ability to function at full capacity. For example, current production of nine dairy processors targeted by Oxfam in Gaza is less than half their capacity, because imported products flood the local market.

The Oxfam report recommended, "the Palestinian Ministry of Economy should implement an import quota to reduce the amount of imported dairy."

So while the international press, including the *Times*, promotes the myth of Gaza starving under an Israeli "blockade," nongovernmental organizations simultaneously complain that Gaza is so flooded with cheap Israeli dairy products that local producers can't afford to compete. Is the cheese on the "free" Palestinian protest pizza imported from Israel? Finding out could be a good *New York Times* story, but don't expect to read about it there anytime soon.

Impressions.

Pigeons, Winged Warriors That Helped Israel to Victory 70 Years Ago

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

The cooing of pigeons fills the air once again in a secluded dovecot that was once part of a top-secret communications project during Israel's war with its Arab neighbors 70 years ago.

It housed carrier pigeons, which delivered critical messages from the battlefield to Israeli military headquarters during the 1948 war after

whether they succeeded or not, whether they were attacked, if they have wounded or dead, is there a need to send a vehicle to evacuate the wounded? It was all done through the pigeons," said veteran military pigeoneer Shaul Sapir, 90, who still gets emotional when he reminisces about his birds.

"They were nurtured, so much that... a truck would be brought carrying food for the pigeons, when we remained very hungry."

After being deserted for decades, the restored



Pigeon handler Haim Wolf holds a carrier pigeon in Kibbutz Givat Brenner, Israel, April 1, 2018.
Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

the new state declared independence and was attacked by the armies of countries including Syria, Egypt and Jordan.

As Israel prepares for its Independence Day celebrations, starting at sundown on Wednesday, the recently restored dovecot in Kibbutz Givat Brenner is today an educational center devoted to the winged warriors.

"This is the only thing that was left, and we thought that this is a great place to tell the story," said Tal Ben Nun of The Society for Preservation of Israel's Heritage Sites.

It has used 600,000 shekels (about \$170,000) given by the Defense Ministry and Prime Minister's Office to restore the site. Kibbutz Givat Brenner was founded by Jewish immigrants from Europe in 1928. It lies between Ashdod and Tel Aviv, just north of where Egyptian forces reached after invading from the Sinai in 1948.

Lacking communication devices during the war, the Israeli forces relied on a clandestine network of 68 dovecots spread across the country, and ran "pigeoneer" courses for soldiers, Ben Nun said.

Counting on the pigeons' ability to return to their home dovecot, as armies have long done, the Israeli soldiers flew them from the heart of the battle — this time carrying messages written mostly in Morse code.

"It was the only way to communicate, to receive news of what's going on with the troops —

dovecot in Givat Brenner now houses 60 carrier pigeons, some of which are descendants of those who were there during the war. They are trained daily by volunteers.

"I think it is a duty, a duty, to all the youths and especially those who will be enlisted to the Israeli army's communication or intelligence units, to come and see how we started from nothing, with a pigeon, and what is reached today, with satellites."



An Israeli Communication Unit soldier trains carrier pigeons in this December 1, 1949 file photo released by the Israeli Government Press Office (GPO) and obtained by Reuters on April 1, 2018.
Photo: Reuters / GPO / Handout.

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1948

In central Israel, the IDF and civilians walked along the Convoys Ridge, which is located on the approach to Jerusalem from the coastal plain. This is the site where convoys of armored supply vehicles broke through the Arab siege on Jerusalem and entered the city, rescuing its Jewish inhabitants.

In the south, tourists heard "the incredible story of how southern communities stood firm [in the face of assaults by Arab League forces]," said Ben Moha.

Members of IDF brigades will, on some of the routes, walk along the sites where soldiers from the same brigades fought 70 years ago for independence.

Lt. Guy Shtuser, Squad commander in the 401st Armored Corps Reconnaissance Company, spoke to JNS from Metzudat Koach, near Kiryat Shmona. This was the site of significant War of Independence clashes, which resulted in Israeli control of this strategically important area. Some 150 civilians joined 30 military personnel from the Armored Corps, the Paratroopers, and the Engineering Corps on the tour.

"We see this, first of all, as something that the military is doing for civilians. It is creating a bond that is a little different from the daily routine," said Shtuser. During the walking tours, civilians also asked the military personnel about their current activities and heard about the fateful events of 1948.



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

Shtuser's squad is a part of the reconnaissance unit of the 401st Brigade — a unit whose members travel on foot in front of tanks, setting up lookouts and securing the territory.

Shtuser, who has been a squad commander for almost a year and a half, noted that the message of the 1948 war resonates with him to this day. "We know we have to safeguard the borders because if we will not be there, if we will not be ready, what we are defending won't be there for us."

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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

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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, 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

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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 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

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Tradition.

The Power of Praise



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

From time to time couples come to see me before their wedding. Sometimes they ask me whether I have any advice to give them as to how to make their marriage strong. In reply I give them a simple suggestion. It is almost magical in its effects. It will make their relationship strong and in other unexpected ways it will transform their lives.

They have to commit themselves to the following ritual. Once a day, usually at the end of the day, they must each praise the other for something the other has done that day, no matter how small: an act, a word, a gesture that



was kind or sensitive or generous or thoughtful. The praise must be focused on that one act, not generalised. It must be genuine: it must come from the heart. And the other must learn to accept the praise.

That is all they have to do. It takes at most a minute or two. But it has to be done, not sometimes, but every day. I learned this in a most unexpected way.

I have written before about the late Lena Rustin: one of the most remarkable people I have ever met. She was a speech therapist specialising in helping stammering children. She founded the Michael Palin Centre for Stammering in London, and she had a unique approach to her work. Most speech therapists focus on speaking and breathing techniques, and on the individual child (those she worked with were on average around five years old). Lena did more. She focused on relationships, and worked with parents, not just children.

Her view was that to cure a stammer, she had to do more than help the child to speak fluently. She had to change the entire family environment. Families tend to create an equilibrium. If a child stammers, everyone in the family adjusts to it. Therefore if the child is to lose its stammer, all the relationships within the family will have to be renegotiated. Not only must the child change. So must everyone else.

But change at that basic level is hard. We tend to settle into

patterns of behaviour until they become comfortable like a well-worn armchair. How do you create an atmosphere within a family that encourages change and makes it unthreatening? The answer, Lena discovered, was praise. She told the families with which she was working that every day they must catch each member of the family doing something right, and say so, specifically, positively and sincerely. Every member of the family, but especially the parents, had to learn to give and receive praise.

Watching her at work I began to realise that she was creating, within each home, an atmosphere of mutual respect and continuous positive reinforcement. She believed that this would generate self-confidence not just for the stammering child but for all members of the family. The result would be an environment in which people felt safe to change and to help others do so likewise.

I filmed Lena's work for a documentary I made for BBC television on the state of the family in Britain. I also interviewed some of the parents whose children she had

worked with. When I asked them whether Lena had helped their child, not only did each of them say 'Yes' but they went on to say that she had helped save their marriage. This was extraordinary. She was, after all, not a marriage guidance counsellor but a speech therapist. Yet so powerful was this one simple ritual that it had massive beneficial side effects, one of which was to transform the relationship between husbands and wives.

I mention this for two reasons, one obvious, the other less so. The obvious reason is that the sages were puzzled about the major theme of Tazria-Metzora, the skin disease known as tsaraat. Why, they wondered, should the Torah focus at such length on such a condition? It is, after all, not a book of medicine, but of law, morality and spirituality.

The answer they gave was that tsaraat was a punishment for lashon hara: evil, hateful or derogatory speech. They cited the case of Miriam who spoke negatively about her brother Moses and was struck by tsaraat for seven days (Num. 12). They also pointed to the incident when at the burning bush Moses spoke negatively about the Israelites and his hand was briefly affected by tsaraat (Ex. 4:1-7).

The sages spoke more dramatically about lashon hara than any other offence. They said that it was as bad as committing all three cardinal sins: idolatry, incest and murder. They said that it kills three people: the one

who says it, the one he says it about and the one who listens to it. And in connection with Tazria-Metzora, they said that the punishment fitted the sin. One who speaks lashon hara creates dissension within the camp. Therefore his punishment as a metsora (a person stricken with tsaraat) was to be temporarily banished from the camp.

So far, so clear. Don't gossip (Lev. 19:16). Don't slander. Don't speak badly about people. Judaism has a rigorous and detailed ethics of speech because it believes that "Life and death are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21). Judaism is a religion of the ear more than the eye; of words rather than images. God created the natural world with words and we create or damage the social world with words. We do not say, "sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never harm me." To the contrary, words can cause emotional injuries that are as painful as physical ones, perhaps more so.

So Lena Rustin's rule of praise is the opposite of lashon hara. It is lashon hatov: good, positive, encouraging speech. According to Maimonides, to speak in praise of people is part of the command to "love your neighbour as yourself." That is straightforward.

But at a deeper level, there is a reason why it is hard to cure people of lashon hara, and harder still to cure them of gossip in general. The American sociologist Samuel Heilman wrote an incisive book, *Synagogue Life*, about a Modern Orthodox congregation of which, for some years, he was a member. He devotes an entire lengthy chapter to synagogue gossip. Giving and receiving gossip, he says, is more or less constitutive of being part of the community. Not gossiping defines you as an outsider.

Gossip, he says, is part of "a tight system of obligatory exchange." The person who scorns gossip completely, declining to be either donor or recipient, at the very least "risks stigmatisation" and at the worst "excludes himself from a central activity of collective life and sociability." In short, gossip is the lifeblood of community.

Now, not only Heilman but probably every adult member of the community knew full well that gossip is biblically forbidden and that negative speech, lashon hara, is among the gravest of all sins. They also knew the damage caused by someone who gives more gossip than he or she receives. They used the Yiddish word for such a person: a yenta. Yet despite this, argued Heilman, the shul was in no small measure a system for the creation and distribution of gossip.

Synagogue Life was published 20 years before Oxford anthropologist Robin Dunbar's famous book, *Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Language*. Dunbar's argument is that, in nature, groups are held together by devoting a considerable amount of time to building relationships and alliances. Non-human primates do this by "grooming," stroking and cleaning one another's skin (hence

the expression, "If you scratch my back, I'll scratch yours"). But this is very time-consuming and puts a limit on the size of the group.

Humans developed language as a more effective form of grooming. You can only stroke one animal or person at a time, but you can talk to several at a time. The specific form of language that bonds a group together, says Dunbar, is gossip – because this is the way members of the group can learn who to trust and who not to. So gossip is not one form of speech among others. According to Dunbar, it is the most primal of all uses of speech. It is why humans developed language in the first place. Heilman's account of synagogue life fits perfectly into this pattern. Gossip creates community, and community is impossible without gossip.

If this is so, it explains why the prohibitions against gossip and lashon hara are so often honoured in the breach, not the observance. So common is lashon hara that one of the giants of modern Jewry, R. Yisrael Meir ha-Cohen (the Chofetz Chaim) devoted much of his life to combatting it. Yet it persists, as anyone who has ever been part of a human group knows from personal experience. You can know it is wrong, yet you and others do it anyway.

This is why I found Lena Rustin's work to have such profound spiritual implications. Her work had nothing to do with gossip, but without intending to she had discovered one of the most powerful antidotes to lashon hara ever invented. She taught people to develop the habit of speaking well of one another. She taught them to praise, daily, specifically and sincerely. Anyone who uses Lena's technique for a prolonged period will be cured of lashon hara. It is the most effective antidote I know.

What is more, her technique transforms relationships and saves marriages. It heals what lashon hara harms. Evil speech destroys relationships. Good speech mends them. This works not only in marriages and families, but also in communities, organisations and businesses. So: in any relationship that matters to you, deliver praise daily. Seeing and praising the good in people makes them better people, makes you a better person, and strengthens the bond between you. This really is a life-changing idea.

Shabbat Shalom.

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NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE THE BELOW SALE WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 12, 2018 AT 2:30 P.M. AND IS BEING POSTPONED TO MAY 3, 2018 AT 2:30 P.M. AT THE SAME PLACE. Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AP1, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Kerr, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/2017 and entered on 9/26/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 3, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 25 Stephens Court Brooklyn, NY 11226. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 5223, LOT: 86. Approximate amount of judgment is \$597,595.72 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501070/2014. Steven J. Baker, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 4/20

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 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. AJ; 4/20/27; 5/4/11/18/25

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 5018193/2013. th Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee AJ; 4/20/27; 5/4/11

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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

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A scene from "When Heroes Fly." Photo: Screenshot.

Israeli Drama About IDF Veterans Reuniting for Final Mission Wins Top Award at Canneseries

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

An Israeli drama won the top honor of Best Series at the Cannes International Series Festival, also known as Canneseries, on Wednesday.

"When Heroes Fly" tells the tale of four friends and veterans of an IDF special forces unit — who served together in the Second Lebanon War — reuniting for one last operation aimed at finding the former lover of one of them, who happens to be the sister of another.

The series is set in the jungles of Columbia and was produced and distributed by Israel's Keshet.

"When Heroes Fly" beat over nine other TV shows, including another from Israel, for the Best Series award.

Upon accepting the honor on stage, "When Heroes Fly" actor Tomer Kapon began with a Hebrew blessing, thanking God. Kapon, known for his role in "Fauda," then said, "A life in Israeli television is not always an easy thing but when you have a series that succeeds it's because you work with people who love their work, so a big thank you to all of them."

He added, "This show deals with the consequences of war and the prices of it so I just want to say, make love and not war."

"When Heroes Fly," which is based on a book by Israeli author Amir Gutfreund, has yet to premiere in Israel. It made its world premiere at the Canneseries. The other Israeli entry at the Canneseries, the *HOT* series "Miguel," took home the award for special performance.



Tomer Kapon Photo: Screenshot.

Ethiopian Israel Bible Quiz Contestant Given Permanent Residency

BY JNS.org

A representative from Ethiopia to the annual Israel Independence Day Bible quiz was granted residency status and given an Israeli ID card after a public backlash to news that he had been forced to deposit money with immigration and border control officials as a guarantee that he would leave the country following the contest.

Sintayehu Shaparou, a member of the Falash Mura — or Beta [House of] Israel community who



Sintayehu Shaparou from Ethiopia (L) receives a National ID from Israel Minister of Interior Affairs Aryeh Deri during a ceremony at the Interior ministry office in Jerusalem on April 16, 2018. Photo: Yonatan Sindel / Flash90.

were forced to convert to Christianity in Ethiopia — is in Israel to participate in the competition, but was required by the Interior Ministry to give money to officials that he would reclaim only upon departure from Israel. Shaparou's father and siblings immigrated to Israel 17 years ago, while Shaparou and his mother awaited approval with his mother and some siblings in Ethiopia, though the approval never came.

Interior Minister Aryeh Deri invited Shaparou to the Interior Ministry central office in Jerusalem, where he presented the 18-year-old with his new Israeli residency papers, saying that he "felt deeply about his situation," and the ministry "decided to give him residence status in Israel and a temporary identity card."

Deri said Shaparou's mother and two other siblings are also to be provided with similar documentation.

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