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Netanyahu Unveils Iranian Intelligence Trove

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What Iran said:

“Iran... denied the existence of a coordinated program aimed at the development of a nuclear explosive device and specifically denied the existence of the Amad Plan....”

What the files prove:

Iran authorized, initiated and funded Project Amad, a coordinated program aimed at the development of a nuclear explosive device

Original Iranian presentation on Project Amad



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu reveals Iran's atomic archive.
Photo: Screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday offered what he said was conclusive evidence that Iran's regime had brazenly lied about not seeking nuclear weapons, warning at the same time that the 2015 nuclear deal leaves Tehran with “a clear path to an atomic arsenal.”

In a fifteen-minute presentation to Jerusalem-based journalists

also broadcast online, Netanyahu unveiled a secret trove of Iranian intelligence recently captured by Israel after it was moved to an underground location in Tehran that, he said, laid bare the true goal of Iran leadership in pursuing the nuclear program.

“Iran's leaders repeatedly deny ever pursuing nuclear weapons,” an animated Netanyahu announced. “Tonight I'm here to tell you one thing: Iran lied.”

The intelligence — captured on hundreds of printed documents as well as CDs that weighed “half a ton,” Netanyahu declared — has already been shared with the US government. At its heart are revelations about the continuation of “Project Amad” — a covert program that first ran from 1999 to 2003 with the purpose of designing, building a testing nuclear weapons, the Israeli leader

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Anti-Zionist NYU Students Arrested at Israel Independence Day Party

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Two members of anti-Zionist groups at New York University were arrested while protesting a celebration of Israel's Independence Day on Friday.

The unnamed students — who are affiliated with Students for Justice in Palestine and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP), respectively — were taking part in a demonstration at Washington Square Park, where hundreds had congregated



A student grabs a microphone at a Realize Israel party held on April 27, 2018. Photo: Screenshot / @ido_nyc photography.

for a “Rave in the Park” celebration held by Realize Israel, a pro-Israel club at NYU.

While some protesters waved the Palestinian flag as their peers danced to Israeli music in blue-and-white garb, others wiped their feet and stomped on an Israeli flag, according to video footage. Police officers interrupted the protest at around 1 PM, arresting a member of JVP who set an Israel flag on fire, the student-run NYU Local reported.

Later in the afternoon, a male student was filmed grabbing the arm of a Realize Israel member who was

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Antisemitism at UC San Diego

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Opinion.

The Palestinians Have Reached a Dead End

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The number of Gaza residents willing to participate in Hamas' riots along the border fence is dropping, as seen at last Friday's protest. Hamas is no longer hiding the fact that the demonstrations are not intended to be quiet marches, but violent attempts to carry out attacks on Israeli soldiers and civilians, damage the Israeli border fence and military equipment, and burn fields and forests.

We can assume that leading up to May 15, on which the Palestinians mark the Nakba (or "Catastrophe") of their displacement during Israel's 1948 War of Independence, the border will heat up again. Hamas will encourage Gazans to head out for the "marches of return," reminding Israel and the world that the Palestinians are still committed to the dream of return, which in essence means the destruction of the State of Israel.

As Hamas prepares for more rounds of violence, since it has nothing to offer the residents of Gaza other than that, the Palestinian Authority (PA) in Ramallah has been keeping mum. This is due in part to interne-cine Palestinian power struggles — primarily, the fight over who will succeed PA leader Mahmoud Abbas — but also because Abbas and his friends do not want and actually

cannot escape the trap that they closed on themselves when they turned up their noses at the Trump administration's attempts to kick-start the peace process.

The Palestinian nationalist movement is at one of the lowest points in its history. Some, even among the Palestinians, argue that it has come to the end of the road. Its goals — even the smallest ones — are slipping out of its reach. No matter what happens, their fate is once again out of their hands and out of the hands of their leadership, whether that happens to be the PA, which is pinning its hopes on the international community, or Hamas, which is now making its way back to the welcoming embrace of Iran.

The anniversary of Israel's independence and its achievements over the 70 years of its existence is an excellent opportunity for the Palestinians to spend some time thinking about where they went wrong, and what could extract them from the dead end they have found themselves in.

After 100 years of clashes (dating from the Balfour Declaration), 70 years of conflict (starting with the 1948 War of Independence), and a quarter-century since the Oslo Accords, which were supposed to have given the Palestinians both peace and a land of their own, it looks like they are losing the little they have managed to obtain.

The Palestinian nationalist movement was always a mirror image of Zionism. In other words, it was born out of and in response to the Jewish national movement.



The signing of the Oslo Accords in Washington, DC, Sept. 13, 1993. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

This means that the battle against the Zionist idea and the desire to serve as an antithesis to everything that Israel symbolizes were and are a common denominator rather than a defining element of Palestinian identity. This is not enough to sustain a national movement and lead it to success.

The sources of Palestinian weakness have never changed: the lack of a national identity that supersedes the tribe, the clan, or the village, and is nothing more than a rejection of the other (Zionism); the lack of any legitimate, effective leadership that lays out a path and convinces the public to take it; a weak economy; religious radicalization; and, above all, depending on others to rescue the Palestinian people from their distress.

From 1948 to 1967, the Palestinians hung their hopes on the Arab states. For the PA, it's now the international community, the same

vague and amorphous entity whose efficacy we have seen in Syria. For Hamas, hope lies in Iran and Turkey.

This is a challenging reality for Israel, because it means the hope that one day Israel will find a Palestinian partner for either a peace deal or, in the case of Gaza, a truce, is currently a false one.

It's hard to imagine that the Palestinians in their current situation are capable of compromise at all, much less a compromise acceptable to Israel, which is the stronger side. It also means that, in the future, the ball is in Israel's court when it comes to its approach towards the Palestinians. Ultimately, it's doubtful whether the Palestinians wish to or even can take part in the game.

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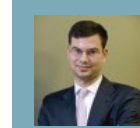
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Israeli Diplomat Decries 'Terrible' New York Times Op-Ed by Gaza Protester



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Israel's consul general in New York, Dani Dayan, is denouncing as "terrible" a *New York Times* op-ed piece that inaccurately portrays the Gaza protests.

In a tweet, Ambassador Dayan wrote, "The guy uses every single euphemism for the elimination of Israel from the map. Yearns for a future without a Jewish State. Well written perhaps but terrible content."

The *Times* op-ed, headlined "Why I March in Gaza," appeared under the byline of Fadi Abu Shammiah. The *Times* identified him as "executive director of the General Union of Cultural Centers in Gaza."

The article falsely characterized kite-flying as part of the "nonviolent" protests:

The resistance in the encampments has been creative and beautiful. I danced the dabke, the Palestinian national dance, with other young men. I tasted samples of the traditional culinary specialties being prepared, such as msakhan (roasted chicken with onions, sumac and pine nuts) and maftool (a couscous dish). I sang traditional songs with fellow protesters and sat with elders who were sharing anecdotes about pre-1948 life in their native villages. Some Fridays, kites flew...

Yet a series of *Times* news articles have described the kites as airborne weapons. An

article in the April 21 *Times* reported:

Palestinians protested for a fourth Friday along the security fence dividing Gaza from Israel, some of them burning tires, hurling rocks or flying kites with flaming tails in the hope of setting ablaze the fields of Israeli rural communities on the other side. The Israeli military distributed a photograph of one kite with a scrawled swastika....

On Friday, the Israeli military said in a statement that people participating in what it described as riots were "attempting to approach the security infrastructures," burning tires and trying to fly kites over the border with burning items attached to them. Several crossed into Israel, the statement said, and "were extinguished when required."

An April 28 *Times* news article referred to "the Molotov cocktails thrown at Israeli

soldiers and firebombs attached to kites that are routinely sailed over the fence, setting fires to Israeli farmland."

And an April 30 front-page *Times* profile of a 22-year-old Gaza protester who "carries a few extra pounds from too many months without work" reports that the protester "assembled kites from sticks, clear plastic and paper — and talked about attaching soda cans to them stuffed with gasoline-soaked rags, to sail over the fence and maybe set something or someone on fire."

The *Times* is on hair-trigger alert for swastikas and other fascist imagery on the pro-Trump American right. Yet here they are publishing an op-ed falsely depicting swastika and fire-bomb bearing kites as "nonviolent," as if they were a folkdance or a couscous dish. No wonder the Israeli diplomat calls it "terrible."



A wounded Palestinian is evacuated during clashes with Israeli troops at a protest, at the Israel-Gaza border on April 1, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Mohammed Salem.

World News.

Poll Shows Zionist Union Under Leadership of Ex-IDF Chief Gantz Would Challenge Likud

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israel's embattled center-left Zionist Union party would double its number of Knesset seats in the next election if former IDF Chief of Staff Benny Gantz was to head the party, a new poll revealed this weekend.

The Zionist Union (an alliance comprised of the Labor and Hatnuah parties) has been collapsing in the polls under the leadership of Avi Gabbay.

Previous leader Isaac Herzog lost the March 2015 Knesset elections to Prime Minister and Likud party head Benjamin Netanyahu despite pre-voting polls that showed a strong chance of a victory.

The latest poll — conducted by Israeli news site *Walla* — shows that if Gantz was in charge, the Zionist Union would win 24 Knesset seats, only four less than Netanyahu's

Likud, which would take 28.

Centrist party Yesh Atid, which had previously been Netanyahu's closest rival, would drop to 15 seats. *Walla* reported that, according to the survey results, Gantz's votes would largely come from current Yesh Atid and Kulanu supporters.

Under Gabbay, the Zionist Union would win only 11 seats, becoming the fifth-largest party in the Knesset.

Gantz served as chief of staff during the 2014 Gaza war and is widely respected for his conduct. However, he cannot enter politics until 2019, as under Israeli law ex-military officials must observe a "cooling-off period" of several years after their service ends.

According to *Walla*, it remains unclear whether Gantz will indeed join the Zionist Union, as he is being courted by numerous other parties, including Likud.

State TV: Iran's Judiciary Bans Use of Telegram Messaging App

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Iran's judiciary has banned the popular Telegram instant messaging app to protect national security, Iranian state television said on Monday.

Iran had been considering the ban since January when protests over economic grievances erupted in more than 80 cities and later turned into demonstrations against the clerical and security elite of the Islamic Republic.

Some hardline officials said protesters used Telegram to organize the rallies, which were ultimately contained by the Revolutionary Guards and their affiliated volunteer Basij militia. The app was temporarily blocked in January.

"Considering various complaints against the Telegram social networking app by Iranian citizens, and based on the demand of security organizations to confront the illegal activities of Telegram, the judiciary has banned its usage in Iran," state TV reported.

"All Internet providers in Iran must take steps to block Telegram's website and app as of April 30," the judiciary website Mizan quoted a court order as saying.

The court order, according to Mizan, said Iran's security had been threatened by Telegram as it had been used to mobilize many anti-government protests.

Mizan said: "Those actions included propaganda against the establishment, terrorist activities, spreading lies to incite public opinion, anti-government protests and pornography."

'Death to America' emojis

Iran's Shi'ite clerical rulers are wary of any revival of anti-government unrest if President Donald Trump refuses to extend US sanctions

relief on Iran on May 12, a deadline set by him for European signatories of Iran's 2015 deal with six world powers to "fix the terrible flaws" of the accord.

Britain, France and Germany have been trying to dissuade Trump from ditching the deal struck during his predecessor Barack Obama's administration. A US exit could unravel the accord and increase economic pressure on ordinary Iranians.

The order to ban Telegram was issued a few days after Iran barred government bodies from using the app, favored by Iranian state media, politicians, companies and ordinary Iranians alike.

A widespread government Internet filter prevents Iranians from accessing many internet sites on the official grounds that they are offensive or criminal.

But many Iranians evade the filter through use of VPN software, which provides encrypted links directly to private networks based abroad, and can allow a computer to behave as if it is based in another country.

"The blocking of the Telegram app should be a way to prevent users from accessing it with VPN or any other software," the semi-official Fars news agency said.

Telegram has an estimated 40 million users in Iran.

Iranian officials have been encouraging Iranians to use domestic alternatives to Telegram. The Soroush app was released last month offering most of Telegram's features. But many Iranians are reluctant to use domestic apps, fearing they could be used by security services to spy on them.

The Soroush app features female emojis, covered with conservative black Islamic headscarves and carrying signs saying "Death to America" and "Death to Israel."

In Official Speech, Abbas Advances Blood Libels, Calls Israel 'a Colonial Project'



PA President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: Reuters/Osman Orsal.

BY JNS.ORG

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas utilized a rare meeting of the Palestinian National Council to give a long speech arguing against Jewish history in the Land of Israel and blaming Jewish "social behavior" for the Holocaust.

Abbas quoted the controversial "The Thirteenth Tribe" by Arthur Koestler, which claims that Askenazi Jews are not real Jews, but descendants of the Khazars. He called Israel "a colonial project that has nothing to do with Judaism" and said "those who sought a Jewish state weren't Jews."

He stated that the Holocaust was not a result of antisemitism, but the fault of Jewish "social behavior," and "[charging] interest, and financial matters," and asserted that Adolf Hitler had actually facilitated the immigration of Jews to Israel.

The Holocaust has been a long time fascination for Abbas. His doctoral thesis, "The Connection between the Nazis and

the Leaders of the Zionist Movement 1933-1945" was completed in 1982 for the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, and published in 1984 as an Arabic book, "The Other Side: the Secret Relationship Between Nazism and Zionism." He asserted that Zionists had been complicit in the Holocaust, which Abbas said was far overblown in scope. Abbas also accused Israeli corruption investigators for thwarting the peace process under prime minister Ehud Olmert, who had offered a proposal for a near-total Israeli withdrawal from Judea, Samaria, and Arab neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem, and placing the Temple Mount under international custodianship. Yet, Abbas was in fact presented with the deal during Olmert's term and rejected it.

Abbas has preemptively rejected the peace terms of the Trump administration, though those terms have not gone public.

He said he might "take tough steps in the near future in our relationship with our neighbors (Israel) and the Americans," but did not elaborate.

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Trove said.

"Iran shelved Amad, but not its nuclear ambitions," Netanyahu said. He pointed out that Dr. Mohsen Fakhri-zadeh, the present head of Iran's secretive SPND — the "Organization of Defensive Innovation and Research" driving the weapons component of the nuclear program — had originally led "Project Amad."

Netanyahu accused Iran of having lied to the IAEA, the international nuclear watchdog, in the preparation of a final report in December 2015 on the military aspects of the nuclear program. He charged that Iran had continued to carry out research and development in areas ostensibly prohibited by the nuclear deal, such as metallurgy and MPI technology.

After twice playing video of Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif affirming that "we never wanted to produce a bomb," Netanyahu retorted: "Yes you did. Yes you do."

"The atomic archive proves it," he continued, gesturing at the intelligence trove

behind him.

As Donald Trump deliberates on whether, in May, he will certify the Iran nuclear deal for the third time during his term in office, Netanyahu expressed confidence that the president "will do the right thing for the US, for Israel, and for the peace of the world."

One prominent Israeli military analyst said on Monday that Netanyahu's presentation had broken "the false Iranian narrative of nuclear innocence."

"Every time Foreign Minister Zarif stands up on a platform and says, 'We never worked on a nuclear weapons program,' with the information that Netanyahu has provided, people can now see that's a lie," Dr. Emily Landau — head of the Arms Control and Regional Security Program at the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) in Tel Aviv — observed.

Speaking on a conference call organized by The Israel Project, Landau added that Netanyahu's presentation had sent the "implicit message that Israel has access to inner workings inside Iran."

World News.



Israel's Knesset. Photo: Itzik Edri via Wikimedia Commons.

'Nationality Law' Defining Israel as a Jewish State Passes First Reading in Knesset

BY JNS.ORG

The Knesset plenum on Monday night passed the first reading of the proposed "Nationality Law," which seeks to canonize "Israel as the Nation State of the Jewish People." Sixty-four Knesset members voted in favor of the law and 50 parliamentarians opposed.

In addition, the law would enshrine the state's Jewish symbols and the designation of Jerusalem as the capital of the state. The law designates Hebrew as the country's official language, with Arabic maintaining a special status to be utilized for the provision of state services to Arabic speakers. It also sets the Hebrew lunar calendar as the country's official calendar and sets Independence Day and other Jewish holidays, events and memorial days into national law.

Author of the bill, Knesset Member Avi Dichter (Likud), opened the session by saying, "the Nationality Law is the insurance policy we will leave behind for future generations. The State of Israel is the nation state of the Jewish people."

In explanatory remarks, the bill's aim was stated as "to enshrine in basic legislation the identity of the State of Israel as the nation state

of the Jewish people, as well as adding a series of instructions to its constitutional framework dealing with the country's fundamental characteristics as a Jewish state."

The bill neither grants nor detracts from individual rights based on ethnicity or nationality, but became controversial due to its clear emphasis on the Jewishness of the state.

Opposition Knesset Members Tzipi Livni (Zionist Union) and Yael German (Yesh Atid) claimed in the session that the bill places too much emphasis on majority will, and would inherently threaten minority rights.

Ahmad Tibi (Joint Arab list) said, "What the law actually declares is that there are two kinds of civilians. One group comprised of Jews that has rights, and the other comprised of tolerable guests. The law practically determines Jews-only communities. If that's not racism, I don't know what is."

Though Arab parties were the most virulently opposed to the bill, Jewish religious parties noted that the bill's definition was lacking a critical emphasis on Judaism and Torah.

In order to become law, the bill needs to pass a second and third reading, yet it remains unclear whether the coalition will continue to advance the law toward passage.

Report: Palestinian Journalist Killed at Gaza Border Riot Was Member of Terror Group

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Palestinian journalist who recently died from a wound suffered at a riot last month on the Israel-Gaza Strip border was a member of a terrorist group, according to a new report.

The Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center (ITIC) compiled information showing that Ahmed Abu Hussein belonged to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), which is blacklisted by the United States, Canada, Israel, and the European Union.

One of the media outlets Hussein worked for was the PFLP-affiliated Voice of the People Radio.

On the day of Hussein's burial, April 26, "PFLP death notices were hung, saying that the organization mourned the death of its member [al-rafiq in Arabic]," the ITIC report said. "Red PFLP flags were also carried during the funeral."

Also, the report noted, the PFLP held a memorial service for Hussein two days later.

Several dozen Palestinian rioters have been killed by IDF fire since March 30 during repeated Hamas-orchestrated violent attempts to breach the border and infiltrate Israeli territory.

Since its founding in the late 1960s, the PFLP has been responsible for numerous terrorist attacks targeting Israelis, including airplane hijackings and suicide bombings.



Unrest on the Israel-Gaza Strip border on Friday, April 27, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

Rabbi Warns European Jews to Remain Alert to Legislative Threats

BY BEN COHEN

While the dismissal of proposed legislation in Iceland that would have banned circumcision was welcome, European Jews need to be on their guard against future political attempts to restrict the practice of Jewish ritual, the head of the Conference of European Rabbis (CER) said on Tuesday.

"We are happy that the government of Iceland, as well as members of its parliament, understood that such legislation would be a practical ban on existing or future Jewish communities in Iceland," Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt — the chief rabbi of Moscow who is currently serving as CER's president — told *The Algemeiner*.

Fifty leading European rabbis are meeting this week under CER auspices in Riga, the capital of Latvia, with the issue of ritual observance at the top of their agenda.

Following an international outcry at the Icelandic proposal to ban circumcision — a strict religious requirement for both Jewish and Muslim males — the Judicial Affairs and Education Committee of the country's parliament voted last week to dismiss the bill. "The way we see it, this legislative initiative got buried in committee, and we hope it's going to stay buried," Goldschmidt remarked.

The CER president also pointed to Denmark as an ongoing concern with regard to circumcision. In January, campaigners for a ban launched a public petition which is now just 5,000 signatures short of the 50,000 needed to force a vote on circumcision in the Danish Parliament.

Opinion polls have found that close to three quarters of Danes support a ban on the circumcision of boys, while the Danish Medical Association has called for the practice to be illegal under the age of 18. (Under Jewish law, boys are circumcised eight days after they are born. Muslims do not have a fixed age for the procedure, with many boys undergoing circumcision when they turn 7.)

Rabbi Goldschmidt asserted that the momentum for the legislation in Iceland had come from Denmark. Danish anti-circumci-



Anti-circumcision campaigners are pushing the Danish Parliament for an outright ban on the practice. Photo: Reuters / Philip Davali.

sion campaigners "wanted to set a precedent, and they thought it would be easier to pass a law in Iceland, because there are very Jews or Muslims living there," he said.

"We are going to have to deal with this movement, which is especially strong in the Scandinavian countries," Goldschmidt said.

Other battles in Europe involving ritual observance have crystallized around the slaughter of animals for meat, with anxiety growing that more countries will proscribe both kosher and halal products.

Research from the CER highlighted the situation in Portugal, where the government has pushed through definitions of "kosher" and "halal" that contradict both Jewish and Muslim religious law. Shechita — the Jewish method of humanely slaughtering animals for human consumption — is meanwhile illegal in several countries, including Denmark, parts of Belgium, and Switzerland, where the practice was banned in 1893.

The CER gathering in Riga will also discuss the rise of antisemitic activity across Europe. The Latvian capital was itself the site of a major controversy in March, when hundreds of people, including children, joined surviving veterans of two Latvian divisions of the Nazi SS for their annual "Remembrance Day" march. The march is the only public event in Europe that honors those who served with the SS, the separate military and security wing of the Nazi Party whose leader, Heinrich Himmler, conceived and implemented the Holocaust.

"Every decent person should be troubled by a march of SS veterans," Goldschmidt said.

Danish Foreign National Nabbed After Attempting to Kidnap a Child in Tel Aviv

BY JNS.ORG

A 25-year-old foreign national from Denmark was arrested by Israeli police on Saturday after the attempted kidnapping of a 4-year-old girl in south Tel Aviv on Friday.

The girl was at a playground when the man allegedly approached her, picked her up and began running.

The man continued running, despite being chased by the girl's screaming mother, who had been nearby when he abducted her.

He eventually dropped the child and escaped on foot, though police forces arrived at the scene and were able to take the man

into custody less than a day after the incident.

The man will be brought for a hearing on Sunday and will be charged with attempted kidnapping, assault and battery.



A view of the Tel Aviv skyline. Photo: LaMèreVeille via Wikimedia Commons.

U.S. News.

Trump Hails Start of Jewish American Heritage Month, Says Jews 'Helped Guide the Moral Character' of US

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump issued a proclamation on Monday to kick off Jewish American Heritage Month.

Trump — whose oldest daughter Ivanka converted to Judaism in 2009 — said, "Jewish Americans have helped guide the moral character of our Nation. They have maintained a strong commitment to engage deeply in American society while also preserving their historic values and traditions. Their passion for social justice and showing kindness to strangers is rooted in the beliefs that God created all people in his image and that we all deserve dignity and peace. These beliefs have inspired Jewish Americans to build mutual-support societies, hospitals, and educational institutions that have enabled them and their fellow Americans to advance American society. Jewish Americans marched for civil rights in Selma and fought for the freedom of their brethren behind the Iron Curtain. Through their actions, they have made the world a better place."

He continued: "The contributions of the Jewish people to American society are innumerable, strengthening our Nation and making it more prosperous. American Jews have proudly served our country in all branches of government, from local

Pro-Palestinian Activists Silent Amid Ongoing Syrian Regime Assault on Yarmouk Camp

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

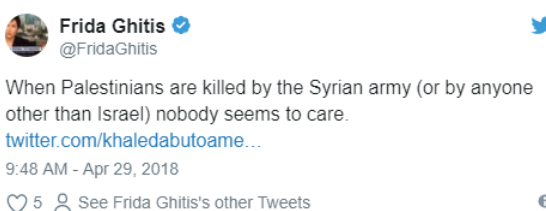
The silence of pro-Palestinian activists amid the Assad regime's ongoing military assault on the Yarmouk refugee camp in the Syrian capital of Damascus has drawn the critical eye of numerous online commentators.

Intense fighting between regime-aligned forces and ISIS fighters, resulting in widespread devastation, has been reported in Yarmouk — home to tens of thousands of Palestinian refugees — in recent days.

Michael Freeman, an official at the Israeli Embassy in London, tweeted:



Journalist Frida Ghitis noted that "[w]hen Palestinians are killed by the Syrian army (or by anyone other than Israel) nobody seems to care."



to Federal, and they have defended our freedom while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The indelible marks that American Jews have left on literature, music, cinema, and the arts have enriched the American soul. In their enduring tradition of generosity, Jewish Americans have established some of the largest philanthropic and volunteer networks in the Nation, providing humanitarian aid and social services to those in need at home and abroad, acting as a "light unto the nations." Universities and other institutions around the country proudly display Nobel prizes won by Jewish Americans in the fields of medicine, chemistry, physics, and economics."

"The American Jewish community is a shining example of how enshrining freedom of religion and protecting the rights of minorities can strengthen a nation," Trump declared. "Through their rich culture and heritage, the Jewish people



President Donald Trump visits the Western Wall in Jerusalem, May 22, 2017. Photo: Matty Stern / US Embassy in Tel Aviv.

have triumphed over adversity and enhanced our country. For this and many other reasons, the American Jewish community is deserving of our respect, recognition, and gratitude."

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Opinion.

Hollywood Renews Its Assault on Orthodox Women and Jewish Sexuality



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The new film “Disobedience,” starring Rachel Weisz and Rachel McAdams, presents us with the yawn-inducing chestnut of the Orthodox Jewish woman as a baby-making machine. According to this narrative, the Orthodox Jewish woman yearns for a freedom that only Hollywood can provide in films that assault Jewish tradition. The twist in this particular film is that McAdams, who plays a rabbi’s wife, Rebbetzin Esti, is a closet lesbian who had an earlier affair with Weisz — a rabbi’s daughter gone secular who returns to monotonous Golders Green, London on the occasion of her father’s demise.

The film bored me to tears, which is a lot to say about a movie that comes with a lesbian sex scene. It was slow as molasses and utterly predictable, with its depiction of monolithic religious robots going about their ancient existence unaware that there’s an electrifying secular world out there that they’re missing.

The truth, of course, is that Judaism is a sensual, erotic religion in which sexual activity is celebrated and encouraged. Last week I launched my newest book *Lust for Love: Rekindling Passion and Intimacy in Your Relationship*, co-authored with the

actress Pamela Anderson. Pamela wowed me from the outset with her solid commitment to traditional values. She spoke constantly of the inspiration she received from two parents who loved each other through a decades-long marriage. She told me of her deep desire to find fulfillment in a monogamous and committed relationship, and to raise children who love marriage but never lose their independence. The moral of the story is that we humans are complicated creatures and, contrary to Hollywood’s never-ending assault against Orthodox Judaism, what you see is not always what you get.

But then religion has been misunderstood as being hostile to sex from its inception. We’ve all heard the old wives’ tales of priests warning boys that masturbation will lead to blindness or that Catholicism insists that sex is only for having babies. Judaism is a religion that orders a man to put his wife’s sexual needs first. It is a religion that has long advocated that desire is more important than compatibility, that lust is greater than love, that carnal connection is the highest form of knowledge, and that sex is not for procreation but for conjoining husband and wife.

The holiest book of the Jewish biblical canon, says the Talmud, is Solomon’s erotic love poem the Song of Songs. Sex in Judaism is the very soul of marriage and the termination of a couple’s sex life constitutes a functional termination of the marriage itself. The pragmatic nature of marriage today — as an institution primarily promoting compan-

ionship and friendship, rather than fostering and sustaining deep erotic longing — is utterly foreign to the Jewish faith.

Many wonder if there is some sort of magic glue that can keep a man and woman together happily under the same roof for the duration of their lives. Or is marriage an ossified institution that has passed its shelf life?

I reject the idea of marriage as an institution and embrace it instead as an instrument of erotic expression. I reject the idea that monogamy is deadening and embrace it instead as the avenue by which to fully focus our sexual lust. And I reject the idea of commitment as something confining and embrace it instead as the fullest means by which we humans attach ourselves to our other half.

In our time, the deep yearning for sexual connection is being replaced with a shallow desire for sexual conquest. And sexuality is overtaking sensuality. The two are not the same. Whereas the former is a strictly carnal experience of bodily friction, the latter is an electrifying elixir of psychological and spiritual indulgence, leading to the orchestration of two halves as one whole.

Silly and tedious films like “Disobedience” enjoy maligning Judaism as a religion of sexual repression that sees intimacy as being solely for procreation. In truth, the Hebrew language has no word for sex other than “yediah” — knowledge — a deep and passionate desire to know and experience another person in the most intimate way.

It may seem odd that two bodies locked



Rachel Weisz, right, and Rachel McAdams in a scene from “Disobedience.” Photo: Screenshot.

together in an erotic charge can provide for a far deeper understanding than a conversation or the exchange of ideas. But then, knowing someone experientially is always superior to knowing them intellectually. The heart has always been superior to the mind. That Hollywood, with its insistence on sexual lasciviousness as opposed to erotic connection, is blind to this truth speaks volumes about its blissful ignorance of relationships and how sex has been degraded by popular culture.

It’s time we recaptured the ancient idea of the sacred feminine not as a woman of wifely duty and pious virtue, but as a risk-taking adventuress whose very being captures the infinite possibility of joyous sexual experience.

If it’s true that our troubled world — filled with so much friction and strife — needs to “make love not war,” then it’s equally true that love cannot be made when we are constantly fighting an inner war. The battle for sexual focus, to be passionate and intimate about one person, is one we must finally engage in, freeing ourselves to experience the blessings of erotic liberation.

Rabbi Shmuley Boteach, “America’s Rabbi,” has just published his newest book, *Lust for Love: Rekindling Passion and Intimacy in Your Relationship*, co-authored with Pamela Anderson and published by Hachette.

‘Anti-Zionist and Jew:’ Behind Jeremy Corbyn’s Apology



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“I refuse to characterize as opinion,” wrote Jean-Paul Sartre in *Anti-Semite and Jew*, “a doctrine that is aimed directly at particular persons and that seeks to suppress their rights or to exterminate them.”

This was the French philosopher’s answer to the contention that antisemitism is merely an “opinion,” when it is more properly understood as a “passion” rooted in a hatred that lies outside of reason. “If the anti-Semite is impervious to reason and to experience, it is not because his conviction is strong,” Sartre observed. “Rather his conviction is strong because he has chosen first of all to be impervious.”

Sartre’s characterization of antisemitism as outside “the category of ideas protected to the right of free opinion” — a clear statement that Jew-baiting is the preserve of knaves and fanatics — has more or less prevailed in the Western democracies since his eccentric yet invaluable study was first published in 1944. Perhaps the best evidence of that, today, is the fact that someone described as an antisemite almost always objects that this is a personal insult, rather than a provocative observation about the manner in which

they interpret the world around them. As to what they call themselves, some of them are “patriots,” “nationalists” or “socialists;” others use terms like “anti-racist.” Most will see at worst no harm, and even some honor, in the descriptor “anti-Zionist.”

That is one critical reason why — in an opinion piece billed as an apology for the antisemitism that has plagued the British Labour Party since he became its leader in 2015 — Jeremy Corbyn felt compelled to point out that “anti-Zionism is not in itself antisemitic, and many Jews themselves are not Zionists.”

There are, Corbyn conceded, “a very few [sic] who are drawn to the Palestinian question precisely because it affords an opportunity to express hostility to Jewish people in a ‘respectable’ setting.” In other words, the intentions of anti-Zionists are usually noble, and a few bad apples should not let us lose sight of that.

So, as Sartre might have asked, is “anti-Zionism” simply an “opinion” — a legitimate and perhaps valuable component of the discourse aimed at securing Palestinian national rights? Or is it, in his words again, “a doctrine that is aimed directly at particular persons and that seeks to suppress their rights or to exterminate them?”

In answering that question, I want to briefly take at face value Corbyn’s claim that anti-Zionism is not antisemitism, even though there are some dubious persons who try to smuggle antisemitic ideas and memes into

the mix. Let us, with him, assume that these two phenomena are separate until definitively proven otherwise.

The first thing placed in front of us is the following distinction: Antisemitism is hostility towards Jews in general, whereas anti-Zionism is political opposition to the colonial project that transplanted Jewish settlers into Palestine at the expense of the indigenous Arab nation.

So enlightened, we investigate further why it is legitimate to oppose Zionism. We discover that Zionism is the source of colonialism and apartheid, the essence of a regime in which Jews enjoy greater civil and political rights and privileges than non-Jews — an affront, if that were true, to the basic principles of democracy. We learn the moral narrative that the Palestinians are the victims of the Jews, blamed and chased from their homes for a crime committed by the Germans and their collaborators on another continent. As we face up to this injustice, we are reassured of any lingering concerns we have about antisemitism by the revelation that many Jews also grasp this reality and oppose Zionism accordingly. These Jews, we conclude, represent an open and honest response to the lies and fictions of the Zionists among them — and us.

Thus disabused, we gain renewed confidence in dismissing complaints of antisemitism as Zionist smears. Even if the example before us includes a cartoon of a hook-nosed banker or a claim that the Holocaust never happened, we don’t necessarily assume that the perpetrator has bad intentions towards Jewish people.

Sometimes, sadly, that will be the case. But rarely, because as we know, anti-Zionism is not antisemitism. We oppose Zionism because we oppose wars and empires and corporate exploitation of occupied nations. Out of this viewpoint, the tactics flow naturally: Campaigns to boycott Israel’s universities,

propaganda that paints Israel as the world’s blood-thirstiest country, the deployment of slogans like “resistance” and “return” in justifying why a single Arab state should replace the Jewish one in the territory between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan River.

And then, if we are honest with ourselves, we come to the realization that the movement of resistance and return with which we are aligned is soaked in theological and ideological enmity towards “the Jews” — Islamists like Hamas and Hezbollah, Marxists like the PFLP, nationalists like the militant youth of Fatah. We find that some of those who share our hostility to Israel come from surprising quarters: from Polish ultranationalists who believe that they, like the Palestinians, are the victims of a Holocaust swindle, to Salafi preachers who explain that moderate violence against one’s female partner is the key to a successful marriage.

At this point, we are entitled to wonder about the true nature of the goods we are being sold. It will start to dawn that for all the apparent differences between anti-Zionism and antisemitism, we spend — through our determined opposition to the Jewish state — an enormous amount of time thinking and speaking negatively about Jews as a group.

A few nostrils might start to curl by now, but not all. Certainly, not those of Jeremy Corbyn, who, like Sartre’s antisemite, “has chosen first of all to be impervious.”

To his supporters, this will be another welcome example of good old “Jeremy” sticking to his principles. To the rest of us, it’s another dismal example of the mindset that may yet get him elected prime minister.

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Opinion.

Iran and Russia Encourage and Aid Syria's Chemical Weapons Program



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The issue of the chemical weapons (CW) possessed and employed by Syria since it supposedly decided to get rid of them has become an increasingly tangled web over the past year. This has many ramifications, particularly in light of the recent US-Britain-France raid against Syria.

Irrespective of the practical impact of the raid, the very fact that it took place signifies the genuine and uncompromising condemnation by the Western powers of the use of CWs by Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad. While limited in scope, the raid was a meticulously coordinated, strategic military operation. Syria's CW capability remains significant not only because appreciable quantities of CWs were hidden, but because it appears that an orderly renewal of CW production was covertly started. The full extent of these two Syrian capacities is not known.

More intriguing is the Syrian use of CWs. The concrete mechanism of Assad's decision-making in relation to the transition from conventional weapons to CWs is not clear. It can be assumed that he is the authority approving that transition, at least in those cases where sarin was employed (this is not necessarily the case with chlorine).

Whether or not there is Russian and Iranian involvement in this mechanism — and it is entirely plausible that there is — Assad knows very well that he has both those actors' full backing. This is a meaningful factor, as without it he would certainly be appreciably more reluctant to employ CWs.

At any rate, the interplay is wide and complex. Had it been entirely up to Assad, unlimited by any obligation, he would likely have used CWs much more frequently due to his brutal nature. This would have considerably shortened the war. Conversely, without any backing from Russia and Iran, the employment of CWs by the Syrian regime would likely have been extremely rare, if it occurred at all.

From a purely military standpoint, the Russians and the Iranians are fully aware of the operational advantage of CWs over conventional weapons, and are hence basically supportive. One way or another, they are involved in concealing and augmenting residual Syrian CW capabilities. North Korea is involved as well, particularly in light of its relationship with Iran.

In opting for CWs, a choice must be made between chlorine and sarin. The operational impact of sarin and its powers of intimidation considerably exceed those of chlorine — a common industrial agent — and its use is not tolerated by the West. Syria's use of chlorine gas, however, has often been ignored. The use of forms of CW that are clinically directly incriminating, such as mustard gas, is avoided.

The Syrian regime's desire to use CWs has stemmed largely from its inability to achieve, or major difficulty in achieving, various tactical, operational, and strategic goals — either military or demographic — by means of conventional weapons. This was a chief driver behind Syria's retention of sarin.

A special team on CWs arrived in Syria on April 14, 2018, but it was not until a full seven days had passed that it gained access to the site in Douma where CWs had been used.

"It is very likely that proof and essential elements are disappearing from this site," the French foreign ministry noted in a statement. Russia's foreign minister, Sergei Lavrov, strongly denied any tampering had taken place. Other Russian officials claimed, oddly, that inspectors had not been able to visit Douma because of the April 12 air strikes and their lack of the correct permits.

It can be assumed that access was granted only after the chemically-attacked area in Douma had been scrubbed by the Syrian regime and the Russians of whatever evidence might have indicated that a chemical attack had taken place. An effort was also likely made to eliminate signs that such cleaning had been conducted. This is a farce that has been repeated time and again.

The chronology of events preceding the Douma chemical attack is worth noting. A vital strategic point in the Ghouta area, the city of Douma had been under rebel occupation since October 2012. It was controlled by the Jaysh al-Islam rebel coalition. By mid-March 2018, rebel territory in Eastern Ghouta had been reduced to three pockets: in the south around Hamouria, in the west around Harasta, and Douma in the north.

In the second half of March, Hamouria and Harasta were secured via evacuation deals agreed to by the rebels, Syria, and Russia. Douma remained tenacious, however, even after two smaller chlorine gas attacks were reported on March 7 and March 11.

On March 31, the last of the evacuations was conducted and the Syrian army declared victory in Eastern Ghouta. The rebels still holding out in Douma were given an ultimatum to surrender, but they refused to do so. One week later the major chemical attack occurred, and a day later all rebels controlling Douma agreed to a deal with the government to surrender the area.

During that chemical attack, barrel bombs suspected of being filled with chemical munitions were dropped by helicopter. They caused severe convulsions in some residents and suffocated others. Some 73 persons — men, women, and children — were poisoned to death, many foaming at the mouth, while about 500 were injured. Reportedly, a chlorine bomb struck a Douma hospital and another containing "mixed agents" — apparently chlorine and sarin — hit a building nearby. Yellow compressed gas cylinders were also allegedly used during the attack.

The West, which had fairly strong intelligence, publicly accused the Syrian regime of having conducted the attack. The regime and Russia categorically denied the allegations, as they always do.

All in all, the Syrian air force presumably used CWs against ordinary families in the form of chlorine together with another, appreciably more potent toxicant, likely sarin, plus a blurring component. Perhaps the thinking was that the event would be regarded as a chlorine attack and consequently ignored.

A coordinated Western attack in response

The US, Britain, and France conducted their retaliatory attack on April 12, one year

after the US (alone) attacked the Syrian Shayrat airfield and nearby Syrian military infrastructure. That event, which took place three months after Donald Trump took office, followed a sarin attack conducted by the Syrian air force on the town of Khan Shaykhun in the Idlib Governorate.

Unlike former president Barack Obama, Trump took a decisive military posture regarding the employment of CWs. That posture was strictly followed in 2017 and amplified in April 2018, the second time within the framework of an operational alliance with Britain and France.

Russia and Iran (the latter indirectly) are clearly involved. Together with Syria, they will have to thoroughly reconsider the wider geopolitical situation and the strategic aspects of the Syrian CW program. Beside the annexation of Crimea by Russia, Syria has become a focal dispute between the West and Russia over the illegitimacy of CWs.

Out of eight Syrian installations considered by the US, Britain, and France as potential targets for a responsive strike, at least three were attacked. The eight were:

1. Masyaf CW factory.
2. Barzeh CW factory.
3. Jamraya CW factory (set up with Russian help).
4. Him Shinshar CW facility, Homs area.
5. Additional CW facility in Him Shinshar.
6. Al-Typhur (T-4) Airbase, Homs area.
7. Al-Dumayr Airbase.
8. Aleppo (presumably the Al-Safira facility or the Sheik Suleiman facility).

The three installations eventually attacked were directly affiliated with the Syrian active CW alignment, as follows:

Scientific Studies and Research Center at Barzeh

This is known to be the core Syrian facility for research, development, production, and testing of chemical and biological warfare technology. It specializes in installing CWs on long-range missiles and artillery. Manufacturing and maintenance of munitions were taking place in closed sections inaccessible to Western inspectors. Notably, the inspectors reported that they had carried out two inspections of the Barzeh and Jamraya facilities in February and November 2017, and had not seen "any activities inconsistent with obligations under the CW Convention."

Three main buildings at that center were destroyed by 76 missiles fired at the facility — 57 Tomahawk cruise missiles and 19 joint air-to-surface stand-off missiles. Lt. Gen. Kenneth McKenzie, director of the US military's Joint Staff, said, "Initial assessments are that this target was destroyed. This is going to set the Syrian CW program back for years."

Him Shinshar CW storage site, west of Homs

This facility is believed to have constituted "the primary location of Syrian sarin and precursor production equipment." It was used to "keep CW precursors stockpiled in breach of Syria's obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention," and was intended for binary chemical munitions. Twenty-two missiles hit the facility — nine US Tomahawk missiles, eight British Storm Shadow missiles, and five naval cruise missiles and two SCALP cruise missiles launched by France. It has been emphasized that "very careful scientific analysis was applied to determine where best to target the Storm Shadows to maximize the destruction of the stockpiled chemicals and to minimize any risks of contamination to the surrounding area. The facility which was struck is located some distance from any known concentrations of civilian habitation, reducing yet further any such risk."

Him Shinshar CW bunker, west of Homs

Located about seven kilometers from the storage site, this facility contained both a

CW equipment storage facility and an important command post. Seven SCALP missiles were deployed and the bunker facility was "successfully hit."

While it is basically true that the Syrian CW program was apparently set back for years, as contended by McKenzie, this does not mean the Syrian regime army cannot reuse CWs. This is certainly true regarding chlorine-based CWs, and is likely true in regard to sarin-based CWs. Should the Syrians find themselves without sarin, they might be able to reproduce it in small quantities within months.

Curiously, while neither Jamraya nor Masyaf was mentioned in McKenzie's list of attacked sites, they were mentioned by formal Syrian and Russian sources as having been targeted by the American-British-French raid, together with other facilities such as arms depots in the eastern Qalamoun region north-east of the capital, the center at Barzeh, the Kisweh area south of Damascus, and a site in the Qasyoun hills, along with several airbases, including the al-Shirai airbase in al-Dimas. Thus far, except for the center at Barzeh, those claims have not been verified. Still, in a statement condemning the Western raid, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said, "We told



A man is washed following an alleged chemical weapons attack in Douma, Syria on April 8, 2018. Photo: White Helmets/Reuters TV via REUTERS.

the USA where our red lines were, including the geographical red lines, and the results have shown that they haven't crossed those lines."

The issue of Syrian CWs has grown significantly more complex and challenging, both regionally and globally, in recent months. It contains the dangerous potential for repeated CW employment, with resultant escalating international frictions, as well as prospects for restraining the Syrian CW program. While the chance that CWs will be completely eliminated in Syria is diminishing, the need for such a total elimination is increasing.

Comments made by key Israeli individuals are worthy of note. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "Under American leadership, the US, the UK, and France demonstrated that their commitment to the fight against chemical weapons is not limited to declarations." He added that Israel fully supports the attack and "it should be clear to President Assad that his reckless efforts to acquire and use weapons of mass destruction, his wanton disregard for international law, and his provision of a forward base for Iran and its proxies, endanger Syria."

Yoav Galant, a member of the security cabinet and a former general said, "The American strike is an important signal to the axis of evil — Iran, Syria, and Hezbollah — that the use of chemical weapons crosses a red line that humanity is no longer willing to accept." And former prime minister Ehud Barak maintained that if CWs are employed by the Syrian regime in Syrian locations near the Golan border with Israel, then Israel will have to consider how to react.

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Impressions.

UC San Diego Hosts Those With an Antisemitic and Anti-American Agenda

BY PAUL MILLER

Over the past decade, University of California schools have been making headlines, not for athletic or academic achievements, but for the antisemitism pervading campus life. Case in point: the University of California San Diego (UCSD).

An African-American student would be justifiably offended, perhaps frightened, by the spectacle of Ku Klux Klan or white supremacy posters on a professor's office. Likewise, Jewish students visiting the office of Professor Yen Le Espiritu would be offended and frightened. But for them, it isn't hypothetical.

Espiritu's office door is adorned with posters glorifying Hamas and accusing Israel of engaging in apartheid. These displays of hate and antisemitism hint at someone who should not be influencing impressionable minds. And this is before stepping into her classroom.

Espiritu is a distinguished fellow and former chair of the Ethnic Studies Department at UCSD. One of the courses she currently teaches, "Circulations of Difference: Introduction to Ethnic Studies," has been described by one student who requested anonymity as a course that delegitimizes the very existence of Israel and the United States.

"Espiritu believes that Israel and the United States are colonialist nations. She is adamant that Jews have no connection to the Land of Israel," the student told the Haym Salomon Center, "despite the archaeological proof and the fact that Jews have resided in modern day Israel long before Islam even existed."

Far from encouraging the free exchange of ideas and perspectives, Espiritu's classroom environment is intimidating.

"She is so adamant about her own views that students fear voicing a different opinion," explained her student. "If you support Israel or show patriotism for the United States, expect to be lambasted by her. These are perspectives she would never tolerate."

Just last month, Espiritu welcomed guest lecturer Leslie Quintanilla, a UCSD doctoral candidate and assistant professor in the Chicano Studies Department at San Diego City College, as well as a leader of the Palestinian Youth Movement.

Espiritu proudly introduced Quintanilla to her class, describing her as "really wonderful" and highlighting her work as a "community activist, organizing in the San Diego area for over a decade with other anti-colonial and anti-capitalist collectives."

Quintanilla's presentation was an anti-America screed right from the start. The United States was demonized as existing on "occupied land." UCSD itself was delegitimized for existing on "occupied indigenous lands." Quintanilla challenged the class to consider whether this settler colonial process (i.e., the building and growth of the United States) can be "undone."

No such rant would be complete without blaming all the world's ills on white Europeans and capitalism:

The processes of settler colonial violence happen this way. We have to think about the removal of indigenous populations in order for the new settler population to reproduce itself on this new land and this why we have the United States. We have European settlers who came, colonized, killed, raped, and displaced indigenous people. Right? This is why we are here.

So we think about settler colonialism as a structure, but we also have to think about its complex

architecture. So, it's not just the border that makes the United States a delineated country. The border works in more complex ways. Yes, it's an invisible wall, but it's also heavily militarized, weaponized to perpetuate violence that is also in complex relationship to the prison-industrial complex. So the prisons, the military, and the border [impact] migration which targets specific communities, those most vulnerable to



UC San Diego. Photo: Wiki Commons.

capitalism, colonialism, imperialism, and all systems of oppression.

But when the show's opening act is contempt for America, you can count on hatred for Israel as the featured program.

Quintanilla introduced her animosity for the Jewish state in dramatic fashion. She put up a map of Israel and asked, "Does anybody know where this is?" A student answered, "Israel" and Quintanilla exclaimed, "No! You are breaking my heart."

All of her indictments against the United States, she now redirected toward Israel.

On a positive note, the students appeared apathetic to her performance. She presented Israel's 70th anniversary from the Arab perspective, referring to it as the "Nakba." Trying to elicit a definition from the class, Quintanilla got frustrated that "nobody Googled this." One student answered, "The disaster, the catastrophe."

"So, we have 1948 in Palestine and the settler process and removal of indigenous Palestinian peoples for a Jewish homeland that was created in a settler-colonial way," explained Quintanilla.

While admitting that Jews in the Diaspora have experienced antisemitism, she added that they "decided to create a homeland named 'Israel' in the indigenous land of Palestine. In order to do that, indigenous Palestinians needed to be displaced, removed, killed."

Quintanilla's diatribe was bereft of any facts concerning the Jewish presence in the land, as well as any acknowledgment of the Arab nations' preference for violence and bloodshed over living side by side in peace. She indoctrinated the class with the claim that there are "7.1 million Palestinian refugees," conveniently failing to mention that in 1948, that number was 700,000 — and that 850,000 Jews were exiled from Arab lands at the time, most coming from communities that existed long before Islam was even a thought.

Quintanilla continued, combining her disdain for both the United States and the Jewish state:

So, when we think about the relationship between what we call Israel and what we call the US, we see a similar — not completely the same, but a similar strategy of genocide and indigenous removal from indigenous lands.

What is taking place at UCSD should surprise nobody. Disdain for America has been part of liberal higher-learning since before the Vietnam War. But the

toleration of unfounded accusations and even hatred of a people have become commonplace.

UCSD is the campus where a Muslim student attending a speech by Horowitz Freedom Center founder David Horowitz announced that she wished all Jews would gather in Israel so they'd be easier to kill.

A report from the Anti-Defamation League released in January documents a 41 percent rise in antisemitism in San Diego, with campus antisemitism at UCSD among the most affected.

According to Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, director of the antisemitism watchdog group AMCHA Initiative,

Our research indicates an increasing and frightening trend that some entire college and university departments or programs are becoming politically corrupted, controlled by, and dedicated to anti-Zionist and anti-Israel beliefs. This is true of the UC San Diego Ethnic Studies Department, where the chair of the department and nearly 60 percent of the tenured faculty support boycotts against Israel, and this trend poses a direct threat to Jewish students.

Rossman-Benjamin continued:

Studies indicate that anti-Zionist faculty are the second biggest predictor of antisemitism on a given campus. Schools with one or more faculty who have publicly endorsed a boycott of Israel are five to six times more likely to play host to acts of aggression against Jewish students; and the more faculty boycotters, the greater the likelihood of such antisemitic acts. Professors must be stopped from using their influential positions as educators to promote personal and hateful political views. This not only has a corrosive effect on education, it incites hate and fuels antisemitism on campus.

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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.
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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

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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 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 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
AJ; 4/27; 5/4/11/18

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,

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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
AJ; 4/27; 5/4/11/18

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: OBM EQUITIES LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/16/2018. Office location kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: OBM Equities LLC PO Box 250107 Brooklyn, NY 11225. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/4/11/18/25; 6/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR NORMANDY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2017-1, Plaintiff against JOSEPH PALLONETTI A/K/A JOSEPH PALLONETTI, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered April 4, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 7, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 3720 Maple Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Block 6971 Lot 25. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$1,410,681.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 511240/2015. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee 2296-000133
AJ; 5/4/11/18/25;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P., Plaintiff, vs. MERLEY ALLEYNE A/K/A MERLEY C. ALLEYNE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 01, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 07, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises

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known as 9101 Avenue N, 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 8275 and Lot 9. Approximate amount of judgment is \$365,355.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510655/2015. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.
AJ; 5/4/11/18/25;

NOTICE OF LEGAL POSTPONE-MENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrew Grant, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on 5-10-2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, SBL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Original Sale Date: April 26, 2018 Bruno Codispoli, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 53912
AJ; 5/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR CARLSBAD FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 009968/2011 OZANIE J. CONNORS; DENNIS MILLS; DONOVAN CONNOR; LAKIESHA CONNOR; ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 2/28/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 6/7/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1048E 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 7757 Lot 54 The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$274,523.60 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 009968/2011. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Lawrence E. Wright, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC, 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 5/1/2018 PB
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Tradition.

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In the Diary



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

Time management is more than management and larger than time. It is about life itself. God gives us one thing above all: life itself. And He gives it to us all on equal terms. However rich we are, there are still

the continued vitality of the Jewish people. It sets out a weekly, monthly and yearly schedule of sacred times. This is continued and extended in Parshat Behar to seven- and fifty-year schedules. The Torah forces us to remember what contemporary culture regularly forgets: that *our lives must have dedicated times when we focus on the things that give life a meaning*. And because we are social animals, the most important times are the ones we share. The



only 24 hours in a day, 7 days in a week, and a span of years that, however long, is still all too short. Whoever we are, whatever we do, whatever gifts we have, the single most important fact about our life, on which all else depends, is how we spend our time.

"The span of our life is seventy years, or if we are strong, eighty years," says Psalm 90, and despite the massive reduction of premature deaths in the past century, the average life expectancy around the world, according to the most recent United Nations figures (2010-2015) is 71.5 years. So, concludes the Psalm, "Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom," reminding us that time management is not simply a productivity tool. It is, in fact, a spiritual exercise.

Hence the following life-changing idea, which sounds simple, but isn't. *Do not rely exclusively on To Do lists. Use a diary.* The most successful people schedule their most important tasks in their diary. They know that if it isn't in there, it won't get done. To Do lists are useful, but not sufficient. They remind us of what we have to do but not when. They fail to distinguish between what is important and what is merely urgent. They clutter the mind with trivia and distract us when we ought to be focusing on the things that matter most in the long run. Only a diary connects *what* with *when*. And what applies to individuals applies to communities and cultures as a whole.

That is what the Jewish calendar is about. It is why chapter 23, in this week's parsha, is so fundamental to

and mind. That is Shabbat.

Doubtless, most people – at least, most reflective people – know that these things are important. But knowing is not enough. These are elements of a life that become real when we live them, not just when we know them. That is why they have to be in the diary, not just on a To Do list.

As Alain de Botton points out in his *Religion for Atheists*, we all know that it is important to mend broken relationships. But without Yom Kippur, there are psychological pressures that can make us endlessly delay such mending. If we are the offended party, we may not want to show other people

our hurt. It makes us look fragile, vulnerable. And if we are the offending party, it can be hard to admit our guilt, not least because we feel so guilty. As he puts it: "We can be so sorry that we find ourselves incapable of saying sorry." The fact that Yom Kippur exists means that there is a day in the diary on which we have to do the mending – and this is made easier by the knowledge that everyone else is doing so likewise. In his words:

It is the day itself that is making us sit here and talk about the peculiar incident six months ago when you lied and I blustered and you accused me of insincerity and I made you cry, an incident that neither of us can quite forget but that we can't quite mention either and which has been slowly corroding the trust and love we once had for one another. It is the day that has given us the opportunity, indeed the responsibility, to stop talking of our usual business and to reopen a case we pretended to have put out of our minds. We are not satisfying ourselves, we are obeying the rules.

Exactly so: we are obeying the rules. We are following the Jewish calendar, which takes many of the most important truths about our lives and, instead of putting them on a To Do list, writes them in the diary.

What happens when you do not have that kind of diary? Contemporary Western secular society is a case-study in the consequences. People no longer tell the story of the nation. Hence national identities, especially in Europe, are almost a thing of the past – one reason for the return of the Far Right in countries like Austria, Holland and France.

People no longer share a moral code, which is why students in universities seek to ban speakers with whose views they disagree. When there is no shared code, there can be no reasoned argument, only the use of force.

As for remembering the brevity of life, Roman Krznaric reminds us that modern society is "geared to distract us from death. Advertising creates a world where everyone is forever young. We shunt the elderly

away in care homes, out of sight and mind." Death has become "a topic as taboo as sex was during the Victorian era."

Atonement and forgiveness have been driven out of public life, to be replaced by public shaming, courtesy of the social media. As for Shabbat, almost everywhere in the West the day of rest has been replaced by the sacred day of shopping, and rest itself replaced by the relentless tyranny of smartphones.

Fifty years ago, the most widespread prediction was that by now almost everything would have been automated. The work week would be down to 20 hours and our biggest problem would be what to do with all our leisure. Instead, most people today find themselves working harder than ever with less and less time to pursue the things that make life meaningful. As Leon Kass recently put it, people "still hope to find meaning in their lives," but they are increasingly confused about "what a worthy life might look like, and about how they might be able to live one."

Hence the life-changing magic of the Jewish calendar. Philosophy seeks timeless truths. Judaism, by contrast, takes truths and translates them into time in the form of sacred, shared moments when we experience the great truths by living them. So: *whatever you want to achieve, write it in the diary or it will not happen. And live by the Jewish calendar if you want to experience, not just occasionally think about, the things that give life a meaning.* Shabbat Shalom.

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singing "Hatikvah" along with dozens of students and forcibly taking her microphone before shouting, "Free Palestine, end the occupation." Several members of the surrounding group quickly circled the protester before he was removed from the premises by police officers. The same student had allegedly stolen an Israeli flag from participants of the rave.

The students were held overnight at the New York County Criminal Court and released on Saturday. Dozens of peers attended their arraignment in a show of support organized by the Governance Council of Minority and Marginalized Students at NYU and 16 other groups, including NYU College Democrats.

The student accused of burning the Israeli flag is facing charges of second-degree reckless endangerment and resisting arrest, and will return to court on June 1, Washington Square News reported. The student filmed grabbing a microphone is accused of disorderly conduct, second degree robbery, third degree assault, and third degree criminal mischief. He was assigned a court date of June 18.

Protesters also appeared to try to shut down the rave, with a flyer uploaded online by SJP encouraging passersby "angered at this celebratory event" to file a noise complaint against its organizers.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: MOUSE CERAMIC STUDIO LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York on 04/24/2018. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon Whom process against it may be served . SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Lauren Berodt-Ramirez 222 E 8th Street 2K Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/4/11/18/25; 6/1/8

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC). Name: ELIANISE J-L, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/05/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: ELIANISE J-L,LLC 104 Vanderveer Street Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/4/11/18/25; 6/1/8

The note included the partial logo of the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement against Israel, but did not otherwise mention either the subject of the event or the protest.

In a statement published on Friday, SJP claimed the two "comrades were arrested for ideological reasons," and that their "transgressions ... warrant only fines."

"We're not going to let them stand by and support Zionism," SJP President Khalid Abu Dawas told Washington Square News. "Our point is to make being Zionist uncomfortable on the NYU campus. They shouldn't be comfortable because the ideology of Zionism is antithetical to Palestinian liberation and Palestinian sovereignty at its core."

On Sunday, Realize Israel responded to the arrests by calling on SJP, JVP, and its own members to "come together and engage in constructive dialogue in the future."

"We acknowledge that these protesters have strong opinions and we respect and encourage free speech and peaceful protest," the group wrote. "However, we condemn in the strongest terms the violent actions perpetrated by the two individuals, which have no place at our university."

Realize Israel and TorchPAC, another pro-Israel group at NYU, were recently targeted for boycott by a coalition of 53 campus clubs including SJP and JVP. The coalition also pledged to avoid off-campus Zionist organizations and all Israeli goods.

The boycott was denounced in a letter sent to the school's president last week by representatives for StandWithUs and the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, who claimed it violates NYU policy and encourages conduct that may be in breach of state and federal law.

"Moreover, it indicates a reprehensible joint effort to marginalize and stigmatize the Jewish student community," the advocates warned.

Social.



American Pharoah. Photo: Mike Lizzi via Wikimedia Commons.

‘We’re Not Going to Sacrifice Our Beliefs,’ Says Orthodox Jewish Manager of Racehorse American Pharoah

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

The Orthodox Jewish Zayat family, who own the Triple Crown-winning racehorse American Pharoah, will never compromise their religion in order to succeed in a race, the New York Post reported on Saturday.

“My parents always say, ‘We’re not going to sacrifice our beliefs because of a horse race,’” Teaneck, NJ, native Justin Zayat, 26, said. “We stick to our morals.”

Where there are races, which are held on Saturdays and conflict with Shabbat, the Zayat family often stay in a hotel about a mile away from the track and walk

together to the scene of the race.

American Pharoah is the first horse to win the Triple Crown since 1978 and has brought in more than \$8 million for the Zayat family, according to the New York Post. Justin is vice president of Zayat Stables, headquartered in Hackensack, NJ, and started by his father, Ahmed Zayat. He manages around 200 horses that are trained all around the country.

The family’s new racing horse is Solomini, a two-year-old chestnut colt who finished third at the Arkansas Derby on April 14.

A Record 2,000 Attend ‘Torah New York Learning Day’

BY JNS.ORG

In an event organized by the Orthodox Union, a record 2,000 people attended a day of learning at Citi Field, the New York Mets’ stadium.

The event featured 45 classes—with special programs for high school and college students—led by 38 internationally renowned scholars, including Rabbi Hershel Schacter, Rabbi Dr. Tzvi Hersh Weinreb, Rabbi Mordechai Willig, Rabbi Dr. Abraham Steinberg, Rabbi Elazar Muskin, Rabbi Efrem Goldberg, Rabbi Yosef Tzvi Rimon, Rabbi Eli Mansour, Sivan Rahav Meir, Rabbi Judah Mischel and Rebbetzin Dr. Adina Shmidman.

Former US Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman of Connecticut also delivered a session, together with Rabbi Menachem Genack.

The event was the largest of its kind in North

America and focused on classes in five main categories: Tanach, Hashkafa, halachah (Jewish law), Israel (in honor of its 70th birthday) and the wisdom of Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik (in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his passing in April 1993 at the age of 90). Topics included traditional and contemporary issues such as the #MeToo movement, the opioid crisis in America and discussions on politics.

Orthodox Union President Moishe Bane, who hopes to replicate this program in other cities around the country, told JNS: “Torah New York was an overwhelming success, with participation increasing by 50 percent since last year’s program. Our goal was to provide community members with an unprecedented opportunity to learn Torah with dynamic rabbis and lecturers. Today was about giving them those sources

‘It Gets My Competitive Juices Flowing,’ Jewish NFL Draft Prospect Says About Antisemitic Slurs Used Against Him

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

One of the top prospects in the 2018 NFL draft talked on Monday about being attacked with antisemitic slurs by opponents on the field.

Former UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen told NFL.com that his Jewish heritage has made him an easy target for his competitors. The 21-year-old said, “I get



Josh Rosen. Photo: Screenshot / NFL.

a lot of Jewish things. My nose, particularly. I get, like, ‘Stay the f— down, you Jewish bastard ... I’m gonna break your f— nose, you Jew.’”

The California native also said that at one of his “best games,” which took place in Arizona during his freshman year, rival fans had a banner with his face on the queen from the animated film “Frozen” and the caption, “Josh Rosen’s Bar Mitzvah Wasn’t Even Lit.”

Rosen isn’t fazed by the antisemitic slurs used against him and said that in fact he likes it when people “try to get in my head.” The trash talk makes him push harder and be more competitive, and he enjoys proving people wrong.

“I like away games more than home games. I like silencing crowds; that’s a big thing,” he added. “When people really get into me, it gets my competitive juices flowing. I love seeing heartbroken fans. Some stadiums, the fans are really close to you, and they’ll call you names: ‘Rosen, go back to your hot tub.’ And when you beat them and get to turn around and wave? It’s the best.”

and to quench their thirst for learning.”

Likewise, Allen Fagin, executive vice president of the OU, voiced his hope that the event “brought people together with one common goal—delving into Torah study as a community.”

He told JNS: “Our definition for success at ‘Torah New York’ is for participants, including those who joined us virtually through the live broadcasts, to leave inspired and motivated to seek out more opportunities to learn year round.”

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