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## US Opens Embassy in Jerusalem; Trump: This Has 'Been a Long Time Coming'



Ivanka Trump and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin next to the dedication at the US Embassy in Jerusalem, May 14, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The United States opened its embassy in Jerusalem on Monday at a festive ceremony.

The delegation sent by President Donald Trump to the event included Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Trump's daughter Ivanka Trump and her

husband Jared Kushner.

Other American officials in attendance on Monday included Trump's special representative for international negotiations, Jason Greenblatt, and US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.

Numerous dignitaries, including a group of US Congress members, flew to Israel to take part in the embassy opening.

In a video message aired at the event, Trump said the embassy

move had "been a long time coming."

Trump also stated that he remained "committed to facilitating a lasting peace agreement" between Israel and the Palestinians.

In his speech, Kushner said, "While presidents before him have backed down from their pledge to move the American embassy once they were in office, this president delivered. Because when President Trump makes a promise, he keeps it."

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## Tunisian Police Foil Stabbing Attack Outside Historic Synagogue in Capital

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Police in Tunis overpowered a knife-wielding assailant who attacked a security patrol outside the city's historic synagogue on Tuesday.

The 45-year-old man tried to stab a group of police officers standing guard at the Grande Synagogue on Avenue de La Liberté in the Tunisian capital — an imposing structure opened in 1933 that is no longer in regular use by the



The Grande Synagogue in Tunis. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

1,000 Jews who live in the North African country.

Local news outlets quoted witnesses saying that the man was shouting anti-Israel slogans. The man is now in the custody of the anti-terrorism department of the Tunisian police.

Additional police reinforcements were deployed outside the synagogue following the incident.

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## Opinion.

## May 14, 2018: A Historic Day for Israel

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May 14 loomed large in 1948.

It was the date, according to the secular calendar, when the modern state of Israel was born. It was a time of ecstasy. Nearly 19 centuries had passed since the last chance for Jewish sovereignty was destroyed. But the prayers for a return to the ancestral land and to Jerusalem, the heartbeat of the Jewish people, had never stopped through all the years of wandering, exile, and persecution.

Now fast forward to May 14, 2018.

This day will be remembered, above all, for another celebration — the transfer of the American embassy from Tel Aviv to its rightful place in Jerusalem.

I am in Israel's capital city to join in the festivities and express appreciation on behalf of the nonpartisan American Jewish Committee (AJC) to the Trump administration for its bold decision.

It shouldn't have had to be so bold. Every country ought to have the right to choose its own capital. But that basic political rule applies to each nation on earth save one.

Think about it. The other 192 UN member states pick the site for their capital and it's no one else's business.

No doubt, diplomats assigned to Australia

would prefer to be situated in Melbourne or Sydney, but the political choice was Canberra and that was that.

Nor did anyone utter a peep when Germany, following reunification, moved its capital from Bonn to Berlin, compelling governments around the world to spend a fortune to find new premises in Berlin.

The same goes for Kazakhstan, which decided to move its capital from Almaty to Astana in 1998, again disrupting the lives of every country that had a diplomatic post in the Central Asian nation.

Or take Nigeria, which chose to leave Lagos and create a new capital city in distant Abudja in 1991.

But Israel, and Israel alone, has found itself in the unique position of having its self-declared capital in Jerusalem, while other nations insist that its capital is in Tel Aviv, where they locate their embassies and residences.

Why?

Well, we're told, it's because the original UN resolution recommending a two-state solution, adopted in November 1947, designated Jerusalem as a corpus separatum — a city with no sovereign affiliation to the proposed Arab and Jewish states.

But the Arab world rejected the resolution in its entirety and declared war on Israel. Fortunately, Israel, though heavily outgunned and outmanned, prevailed. The western part of Jerusalem came under Israeli control. The offices of the president and prime minister, the

Knesset, the Supreme Court, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were all established there.

For nearly seven decades, we have witnessed the anomaly of world leaders, whose countries reject Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, traveling precisely to that city to meet with Israeli presidents and prime ministers, to see Knesset members, and to hold dialogues with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

How patently absurd.

We have also been treated to the assertion that Jerusalem's status should not be determined until there is a final peace agreement. But that gives the Palestinians veto power over the process, even as they have rejected one proposal after another, including those that would have essentially divided Jerusalem into two parts.

Why should Israel's capital be spurned by the international community ad infinitum because the Palestinian leadership refuses to make a deal?

In the case of the US, the situation was a bit different. The rhetoric was often right, and there was even Congressional legislation (the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995) to back it up, but the results never matched the words.

In 2000, for example, George W. Bush said: "Something will happen when I'm president. As soon as I take office, I will begin the process of moving the U.S. embassy to the city Israel has chosen as its capital."

For eight years, President Bush had the chance to do just that. For eight years, however, he balked.

The Israeli flag at Jerusalem's Western Wall.  
Photo: S. Junik

In 2008, Barack Obama declared that "Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and it must remain undivided."

In the ensuing eight years, not only did President Obama not move to fulfill his commitment, but he actually took a big step back.

When the White House Office of the Press Secretary released the full text of President Obama's eulogy at the 2016 funeral of Shimon Peres, the words "Mount Herzl, Jerusalem, Israel" were included to indicate the location.

Shortly afterward, the White House pointedly deleted the word "Israel" from the text, in effect orphaning Jerusalem. It was no longer located in any country, even as Peres, with Obama present, was being buried in Jerusalem as an Israeli statesman.

In September 2016, Donald Trump

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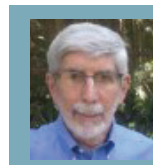
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## Israel's 70th in The New York Times

JEROLD AUERBACH  
BOSTON

Even though I anticipated the answer, I still could not help wondering how The New York Times would respond to the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence, nearly two millennia after the destruction of the ancient Jewish nation by Roman conquerors. My expectation was guided by the decades of Times discomfort with the very idea, to say nothing of the reality, of Jewish statehood.

It began when Adolph Ochs purchased the flagging newspaper in 1896, only months after Viennese journalist Theodor Herzl had floated the idea of a Jewish state in the historic homeland of the Jewish people. Ochs, a Reform Jew and son-in-law of Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, the leader of the American Reform movement, believed that Zionism posed a serious menace to the loyalty of American Jews. His emphatic anti-Zionism was inherited by his son-in-law Arthur Hays Sulzberger and the family dynasty that he secured. Whether it was evasion of the Holocaust or opposition to Jewish statehood, the Times resolutely stood on the wrong side of history.

So it came as no surprise that its front-page 70th anniversary coverage emphasized criticism over celebration. Jerusalem bureau chief David M. Halbfinger, a 20-year Times veteran who previously covered New York metropolitan affairs, Hollywood, and John Kerry's presidential campaign — arguably not the best preparation for the Israel beat — seemed confident that he knew what Israelis

think about their momentous anniversary.

Israelis, he wrote, "seem not to know what to feel" about a moment "so fraught with both pride and peril" that it is "hard to rejoice." There are, after all, the "threats to the north, south, and east" with "an escalating shadow war with Iran," the Gaza riots, and Palestinian "frustration, impatience, and rage" over Israel's "continuing occupation" of its biblical homeland.

Halbfinger's sources are revealing. Tom Segev, a left-wing journalist for *Haaretz* and revisionist historian, concludes that "the future is very bleak for Israel." But Hind Koury, a former PLO official, receives the most attention. Her riff against Israel includes "its presence and dominance" exemplified by "home demolitions and expulsions and dispossession," settler violence, "the siege of Gaza," "racist legislation," and "the use of 'antisemitism' to fight anybody who wants to support Palestinian rights." Even author Yossi Klein Halevi, who supports the relocation of the US embassy to Jerusalem, expressed his wish that it would be accompanied by "affirmation by both Israel and the United States of the Palestinian presence" in Jerusalem. After all, "We're not alone in Jerusalem."

Then, predictably, Halbfinger cites the problem of Benjamin Netanyahu. Soon to become Israel's longest-serving prime minister, which says something about his national support, he is chided for doing "much to sour Jewish Democrats" due to his opposition to the Iran deal, as though American Jewish Democrats deserve prime consideration in the making of Israeli foreign policy. "Liberal Americans' discomfort with Israel" and with President Trump figure prominently in Halbfinger's critique (perhaps understandably for a nice

Jewish synagogue-goer from New Jersey).

But why stop with Halbfinger? Another front-page story the same day about the collapse of the Iran nuclear deal allowed reporter Ben Hubbard (writing from Beirut) to cite Israel's "little ability to build alliances with Arab countries." One wonders: have Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia ceased to be "Arab countries"? Iran's determination to build its military infrastructure in Syria prompted Hubbard to quote former US Middle East ambassador Ryan C. Crocker, who believes, "There is real potential for a much bigger fight than we have seen so far, led by Israel."

Jerusalem reporter Isabel Kershner completed the trifecta of *Times* criticism in, of all places, an article about Netta Barzilai, the Israeli winner of the Eurovision Song Contest. It helped "some" (unidentified) Israelis in their feeling of belonging to "a small but plucky country" with "outsized influence in the world," she writes. To be sure, Kershner added, "that image has been tested by international grumbling" (invariably endorsed by the *Times*) "about the 50-year occupation of the Palestinian territories" (rarely identified as biblical Judea and Samaria). And "hundreds of actors, musicians, and artists" have endorsed the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement against Israel. So they must be right.

After so much kvetching about Israel, it is past time to wonder whether there is something wrong, not with Israel, but with the Ochs-Sulzberger newspaper and the seemingly endless succession of reporters who find little in Israel to praise but much to criticize.

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## World News.

# Gaza 'Peaceful Protests' Are 'Orchestrated Tactical Operations' by Hamas Against Israel, Says UK Military Expert

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Six weeks of Palestinian demonstrations on the Israel-Gaza border have been deliberately engineered by Hamas to portray as a peaceful protest movement what has in fact been a military strategy to fatally undermine Israel, a leading international expert on counter-terrorism strategy said on Monday.

At least 43 Palestinian rioters were killed in clashes with Israeli troops on the Gaza border on Monday as the US opened its embassy in Jerusalem. "In reality these demonstrations are far from peaceful, but are carefully planned and orchestrated tactical operations by a terrorist organization intending to break through the border of a sovereign state and commit mass murder in the communities beyond, using their own civilians as cover," Col. Richard Kemp — a former commander of British forces in Afghanistan — remarked in a new report on Gaza by the independent High-Level Military Group (HLMG).

The HLMG is comprised of former senior military officials and diplomats from around the world, including Iraq war veteran Lt.-Gen. Michael D. Barbero of the US, Gen. Klaus Dieter Neumann, former commander of the German armed forces, Lord Richard Dannatt, former commander of the British armed forces, and Lt. Gen. Kamal Davar, the former head of India's Defense Intelligence Agency.

"Hamas's use of actual smoke and mirrors to conceal its aggressive maneuvering on the Gaza border is the perfect metaphor for a strategy that has no viable military purpose but seeks to deceive the international community into criminalizing a democratic state defending its citizens," Kemp wrote.

As part of the HLMG's ongoing project to assess the impact of Western armies facing enemies deploying terrorist tactics — including deliberate war crimes such as hiding military personnel and infrastructure among a civilian population — Kemp has been observing Palestinian activity and the IDF's response on the Gaza border since the current spate of violence broke out on March 30.

The strategy pursued by Gaza's Hamas rulers "includes creating situations which compel the IDF to respond with lethal force so that they are seen to kill and wound 'innocent' Palestinian civilians," Kemp said.

"In some cases, including during the current wave of violence, we have seen Hamas present their fighters as innocent civilians; numerous fake incidents staged and filmed which purport to show civilians being killed and wounded by Israeli forces; and films of violence from elsewhere, eg. Syria, portrayed as violence against Palestinians," Kemp continued.



IDF soldiers on patrol near a burning field on the Israeli side of the border between Israel and the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

# Jewish Community of Athens Holds Silent Protest After Desecration of Jewish Cemetery

BY JNS.ORG

The Jewish community of Athens on Sunday formed a human circle around the Jewish cemetery of the city in a silent protest to say that antisemitism will not be tolerated in Greece, after the cemetery was desecrated last week.

The protest rally was called by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece (KIS), which represents the country's 6,000 Jews. Members of the Greek government and religious groups in Greece participated in the rally in a gesture of solidarity with the Jewish community.

The Vice-Mayor of Athens, Lefteris

Papagiannakis, addressed the rally.

The World Jewish Congress said it stands with the Jewish Community of Athens in condemning repeated antisemitic attacks, and its initiative to organize a the silent protest. The group has launched in parallel a social media campaign to raise awareness of the antisemitic manifestations ongoing in Greece, urging people worldwide to join in support.

"The World Jewish Congress abhors the despicable and cowardly act of desecrating Jewish property and stands firmly with the local Jewish community in urging individuals, organizations, and public authorities to mobilize in any way possible to make it

# Top Iranian Official: US Embassy Opening Will 'Accelerate the Destruction of the Fake Zionist Regime'



Jerusalem US Embassy opening. Photo: Screenshot

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A top Tehran regime official asserted on Monday that the opening of the US Embassy in Jerusalem would quicken Israel's demise.

"The first consequence of this disastrous act is greater unity among Muslims to defend their sacred places and accelerate the destruction of the fake Zionist regime," Rear Admiral Ali Shamkhani, the secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, was quoted as saying by the semi-official state news agency *Mehr*.

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Israel, Kushner noted, "proves every day the boundless power of freedom. This land is the only land in the Middle East in which Jews, Muslims, and Christians, and people of all faiths participate and worship freely according to their beliefs. Israel protects women's rights, freedom of speech, and the right of every individual to reach their God-given potential."

In what looked to be a reference to ongoing Palestinian unrest, Kushner said, "Those provoking violence are part of the problem and not part of the solution."

Standing next to Mnuchin, who had just unveiled the embassy's seal, Ivanka Trump declared, "On behalf of the 45th president of the United States, we welcome you officially and for the first time to the embassy of the United States, here in Jerusalem, the capital of Israel."

Meanwhile, another semi-official state news agency, *Fars*, quoted Iranian Parliament Speaker Ali Larijani as saying on Monday, "I believe that the US president lacks the capability to recognize and judge the long-term consequences of his measures and I advise the current US officials to avoid miscalculations about Palestine, the holy Quds, the resistance front and the Muslim world and don't imagine that such acts about Palestine and Iran's nuclear issue will go unanswered."

The US opened the embassy in Jerusalem on Monday at a festive ceremony attended by top officials from both countries.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu thanked Trump for "having the courage to keep your promises."

"What a glorious day for Israel," Netanyahu told the crowd. "We are in Jerusalem and we are here to stay."

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said, "President Trump, the Israeli people, thank you for keeping your word, for your courage, for your determination, and for your firm, unwavering stand alongside the State of Israel. We hope and expect that other nations will follow your path and your leadership. We will continue to safeguard Jerusalem, as the city of peace, as a city home to all those of faith. A city of all its residents and citizens, of all religions and communities, who share together, one city, which is so greatly loved."

Last December, Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and ordered the relocation of the US embassy there from Tel Aviv.

absolutely clear that there is no room for antisemitism in Greek society," said WJC CEO Robert Singer. "It is inconceivable that still today, antisemitic stereotypes are rife in Greece. We cannot stand by in silence as hatred continues unhindered."

"Greece was once home to a strong and influential Jewish community, which was all but decimated during the Holocaust. The community that remains today is small but still vibrant, and unfortunately is no stranger to antisemitic manifestations. Every citizen of Greece deserves the full protection of its government. We thank Athens Mayor Giorgis Kaminis for publicly condemning this antisemitic act, and urge other politicians and authorities to follow suit," said Singer.



A protest held in Athens following the desecration of a Jewish cemetery. Photo: JNS.org

## World News.



Palestinians riot on the Israel-Gaza Strip border, May 14, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

## Israeli Military, Gaza Doctor, Cast Doubt on Hamas Claim Tear Gas Killed Palestinian Baby

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An IDF official cast doubt on Tuesday that the Israeli military was responsible for the death the previous day of a Palestinian baby in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip.

"We have evidence that undermines the credibility of the Hamas Health Ministry's announcement regarding the death of the baby," Maj. Avichay Adraee — the IDF's Arabic-language spokesman — said.

Adraee was referring to eight-month-old girl Laila al-Ghandour, who — according

to the Health Ministry — died after inhaling tear gas fired by Israeli forces at rioters on the Gaza border.

An anonymous medical doctor in Gaza separately told The Associated Press that al-Ghandour "had a pre-existing medical condition and that he did not believe her death was caused by tear gas."

Al-Ghandour was laid to rest on Tuesday in Gaza City at a funeral attended by hundreds of mourners.

At least 60 Palestinians were killed on the border on Monday.

## Hamas Paying Protesters to Charge Gaza Border, Israel Reveals

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

Israel's defense establishment revealed on Monday that intelligence gathered over the past few weeks suggests Hamas is paying Palestinian activists in the Gaza Strip to charge the fence on the border with Israel during violent demonstrations there.

These protests have increased in intensity since they began on March 30. While the violence has generally been limited to weekends, more than 50 Palestinians died and thousands were injured on Monday alone.

The activists are paid a minuscule amount — some 50 shekels (\$14) per activist or a lump sum of \$100 per family — to charge the fence at the risk of being killed by Israeli snipers. Instead of risking its own operatives,

Hamas has systematically sent teenagers and children to the area.

Palestinians who managed to breach the border were apprehended and interrogated by Israel's Shin Bet security agency. Their interrogations shed some light on the methods and tools used by Hamas' military wing to encourage violence and terrorism at the border.

"Hamas forbids its operatives from approaching the border, fearing that they will be killed or captured by the IDF, unless the security fence is breached, in which case they must infiltrate [Israel] armed, under the cover of the masses, and carry out terrorist attacks," the agency said in a statement.

Meanwhile Monday, Israeli intelligence agencies revealed that Iran was transferring money to Hamas expressly to fund the violence along the border.

with the Palestinians? Absolutely not. In fact, perhaps in the long haul it accelerates the chances by signaling to their leadership that they don't necessarily have the continued luxury of avoiding the peace table and rejecting one deal after another.

And does it prevent the possibility of a Palestinian state that includes part of Jerusalem within its borders, allowing the Palestinians to declare their own capital? Again, absolutely not.

May 14, 2018 is a special day in the life of Israel. And it's a proud day to be an American friend of Israel.

David Harris is CEO of the American Jewish Committee (AJC). A version of this article was originally published at *The Jerusalem Post*.

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pledged to move the American embassy to Jerusalem. Some observers understandably thought he was simply parroting his predecessors by making a campaign promise he had no intention of fulfilling. But he meant what he said, which is why we are all gathering in Jerusalem to mark this historic occasion, to be followed two days later, it should be noted, by the Guatemalan decision to do the same.

In today's hyper-partisan world, many who oppose the president on other issues are unlikely to give him any credit for this move. But we remain fiercely nonpartisan and call them as we see them.

President Trump, as he said, simply recognized reality — Jerusalem is Israel's capital. Period.

Does this move preclude a peace deal

## Students at Top German University Denounce BDS, Vote to Withhold Funds and Space From BDS Advocates

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Student Council of Heidelberg University in Germany adopted a proposal on Tuesday against the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign targeting Israel.

The measure will prevent organizations that advocate for BDS from being given university funds and rooms to host gatherings, according to the Youth Forum of the German-Israeli Society at Heidelberg, which submitted it for consideration.

The initiative also drew support from the university's Department of Political Education and the Federation of Jewish Students at Baden (BJSB).

"The adopted motion is an important and necessary consequence of the existing position against any antisemitism of the Student Council, by making it concrete in relation to BDS," Victor Márki, a spokesperson for the Youth Forum, said in a statement. "The student council thus strengthens our backs in our commitment against Israel-related antisemitism at our university and in our city."

"Many universities have already shown that the BDS campaign promotes the exclusion of Jewish students," Márki added. "Therefore, the decisive action of the Student Council in Heidelberg against BDS must also serve as a model for other universities and cities."

The move was also applauded by Naomi Ellenbogen, vice president of the BJSB.



Heidelberg University. Photo: Jan Beckendorf via Wikimedia Commons.

"Today, the Student Council has sent out a message that we must not pay lip service in the fight against antisemitism, but oppose it concretely and emphatically," Ellenbogen said.

Founded in 1386, Heidelberg is the oldest university in Germany and one of its most prestigious. The city of Heidelberg drew condemnation from Jewish and Zionist groups in November, after its adult education center gave space to a BDS advocate.

Last week's resolution was not the first passed by a student council in Germany, The Jerusalem Post reported. In August, students at Goethe University in Frankfurt likened the BDS campaign's tactics to those adopted by Nazis against Jews. In 2016, Leipzig University's student council voted "to condemn the antisemitic BDS campaign," and expressed opposition to "antisemitic measures such as disinviting Israeli academics."

## 'They Are Experienced in This Kind of Terrorist Act:' Iranian Analyst Highlights Threat to Destroy US Embassy in Jerusalem

BY BEN COHEN

The \$100,000 bounty for the destruction of the new US Embassy in Jerusalem being offered by an Iranian student group affiliated with the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) is an urgent reminder of the Tehran regime's long record of attacks against foreign diplomatic targets, an Iranian political analyst told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday.

"The Iranian regime and its armed forces and militias are experienced in this kind of terrorist act," said Kaveh Taheri — a freelance journalist and political analyst who is now based in Turkey — in response to Monday's announcement by the Justice Student Movement, an affiliate of the IRGC and its student militia, the Basij, that it will reward \$100,000 to "anyone who destroys the building of the US Embassy in Jerusalem."

News of the reward was first reported by the Fars news agency, a government-backed outlet that presents itself as an independent media operation.

Taheri explained that while the Justice Student Movement is not itself a paramilitary, "they are clearly supportive of terrorism, which is why they are putting up money for the destruction of an embassy." He also stressed that the threat was consistent with past Iranian-backed terrorist operations

against embassies, military residences and similar vulnerable targets.

"One of the first acts of the 1979 revolution was to seize the US Embassy in Tehran and take its personnel hostage," Taheri said. In the subsequent period, Iran and its Lebanese Hezbollah proxy have struck at high-profile foreign targets including the US Embassy in Beirut in 1983, killing 63 people; the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992, killing 23; the AMIA Jewish center in the Argentine capital in 1994, killing 85; and the Khobar Towers residential complex serving US military personnel in Saudi Arabia in 1996, killing 20.

Israel also holds Iran responsible for a botched attack on Israeli diplomats in Thailand in 2012, in which five Thai citizens were injured in three separate blasts. Neither are foreign embassies located in Iran necessarily spared, as evidenced in January 2016, when pro-regime mobs ransacked Saudi diplomatic missions in Tehran and Mashhad.

Taheri argued that the Justice Student Movement represents a minority of students on Iranian campuses. Pointing to its affiliation with the Basij militia — which played a key role in crushing the student-led mass protests of 2009 — he remarked that the group "is hated by secular Iranian students across the country."

U.S. News.

# American UN Envoy: No Country Would Act With More Restraint Than Israel Has in Gaza

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A day after several dozen Palestinian rioters were killed in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip as they violently tried to storm across the border into Israel, America's UN envoy voiced a strong defense of the Jewish state at a UN Security Council meeting on Tuesday.

Ambassador Nikki Haley said:

*"Hamas has attacked the Kerem Shalom crossing, the biggest entry point in Gaza for fuel, food, and medical supplies. This is how determined they are to make the lives of the Palestinian people miserable. They light Molotov cocktails attached to kites on fire and attempt to fly them into Israel to cause as much destruction as possible. When asked yesterday why he put a swastika on his burning kite, the terrorist responded, 'The Jews go crazy when you mention Hitler.' This is what is endangering the people of Gaza. Make no mistake: Hamas is pleased with the results from yesterday. I ask my colleagues here in the Security Council, who among us would accept this type of activity on your border? No one would. No country in this chamber would act with more restraint than Israel has."*

Haley also said the opening of the US Embassy in Jerusalem was "the right thing to do."

"It reflects the will of the American people," she explained. "It reflects our sovereign right to decide the location of our embassy — a right that everyone in this room claims for their own country. Importantly, moving our embassy to Jerusalem also reflects the reality that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel. It has served as Israel's capital since the founding of the state. It is the ancient capital of the Jewish people. There is no plausible peace agreement under which Jerusalem would no longer remain the capital of Israel. Recognizing this reality makes peace more achievable, not less."

Before the Security Council meeting — which was

convened to discuss the situation in Gaza — Israeli UN Ambassador Danny Danon told reporters, "Hamas has committed war crimes not only against Israeli civilians but also against its own people — turning them into human shields for their own cynical gain. Every casualty that has resulted from the recent violence is a victim of Hamas' war crimes."

"Over the past month, Israel had to defend itself from the violent rioters along the security fence with Gaza," Danon recalled. "The rioters have thrown Molotov cocktails, planted explosive devices and rolled burning tires. They have sent flaming materials over the fence and into Israel, spreading deadly fires across our fields. And they have tried, on multiple occasions, to break down the fence and infiltrate Israeli territory."

Showing a photograph of the Kerem Shalom border crossing that was set ablaze by



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley. Photo: Reuters / Lucas Jackson.

Palestinians earlier this week, Danon pointed out, "Had the rioters broken down the fence and infiltrated Israel, there can be no doubt that the damage to Israeli towns and villages would have looked like this."

Danon also called the opening of the US Embassy in Jerusalem "just the latest in the series of Palestinian excuses for violence against Israel."

# Al-Qaeda Calls on Muslims to Carry Out Jihad Against US

BY JNS.org

In a five-minute video entitled "Tel Aviv is Also a Land of Muslims," Al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri called on Muslims to carry out a jihad against the United States in response to America's decision to move its Israeli embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Al-Zawahiri, an Egyptian surgeon, took over the radical terror organization after founder Osama Bin Laden was shot dead by American forces in 2011.

Al-Zawahiri railed against the Palestinian Authority as the "sellers of Palestine" and against US President Donald Trump as "the true face of the modern Crusade" who could only be met with "resistance through the call of Jihad," according to a transcript by the SITE monitoring agency.

He also said that Bin Laden called the US "the first enemy of the Muslims, and swore that it will not dream of security until it is lived in reality in Palestine, and until all the armies of disbelief leave the land of Muhammad."

Hamas called on Gazans to engage in violent protests and break through the security fence with Israel on Monday, at the same time as the US embassy inauguration festivities would occur in Jerusalem.



Israelis read about the death of Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, in the newspaper on May 03, 2011. Photo: Miriam Alster/Flash90.

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## Opinion.

# Jerusalem Expresses Gratitude to Donald Trump



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

By the time this column is published, the United States will have moved its Israeli embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. It has been an incredible few days in Jerusalem leading up to the move. Americans from all over the United States of every religion and affiliation have gathered for the event. Most of us can scarcely believe it is actually happening. We remember the repeated broken promises to move the embassy by successive American presidents over a quarter of a century and we're still in shock that this time the promise has been kept.

You have to see the excitement on the streets to understand the depth of joy for the occasion. Flags are flying from every street light. Massive signs around the capital show the American and Israeli flags intertwined. In

the United States, many Jews have reservations about Trump. But among Israelis and the American Jews who crossed the Atlantic to be here for the historic opening, they are very proud of Trump for this decision.

In a single week, President Trump has not only established America's embassy in Israel's eternal capital, but also rid America of the shame of the Iran nuclear deal, which completely overlooked all of Iran's sins. In doing so, he has created the potential for reining in the rogue regime in Tehran.

The deal allowed the Iranians to pocket billions of dollars in benefits to finance terrorism, ballistic missile development, and intervention in their neighbors' affairs — all in exchange for biding its time before building nuclear weapons. Obama promised Iran's behavior would change, but instead it got worse.

It's fashionable today to divide America into conservatives and liberals. But I am someone who believes in a muscular foreign policy and has spent much of his professional life around liberally-minded people in academia and the media. Liberalism and progressivism have, of course, many positive virtues. Their fatal flaw,

however, is a refusal to hate evil. Too many on the left prefer to make excuses and give monsters a pass when they make genocidal threats, because confronting them might require action rather than appeasement.

To his great credit, Trump responded with force to the brutal Syrian regime's use of poison gas. And now he has confronted the Iranian regime. Trump rightly pointed out that Iran is a threat to the United States. One day it could have missiles capable of hitting the US homeland, but it already has the capability of targeting our bases, and those of our allies, in Europe and the Middle East. Let's also not forget, as most people have, that the largest number of Americans murdered by terrorists outside of 9/11 were killed by Iran's terrorist proxy Hezbollah.

Commentators have been quick to attack Trump's decision based on the opposition of our European allies to withdrawing from the deal. They have largely ignored the Middle Eastern allies who are directly and immediately threatened by Iran. The Saudis have been calling for tougher action against Iran for years. In fact, they are the only ones to publicly suggest the need



A worker hangs a road sign for the US embassy in the area of the US consulate in Jerusalem on May 7, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

to use military force. Iran not only threatens the Gulf states, it also targets other moderate, pro-Western states. Just last week, Morocco cut ties with Iran because Hezbollah sent missiles to the Polisario Front, which is engaged in a terror campaign against the kingdom.

The decision to tear up the Iran deal was bold and courageous. More important, in my opinion, it demonstrated a moral clarity that Trump's predecessor lacked. This is an evil regime that must be confronted, not placated. One can only hope that the Europeans follow suit. And one can also hope that whatever misgivings American Jewry has about President Trump, they will be unanimous in their praise and gratitude for his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital.

*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. Follow him on Twitter @RabbiShmuley.*

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Terach. The Torah tells us that "Terach took his son Abram ... and they went out together from Ur of the Chaldeans to go into the land of Canaan; but when they came to Haran, they settled there" (Gen. 11:31). Terach had sufficient willpower for the journey-from (Ur Kasdim) but not for the journey-to (Canaan). It was left to Abraham to reach the destination.

To be a Jew is to know that, in some sense, life is a journey. So it was for Abraham. So it was for Moses. So it is for us, collectively and individually. Hence the importance of knowing at the outset where we are traveling to, and never forgetting, never giving up. Leaving is easy, arriving is hard.

Which is why, when students ask me for advice about their careers, I tell them that the most important thing is to dream. Dream about what you would like to do, to be, to achieve. Dream about the chapter you would like to write in the story of our people. Dream about what difference you would like to make to the world. "In dreams," said W. B. Yeats, "begin responsibilities." I'm not entirely sure what he meant by that, but this I know: in dreams begin destinations. They are where we start thinking about the future. They signal the direction of our journey.

I am amazed by how many people never really dream a future for themselves. They can spend months planning a holiday, but not even a day planning a life. They take it as it comes. They wait, like Charles Dickens' Mr Micawber, for "something to turn up." This is not the best recipe for a life. "Wherever you find the word *Vayechi*, 'and it came to pass,'" said the sages, "it is always the prelude to pain." Letting things happen is passive, not active. It means that you are letting outside factors determine the course of your life. Of course, they will always affect it. However sure we are of what we want to achieve, we are always subject to unexpected occurrences, wrong turns, bad decisions, setbacks and failures. But if we know where we want to be, eventually we will get back on track.

Timothy Ferris, compiler of the book *Tribe of Mentors*, asked me an interesting question: "When you feel overwhelmed or

unfocussed, what do you do?" I told him that just before I became Chief Rabbi, in 1991, I realised that the sheer pressure of unexpected happenings, especially when you are in public life, can blow anyone off course. When someone asked British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan what he most feared, he replied, "Events, dear boy, events." So it became clear to me that I had to set out my objectives in advance, in such a way as to ensure I would never forget or be distracted from them.

In 1991 we did not yet have smartphones or computerised diaries. I used a pocket notebook called a Filofax. So on the first page of my Filofax I wrote my life goals. This meant that I saw them every time I looked in my diary. I was reminded of them several times daily. I still have them, and they have not changed in all the intervening years. How far I was successful, I do not know. But this I know: that I never forgot where I was travelling to. I never lost sight of the destination.

Travelling-from is easy. I knew I had to overcome my ignorance, Jewish and secular. I knew I had bad habits I had to cure — I am still working on them. But the real challenge is to know where Hashem wants us to travel to. What task were we put in the world, in this time and place, with these gifts, to do? The answer to that constitutes the destination we key in to our satellite navigation system for the journey called life.

The Israelites, in their journey, made a series of mistakes. They focussed too much on the present (the food, the water) and too little on the future. When they faced difficulties, they had too much fear and too little faith. They kept looking back to how things were instead of looking forward to how they might be. The result was that almost an entire generation suffered the fate of Abraham's father. They knew how to leave but not how to arrive. They experienced exodus but not entry.

So, in answer to Tim Ferris's question, "What do you do when you feel overwhelmed or unfocussed?" I replied with this life-changing idea: Remember your destination. This will help you make the single most important distinction on life, which is to distinguish between an opportunity to be seized and a temptation to be resisted.

## 'Hatchet Job' Profile of Iran-Deal Critic Gets His Hair, Suit, Pay Wrong



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

A *New York Times* profile of a prominent critic of the Iran nuclear deal is being condemned as a "hit piece."

The profile describes the chief executive of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Mark Dubowitz, as someone who "wears tailored French suits and keeps his curly hair just so."

Mr. Dubowitz tweeted that he doesn't own such a suit, and that his hair "isn't curly."

"Just two of the many factual errors in this piece," Dubowitz tweeted.

Another error involves Mr. Dubowitz's pay. *The Times* reports, "In 2016, he paid himself \$560,221, a sum nearly twice that accepted by counterparts at larger, more established think tanks."

Actually the *Times* article elsewhere refers to "the American Enterprise Institute and the Heritage Foundation, more established conservative think tanks." Yet the heads of AEI and Heritage both earned more than a million

dollars a year, making Mr. Dubowitz's pay not "nearly twice" that of his peers, but "about half." And that sum wasn't an amount that Mr. Dubowitz "paid himself" but rather an amount paid to him by the nonprofit organization, which is governed by a board of directors.

The rest of the piece is similarly off-base.

It quotes three ardent supporters of the Iran deal, but no critics of the deal other than Mr. Dubowitz himself, making it slanted. As the Institute for Science and International Security observed, all three of the Iran deal proponents, and Dubowitz critics, quoted by the *Times* are supported by the Ploughshares Fund. The Institute for Science asked the *Times* reporter responsible for the piece, Gardiner Harris, "were you aware that these individuals are all funded by the same outfit, which notoriously coordinates Iran messaging? Similar experts with similar views who swarm journalists and present themselves as independent experts."

The National Security Roundtable described the *Times* article as "a ridiculous piece, exhibiting astounding ignorance."

Omri Ceren, a former official of the Israel Project who is now an aide to Senator Cruz, described the *Times* article as a "hit piece."

A former *New York Times* reporter and editor, Clifford May, who is now president of FDD, tweeted, "Reporters churn out hatchet jobs from time to time. It's what they do. But editors should enforce minimal journalistic standards. ... it's riddled with errors. *The Times* used to be better."

A larger problem is the gist of the six-column headline over an essentially spurious attack on Mr. Dubowitz, who was in the "fix it" camp about the Iran deal, as somehow disingenuous or insincere for being in that camp rather than being in the "nix it" camp.



The New York Times logo.  
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## Impressions.

# The Day Jerusalem Won

BY RON PROSOR/  
JNS.org

The opening of the US embassy in Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, is the fulfillment of what many Jews dreamed of regardless of their political opinions. It also carries historic and diplomatic weight that could affect the entire region.

For 70 years, we have heard many countries, including our greatest friend the United States, make excuses about it “not being the right time” to move their embassies to Jerusalem. And we’ve heard over and over why such a move couldn’t happen so long as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict continued.

In 1995, the US Congress enacted a law requiring the United States to relocate its embassy to Jerusalem. But every president since then has used a loophole in the law to delay the move.

Then Donald Trump arrived — a new president, an outsider who wanted to think outside the box. Trump is an unusual politician who reminds us that politicians really can keep their promises.

When he said during his presidential campaign that if elected he would move the embassy to Jerusalem, he meant it.

Six months ago, when the president declared his intention, the predictors of doom and gloom rose up. The Palestinians declared three days of rage over the



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

decision, and some warned that the move would send the Middle East up in flames — because every kindergarten knows that prior to Trump’s decision the Middle East was a calm, peaceful place, and the Palestinians were spending the rest of the year meditating.

The new American policy lets the Palestinians know that time is not necessarily on their side and their ongoing refusal to hold real negotiations with Israel could hurt them. It is no coincidence that Arab states are remaining silent. It shows that a broader regional move is likely in the next few months. At the same time, I believe that other countries will follow America’s lead and start to move their embassies to Jerusalem.

The reality is that the Palestinians are being left behind. If they won’t come to the negotiating table, then they could find themselves without any allies at all.

The opening of the embassy gives us all hope that the historical truth will win out over fake history, vision and faith will defeat a desire to stand still, and those who say “yes” will be victorious over the naysayers.

*Ron Prosor is head of the Abba Eban Chair of International Diplomacy at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya and Israel’s former ambassador to the United Nations.*

# ‘Live Life for Today,’ Says Gal Gadot After Sharing Story of Israeli Pilot Who Lost His Daughter in Thailand Tsunami

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Israeli actress Gal Gadot shared with her social media followers on Tuesday her encounter with a pilot whose daughter died in a devastating tsunami and the lessons people can learn from how he dealt with his loss.

The “Wonder ‘Live Life for Today,’ Says Gal Gadot After Sharing Story of Israeli Pilot Who Lost His Daughter in Thailand Tsunami Woman” star wrote on all her social media channels that

his daughter,” Gadot said about Aloni. “He looked up to the skies and at that moment of defeat a sudden realization hit him. He closed his eyes and saw a vision of his remaining family — his wife and three sons, [and] from this moment on he chose life. He said, ‘We can write our own life story, we cannot change the past, but we do have the choice of how we live moving forward.’”

Gadot said he found Aloni’s spirit “incredibly brave and inspiring.” His words resonated with the actress, and she said people should remember, “Life



*Ofer Aloni’s daughter Zohar. Photo: Screenshot / YouTube.*

during a recent flight home, the airplane’s pilot, an Israeli named Ofer Aloni, introduced himself to the actress and said he was wanted to reach out to her and tell his story. The pilot told Gadot about losing his daughter Zohar in the deadly tsunami that took place in Thailand in 2004.

A 9.15 magnitude earthquake on Dec. 26, 2004 resulted in a tsunami across the Indian Ocean that was considered one of the biggest natural disasters in history, according to Reuters. The countries hit the hardest included Thailand, Indonesia, India and Sri Lanka. Around 5,395 people were killed in Thailand and among them about 2,000 foreign tourists.

Aloni told Gadot that after hearing news of Zohar’s disappearance he traveled to Thailand to find his 24-year-old daughter, only to discover that she was killed by rushing water. He returned her body to Israel for burial.

“He told me at that moment he was ready to give up, his heart was broken, he wanted to be with

is so unexpected,” and, “We don’t have total control of what might happen tomorrow. But we do have the power to choose to live life for today.”

Gadot also posted on social media a video that features a picture of Aloni’s daughter and the song by the band The Kin called “A Power to Choose,” which was inspired by Aloni’s story and words.

Aloni, in his own Facebook post last year about the loss of his daughter, talked about the difficulty to “choose happiness and joy” following Zohar’s death. He said, “The initial desire to sink, spiral down and just surrender to the pain was overwhelming. I felt as if there’s no chance in beating it and so perhaps it was best to let go and give in... The longing for Zohar will forever accompany us, but it will not lead us. We’ll remember Zohar with love, happiness, laughter and music. In every situation, no matter how hard, we each have the right and ability, perhaps even the responsibility to choose.”

# Legal Notice.

## LEGAL NOTICE



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  
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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 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  
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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, V. CLAUDE L. HENRY; ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated May 31, 2016, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR

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MORGAN STANLEY MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-12XS, is the Plaintiff and CLAUDE L. HENRY; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on May 31, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 BERGEN STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233; Block 1452, Lot 42: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 5359/2013. Elena Makau, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 106, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832.  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH ALONZIA A/K/A DEBORAH R. ALONZIA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 31, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 931 East 88th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8025 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1365/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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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  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, 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

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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  
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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 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.  
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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 Mortgagee, 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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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-

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Ramirez 222 E 8th Street 2K Brooklyn, NY 11218. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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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  
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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2017-1212 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To: Egford Nugent; and to the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of VERONA BROWN, deceased, if living and if any of them be dead, to their heirs at law next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees, and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by NORMA HOGG and CARLA McCARTHY, who is domiciled at 3024 Matthews Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 and 113-64 Springfield Boulevard, Queens Village, NY 11429, respectively. YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, QUEENS County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd Rm 62 Jamaica , New York, on July 5 2018, at 9:30 o'clock in the Fore noon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of VERONA BROWN lately domiciled at 134-34 229th Street, Laurelton, New York admitting to probate a Will dated October 31 2008 (a Codicil dated -"NONE") a copy of which is attached, as the Will of VERONA BROWN deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that [X] Letters Testamentary issue to: NORMA HOGG and CARLA McCARTHY. Dated Attested and Sealed April 27 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY, Surrogate, James Lim Becker, Chief Clerk. Seidia R Bernard, Esq. ROACH BERNARD, PLLC, 175 North Central Avenue, Suite 200, Valley Stream, NY 11580 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS ONWEST BANK, FSB, Plaintiff AGAINST JAMES MASON, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 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 June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1285 PARK PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11213. 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 1365, LOT 74. Approximate amount of judgment \$666,838.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 501559/2013. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 3, 2018 53286  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 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 14, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 293 Powell 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 3763 and Lot 111. Approximate amount of judgment is \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21054-13. Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.  
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 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 June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 28, 2018  
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

## Tradition.

## The Two Journeys



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

The books of Shemot and Bamidbar have some striking similarities. They are both about journeys. They both portray the Israelites as quarrelsome and ungrateful. Both contain stories about the people complaining about food and water. In both the Israelites commit a major sin: in Shemot, the golden calf, in Bamidbar, the episode of the spies. In both, God threatens to destroy them and begin again with Moses. Both times, Moses' passionate appeal persuades God to forgive the people. It is easy when reading Bamidbar, to feel a sense of déjà vu. We have been here before.

But there is a difference. Shemot is about a journey *from*. Bamidbar is about a journey *to*. Shemot is the story of an escape from slavery. Exodus, the English name of the book, means just that: departure,

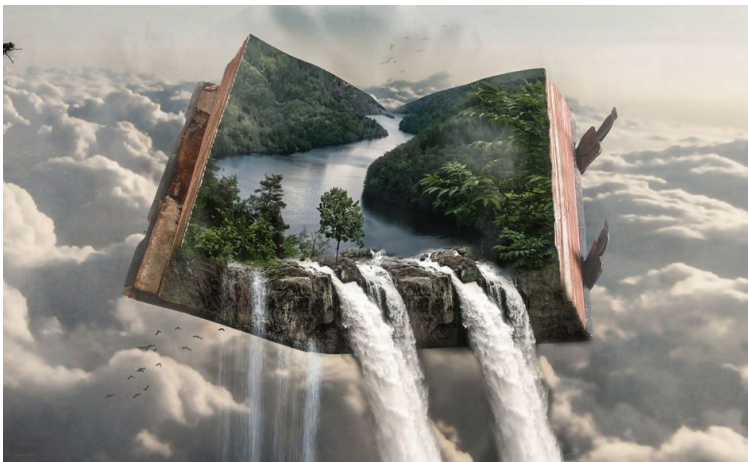
despair. The Torah, with great realism, is telling us something counterintuitive and of great significance.

*The journey from is always easier than the journey to.*

So it is in politics. It may take a revolution to depose a tyrant, but it is easier to do that than to create a genuinely free society with the rule of law and respect for human rights. The Arab Spring, with its high hopes and its legacy of failing states, civil war and terror, is a compelling example. So is the history of post-Tito Yugoslavia or present-day Russia.

Likewise in the life of individuals. There have been endless stories in the modern world of Jews who were determined to break free of "the ghetto" and what they saw as Jewish provincialism and backwardness. They became great successes in one field after another, only to find themselves – like the marranos of fifteenth century Spain – deeply conflicted and doubly alienated, having lost a home in the old world and failed to find full acceptance in the new.

There is a biological reason why this is so. We are genetically



withdrawal, leaving. By contrast, in Bamidbar the people have already left Egypt far behind. They have spent a prolonged period in the Sinai desert. They have received the Torah and built the Sanctuary. Now they are ready to move on. This time they are looking forward, not back. They are thinking not of the danger they are fleeing from but of the destination they are travelling toward, the Promised Land.

If we had never read the Torah before, we might have assumed that the second half of the journey would be more relaxed, the people more optimistic, the mood more hopeful. After all, the great dangers had passed. After prolonged refusal, finally Pharaoh had let the people go. Miraculously they had been saved at the Red Sea. They had fought and defeated the Amalekites. What else did they have to worry about? They knew that when God was with them, no force could prevail against them.

In fact, though, the opposite is the case. The mood of Bamidbar is palpably darker than it is in Shemot. The rebellions are more serious. Moses' leadership is more hesitant. We see him giving way, at times, to anger and

predisposed to react strongly to danger. Our deepest instincts are aroused. We move into the fight-or-flight mode, with our senses alert, our attention focussed, and our adrenaline levels high. When it comes to *fleeing-from*, we often find ourselves accessing strengths we did not know we had.

But fleeing-to is something else entirely. It means making a home in place where, literally or metaphorically, we have not been before. We become "strangers in a strange land." We need to learn new skills, shoulder new responsibilities, acquire new strengths. That calls for imagination and willpower. It involves the most unique of all human abilities: envisaging a future that has not yet been and acting to bring it about. Fleeing-to is a journey into the unknown.

That was the difference between Abraham and his father

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Calvin Dillon; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant

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to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 668 Riverdale Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3842 Lot: 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$328,323.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1131/2013. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: April 28, 2018 AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS FARGO ASSET SECURITIES CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AR9, Plaintiff -against- JOYCELIN DOVE, GLADSTONE DOVE, WARREN BLAKE, NATIONAL CITY BANK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 12, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on June 14, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 298 SCHENCK AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11207. 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. Block: 3995 Lot: 23 Approximate amount of lien \$690,841.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 509904/2014 DORON LEIBY, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: May 3, 2018 FILE #: WELLS 64337 AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: T-NANUET, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. 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: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: L-MIDDLETOWN,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. 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: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

## Legal Notice.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: G-HARRIMAN,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. 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: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8F, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 8F, Plaintiff AGAINST Ety Salamon and Yehuda Salamon, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 14, 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 June 21, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1152 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. 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 5668, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$996,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 514510/2015. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53340 AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF SW REMIC TRUST 2014-2 WITHOUT RECOURSE, Plaintiff - against - DARREN DOWNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 3, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 21st Day of June, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 546 Chauncey Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. (Block: 1517, Lot: 117) Approximate amount of lien \$625,716.67 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501136/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: May 3, 2018 AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Earline Burnett, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/26/2016

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and entered on 11/22/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 21, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 99 4th Avenue, Unit 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11217. 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: 937, LOT: 1003. Approximate amount of judgment is \$507,599.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506959/2014. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15

DIAMOND 123 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/10/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 24 Diamond Street, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15/22

HAUTE HOLD, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/22/2018. Office loc: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 8918 Bedell Ln., Brooklyn, NY 11236. Reg Agent: U.S. Corp. Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. DEREK HEWITT, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April 04, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 21, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 2809 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, NY 11226. 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 5172 and Lot 37. Approximate amount of judgment is \$759,173.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501526/2015. 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, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of Qualification of unTypical Films LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/03/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 02/23/18. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Corporation Service Co. (CSC), 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. DE addr. of LLC: c/o CSC, 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with DE Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/15/22

# Social.



Israeli fans celebrate at Rabin Square in Tel Aviv, after Netta Barzilai won the Grand Final of Eurovision Song Contest, May 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Corinna Kern.

## Netanyahu Begins Cabinet Meeting With Chicken Dance, Congratulates Israeli Singer on Eurovision Win

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu began his weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday by acknowledging Israeli singer Netta Barzilai's win a day earlier in the 2018 Eurovision Song Contest, an international singing competition.

Barzilai, 25, won with her song "Toy," an upbeat tempo about female independence that is accompanied by beatboxing, chicken noises by Barzilai and her signature chicken dance. Netanyahu payed tribute to the singer by stopping and doing a chicken dance before walking into the cabinet meeting, held in Jerusalem, and in his opening remarks he talked about Barzilai's exciting win.

"Good TOY morning," he joked. "A very good morning. These days Jerusalem is being blessed with many gifts. We received another one last night with Netta's thrilling and suspenseful victory. The gift is that Eurovision will come to Jerusalem next year; we will be very proud to host it."

Netanyahu also called Barzilai after her win was announced and congratulated her in Hebrew. He told Barzilai she "charmed the whole world," that she was Israel's greatest ambassador and how he was cheering her on while watching the competition with his whole family.

In her acceptance speech, Barzilai said, "I'm so happy. Thank you so much for choosing difference,

thank you so much for accepting differences between us, [and] thank you for celebrating diversity. Thank you, I love my country!"

Others who congratulated Barzilai on her win included Labor party MK Merav Michaeli, who said Barzilai's victory was a win for feminism. She wrote in a statement released early Sunday, "This morning I want to thank you, the amazing Netta Barzilai. Not only thanks for a wonderful song and amazing performance and incredible victory, and for bringing the Eurovision to Jerusalem next year — but for who you are. I want to tell you that after 30 years of working for feminism, I can point to you and say, 'There, that's how you do it.'"

Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein said Barzilai's victory "set our hearts overflowing, and brought national pride to us all. Congratulations!"

Israeli politicians were not the only ones celebrating Barzilai and her win. Israeli actress and "Wonder Woman" star Gal Gadot wrote on Instagram about the singer, "You represent the real wonder in women. So much Truth, confidence and talent. You stand for diversity and you bring fresh beautiful light to the world."

Barzilai's win in the Eurovision contest was Israel's first victory since 1998. This year's competition took place in Lisbon, Portugal, and the event is hosted annually in the home country of the previous winner, meaning next year it will take place in Israel.

## Celebrated Jerusalem Soccer Team Now Named for Trump

BY JNS.org

Loyal Jerusalem soccer fans were greeted with news on Sunday that their beloved Beitar Jerusalem soccer club would be changing its name in honor of the American leader who was the first to recognize Jerusalem as the official capital of the State of Israel.

The team, whose yellow-and-black colors feature a traditional Jewish menorah in its logo, took to Facebook to thank US President Donald Trump for recognizing Jerusalem and moving the American embassy from Tel Aviv to the capital.



Post by Beitar Jerusalem soccer team, announcing its name change to "Beitar Trump Jerusalem." Photo: screenshot.

"Beitar Jerusalem, one of the most prominent symbols of the city, [is] happy to honor the president for his love and support with a gesture of our own," the Facebook post stated in English and Hebrew. "The chairmen of the club, the owner Eli Tabib and the executive manager Eli Ohana, have decided to add to the club's title the name of the American president who made history, and from now on will be called 'Beitar Trump Jerusalem.'"

The announcement came on the eve of the official opening of the new US embassy in Jerusalem's Arnona neighborhood, which will be attended by US Deputy Secretary of State John J. Sullivan, Secretary of Treasury Steven Mnuchin, senior adviser to the president Jared Kushner, Trump's daughter Ivanka, and Special Representative for International Negotiations Jason Greenblatt, as well as ambassadors, dignitaries and officials from Israel and around the world.

"For 70 years, Jerusalem has been awaiting international recognition, until President Donald Trump, in a courageous move, recognized Jerusalem as the eternal capital of Israel," the club wrote in the post. "President Trump has shown courage, and true love of the Israeli people and their capital, and these days other countries are following his lead in giving Jerusalem its rightful status."

Beitar is currently in second place in Israel's premier league and is known for its staunchly pro-Israel fans.

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