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After Pompeo Unveils Iran Strategy, Trump Administration Keeps Up Heat



A display featuring missiles and a portrait of Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is seen at Baharestan Square in Tehran, Sept. 27, 2017. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee Yazdi / TIMA via Reuters.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A day after US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo unveiled a strategy to “crush” the Tehran regime with economic and military pressure unless it changes its behavior, top Trump administration officials stayed on message on Tuesday with a series of tough declarations.

Vice President Mike Pence said America stood “with the people of Iran.”

“The people of Iran deserve better than a regime that sponsors terrorism across the region,” he tweeted. “And they deserve better than a regime that continues to focus resources on threatening the world.”

US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley tweeted that Pompeo and President Donald Trump were “right about Iran.”

“The outlaw regime must be pressured to stop its support for terrorism and its threats to multiple American allies and interests,” she said. “Past policies on Iran have clearly failed.”

White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders tweeted, “The Iran deal was one of the worst deals in history and didn’t guarantee the safety of Americans. That’s why @POTUS terminated it. Media

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Israel Seeks to Head Off UN Resolution Imposing International Force in Gaza

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israel and the United States are seeking to prevent the passage of a UN Security Council resolution creating an international force in Gaza.

According to the Hebrew news site Ynet, the resolution introduced by Kuwait in collaboration with the Palestinians seeks to protect civilian demonstrators in areas of armed conflict. It is in reaction to the ongoing Hamas-orchestrated riots on the Gaza border, in which Israel has used live fire against attempts by Palestinians to storm the border fence and commit acts of terrorism.



The UN Security Council debates a resolution on Jerusalem. Photo: Reuters / Brendan McDermid.

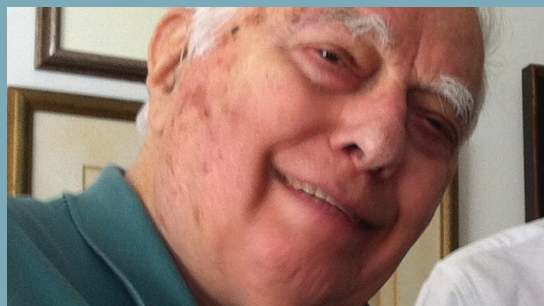
The US and Israel hope to prevent the resolution from gaining a majority in the 15-seat council. Ynet noted that the current makeup of the council made this unusually difficult. If the resolution passes, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley has promised to use the American veto to block its implementation.

If this takes place, the Palestinians have pledged to take the resolution to the General Assembly, where they have an “automatic majority.” However, General Assembly resolutions are non-binding on member states.

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Opinion.

Gaza Gunfire Sends David Brooks Into New Embrace of New York Times' Israel-Bashers



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

It's one thing for Prime Minister Netanyahu to take a beating from the news columns of the *New York Times*, or from a staff editorial, or even from the usual Bibi-bashers of the op-ed lineup, such as Roger Cohen, Thomas Friedman, Nicholas Kristof, or the late and in some ways great Anthony Lewis.

But it's another thing for David Brooks to join the Bibi-bashing. Until the arrival of Bret Stephens, Brooks was the closest thing around these days to a house Zionist at the *New York Times* op-ed page, someone in the tradition of the late, great William Safire or A.M. Rosenthal. Brooks had a son in the Israeli military. He regularly quotes Jewish scholars like Erica Brown and Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik.

So it comes as something of a betrayal for Brooks, on the eve of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, to come out with a column turning against Israel.

Brooks writes:

I see the situation through the "extremism corrupts everybody" narrative...

When faced with an extremist, you have two choices: counter the extremist mind-set

with your own or reject that mind-set and double down on pragmatism.

By and large, Israel has taken the former path. The shift from the politics of Rabin and Shimon Peres to that of Benjamin Netanyahu and Avigdor Lieberman is a move from pluralism to ethnocentrism, from relentless engagement to segregation. It's a shift from tough realism to the magical thinking that Palestinians are somehow going to go away.

It is clearly in Israel's interest to maneuver the Palestinians away from extremism and to weaken the extremists in its own ranks. And yet sometimes Israeli policies seem callously designed to guarantee an extremist response.

Take the events of this week. For months Israeli security forces had been warning the prime minister and the defense minister that Gaza was in crisis mode and bound to blow. Hamas had long signaled that it would do exactly what it did at the Gaza fence on Monday, inciting a massive border invasion. There was plenty of time to figure out how to handle the crowds without bloodshed.

"And so the main question," Amos Harel asked in Haaretz, "is what did Israel do to prevent this blood bath before it happened? The answer is, almost nothing was done."

This is a reversal, a new turn for Brooks, who as recently as three years ago was describing Netanyahu as "surpassingly brilliant... Kennedyesque... Churchillian."

It's also nonsense, on many levels. It's

not accurate that Israel did "almost nothing" to prevent the Gaza bloodbath. Brooks relies on *Haaretz*, a newspaper that the *New York Times* itself has acknowledged "gets the larger arc of Israel's story wrong." Israel has actually done many things. It has shipped truckloads of food and medical supplies into Gaza. It has warned Gazans not to approach the border with Israel. It deployed drones with tear gas. It operates an Arab-language Facebook feed to counter terrorist propaganda and provide reliable information. One may argue that those things were insufficient, but to say Israel did "almost nothing" is false.

Brooks accuses Netanyahu and Lieberman of "ethnocentrism" and "segregation." These are grave accusations, echoing the Israel-apartheid and Zionism-is-racism libels of decades-ago anti-Semites and modern boycott-divest-sanctions advocates. Brooks offers not one shred, not a scintilla, of evidence to support them. The Israel major general in charge of Gaza and the West Bank is Kamil Abu Rokon, who is Druze and recently issued a video wishing Muslims a Ramadan Kareem. If anyone was guilty of what Brooks calls "magical thinking," it isn't Netanyahu and Lieberman, but Shimon Peres, who imagined a "New Middle East" like some kind of European Union utopia. And if anyone is for "segregation," it's the two-state-solution fanatics of the *Times*. What is a two-state solution if not "segregation"? Far from being



David Brooks. Photo: Wikipedia/PBS.

a segregationist, Lieberman has said, "We were destined to live one next to the other." If anyone is ethnocentrist, it's not Lieberman but his critics and enemies on the Israeli left, who hate him because he was born in Kishinev, in Moldova, and therefore isn't an Israeli WASP — "White, Ashkenazi sabra with protektzia."

As I wrote in *The Algemeiner* two years ago:

As for Mr. Lieberman's supposed extremism, the policy for which he is best known is the possibility of transferring some of the Israeli-Arab towns — not the individuals or the population, but the actual towns — to a future Palestinian state. This is the ultra-right-winger? Someone who proposes giving to the Palestinians land that is now part of Israel? Mr. Lieberman also, at least when I interviewed him in 2006, floated the terms of a peace deal with Syria that would have involved Israel

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Another Leading Iranian Export? Religious Persecution



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In a welcome statement issued this week, the US State Department drew attention to the continuing persecution of the small Baha'i religious minority in Yemen by Iran-backed Shi'a rebels.

The rebel Houthis "have targeted the Baha'i community in inflammatory speech along with a wave of detentions, 'court summons,' and punishment without a fair or transparent legal process," the statement observed. These and similar actions over the past 12 months "appear to be an effort to pressure Yemeni Baha'is to recant their faith."

Like the Yezidi and Christian minorities elsewhere in the Middle East, followers of the Baha'i faith have experienced horrendous persecution at the hands of Islamists — in their specific case, the Shi'a disciples of Ayatollah Khomeini who have ruled Iran since 1979 and zealously police the country's non-Muslims. That means evangelical Christian pastors regularly face death or imprisonment. Baha'is face the same persecution.

Yet unlike those Iranians who leave Islam for its Christian antecedent, the "original sin" of the Baha'is in the eyes of the mullahs is to be a religion of the modern world. Its Persian founder Bahá'u'lláh, who lived during the mid-19th century, is presented by followers

of this respectful and universalistic faith as the culmination of a chain of "Divine Manifestations" that connected ancient prophets like Abraham, Moses, Jesus, and Muhammad.

Given Iran's growing military presence across vast swathes of the Middle East — from northern Syria to the Gulf of Aden — it should not come as a surprise that the Tehran regime's proxies in Yemen are reproducing the systematic persecution of Baha'is. As Abdullah Al Oulofy, a representative of the Baha'i community in the capital city of Sana'a, explained to the UAE news outlet *The National*, "Iran discriminates against the group, which was born in Shiraz in Iran in 1844. So the Houthis do as the Iranians do."

In dutifully aping their Iranian paymasters, the Shi'a rebels in Yemen have added a twist of antisemitism on top of the long-established slander that the Baha'is are a "Satanic" faith. In a televised address in March, the leader of the rebels, Abdel-Malek al-Houthi, depicted the Baha'is as a "devilish tool" of Zionism, whose goal is to eliminate Islam. "Baha'ism is bred by Israel and supported by

Israel and the Western states," he railed. Within days of that incendiary speech, other Shi'a religious leaders — like the Iranian-appointed Mufti of Yemen, Shams al-Din Muhammad Sharaf al-Din — started talking openly about "butchering every Baha'i." That threat should not be taken lightly.

The linkage between the Baha'is and Israel is not entirely fabricated, of course. Bahá'u'lláh's tomb is located in Akko, with the magnificent Baha'i World Center on the slopes of Haifa's Mount Carmel nearby. But Bahá'u'lláh's presence in the Holy Land was the consequence of his clashes with Islamic authorities to the north and east, rather than a voluntary pilgrimage on his part. In 1853, he was driven out of Persia into Turkey, and later deported by the Ottomans to Akko, a penal colony at the time. He died there in 1892 and leadership of the faith passed first to his son and, after that, to his close follower Shoghi Effendi, who went on to establish Israel as the administrative and spiritual center of the Baha'i faith.

Yet most Baha'is do not live in Israel. The biggest population of nearly 2 million is located in India and there are sizable Baha'i communities in the United States and East Africa, as well as in Iran, the cradle of the faith. In that sense, their brutal Shi'a persecutors might be said to have missed the irony here: For the Baha'is, Israel comes into the frame first as a land of exile, rather than the site of their national or spiritual redemption, as is the case for the Jews.

Since 1948, when the Haganah ensured



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani attending Army Day ceremonies in Tehran on April 18.
Photo: Tasnim News Agency via Reuters.

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World News.

Knesset Advances New Regulations That Would Impose Fines on Illegal Construction

BY JNS.ORG

The Knesset's Internal Affairs and Environment Committee approved new regulations that will impose administrative fines on illegal construction and violations of demolition orders.

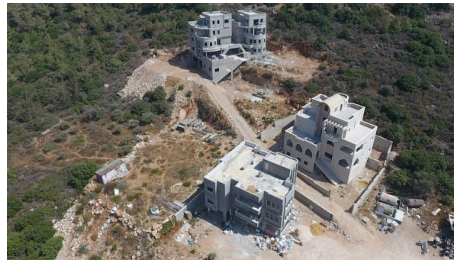
Regulations approved on Monday by the Knesset's Internal Affairs Committee mandate administrative fines ranging from NIS 8,000 to NIS 300,000 to be levied as a first line of defense against illegal construction, according to specific criteria, including: size of the structure, location, specific building or utilization infractions, private versus corporate construction and more.

"After years of inaction, the 'money time' is finally here. The state of Israel must prove that it is serious about putting an end to what has been called 'a national scourge,'" Regavim, an NGO at the forefront of the legal and legislative battle against illegal construction throughout Israel, said in a statement. Regavim welcomed the Knesset committee's approval of the new regulations.

"In the state of Israel there are hundreds of thousands of 'hardcore' illegal structures, aside from structures that deviate from

building code regulations," explains Meir Deutsch, Director of Policy and Parliamentary Affairs at Regavim. "The situation is such that the Supreme Court categorized illegal construction in Israel as a 'national epidemic.'"

To date, the overwhelming majority of construction offenders spent years in court, in long and exhausting proceedings that generally ended without any enforcement on the ground, a process that diluted any deterrent effect the law might have had. "The new regulations will, for the first time, create an immediate response and present a formidable deterrent against building offenses," said Deutsch. "Now we must insure that the new regulations are applied and enforced."



Illegal construction, taken in the Misgav region of the Galilee. Photo: Regavim

Israel Sells Sea-Borne Version of Iron Dome Defense System to Romanian Contractor

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
JNS.org

Israeli defense contractor Rafael Advanced Defense Systems and Romanian counterpart Romaero announced on Wednesday that they have signed a cooperation agreement for the production of domestic air- and ground-defense systems they hope to offer to the Romanian armed forces.

A statement by Rafael said that as part of the deal signed in Bucharest, Romaero will acquire the technical knowledge and license for the development of the sea-borne version of Israel's celebrated Iron Dome short-range missile-defense system, as well as Samson remote-control weapons systems and Spike tactical missiles.

Rafael did not release the monetary specifics of the deal, saying only that it is worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

Rafael CEO Yoav Har-Even inked the agreement with Romaero chief Remus Vulpescu at the Black Sea Defense & Aerospace 2018 exhibition in Bucharest.

"The new cooperation will provide a solution to the operational needs of the Romanian army in upcoming procurement plans that were already approved by the Romanian government," the company said in a statement.



A battery of Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system. Photo: IDF.

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Resolution

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon blasted the resolution, saying, "The cynicism and attempts to distort reality have reached a new low. Israel will continue to defend its sovereignty and the security of its

citizens against Hamas' murderous terrorism and violence. This shameful proposal supports Hamas war crimes against Israel and against the residents of Gaza, who are sent to die for the sake of preserving Hamas."

Israel's Spy Chief: It is a Great Pleasure to Steal From the Persians



Mossad Director Yossi Cohen. Photo: Alchetron.

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
JNS.org

Mossad Director Yossi Cohen made an unusual comment on Saturday, all but conceding that his agency was responsible for the recent daring raid on Iran's nuclear archive.

Speaking at an event marking the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, Cohen said, "It is a great pleasure to steal from Persians," Israeli public broadcaster Kan reported.

Cohen was referring to the televised revelation by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on April 30 that Israeli intelligence had obtained a large trove of documents – amounting to 55,000 printed pages and 183 compact disks of data – detailing Iran's nuclearization efforts over the years.

In his presentation, Netanyahu made the

case that the 2015 Iran nuclear deal was based on Iranian lies because the documents showed Iran had never actually abandoned its efforts to seek a nuclear bomb and had kept its archive to maintain its expertise and capabilities.

According to The New York Times, the operation was carried out by the Mossad in January, about two years after the agency discovered that the archive was stored in a small, nondescript warehouse outside Tehran.

At the Shavuot event, Cohen said that after the revelation of the operation, he was approached by his counterparts in other spy agencies who said they were willing to help Israel.

"I told them that they could help Israel by voting for Israel in Eurovision," Cohen quipped, referring to the international song contest won by Israel last week.

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Israel-Bashers

leasing the Golan Heights from Syria for a 99-year term. For a more nuanced view of Mr. Lieberman than the one available from the *Times*, that 2006 dispatch is worth a look.

Brooks may be forgiven for believing Netanyahu and Lieberman are extremists if he relies on the news columns of the *Times* and *Haaretz* for his information. But Lieberman has announced a plan for the West Bank that includes a carrot-and-stick approach, as reported (not by the *Times*):

15 Palestinian villages and towns from which no terrorists have hailed were charted in green and will benefit from a series of immediate alleviations. For example, master plans for villages in Samaria and for the town of Qalqilya will be expanded, an economic corridor will be established between Jericho and Jordan, a western industrial zone will be built for the city of Nablus and a hospital will be built in the town of Beit Sahour, along with kindergartens and football pitches elsewhere in Samaria...

Lieberman also presented the 15 "red" villages and areas from which numerous terrorists hailed over the last year. They will suffer from a security crack-down, according to him. The measures expected to be taken are not essentially different from the measures taken so far, and include, among other things, demolition and sealing

of terrorists' homes, intensified IDF operations in "A" zones, confiscation of terrorist funds, reclaiming of stolen vehicles, more extensive arrests, revocation of the work permits of members of terrorists' families, revocation of VIP permits of senior Palestinian officials who take part in incitement, intensified operations against incitement-related elements such as printing houses, Facebook pages and radio stations, intensified inspections of Palestinian vehicles along the various routes and extensive demolition of illegal Palestinian construction projects.

No government is perfect, and the Israelis are facing a complicated and difficult situation. Brooks inaccurately blames Israel's leaders for being extremists or for "ethnocentrism." "Ethnocentrism" is the kind of term that Brooks at his humorous best would mock his Yale students for using, rather than hurl himself at Netanyahu. Brooks would be better off congratulating Israel's leaders for achieving something remarkable. America nixed the Iran nuclear deal and moved its embassy to Jerusalem, and Israel suffered hardly any casualties in response. That's not to say that the Gaza clashes had no cost to Israel in human terms or in public relations terms. But to leap from there to Brooks' accusations that Israel's leaders are callous, corrupt, extreme, segregationist, or ethnocentrist is just not warranted. It's disappointing to *Times* readers who expect better from Brooks.

World News.



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas reads a newspaper inside a hospital in Ramallah, May 21, 2018. Photo: Palestinian President Office (PPO) / Handout via Reuters.

Scholar: Abbas Deliberately Chose to Be Photographed With Antisemitic Cartoon

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas deliberately chose to be photographed reading a newspaper with an antisemitic cartoon facing the camera, a Middle East scholar has revealed.

The photograph, taken in Abbas' hospital room, where he was taken suffering from an ear infection and pneumonia, shows him reading a PA newspaper. Clearly visible is a cartoon showing an Israeli soldier poisoning a Palestinian baby.

Edy Cohen, chairman of the Kedem Forum for Middle East Studies, told The Algemeiner, "I just spoke with several people very close to Mahmoud Abbas, and it was explicitly told to me that Abbas picked the only [newspaper] where that cartoon was large. ... So I understand that he chose it deliberately, because we're talking about the biggest cartoon there was, so it would be seen. It's a subliminal message."

The photo, Cohen said, was "a message to his people. Abbas is not a child. He's old. He's going to meet his maker. But he wants to go out as a hero. And the message he's sending is 'Even if I'm in the hospital, I'm against the Jews. I'm against Israel.'"

Cohen sees the move as a symptom of a deeper problem with Abbas' attitude toward Jews. Citing Abbas' book *The Other Face*, which denies the Holocaust, Cohen stated, "You cannot be a Holocaust denier without being antisemitic. It goes together."

In recent weeks, Abbas has made several statements considered openly antisemitic, including that the Jews brought the Holocaust upon themselves and that there was no Jewish connection to the Land of Israel.

"Abbas from the beginning to today was against the Jews," Cohen said, "and he always hid it. After Oslo, of course he hid it. But now, when there is no political process, he has no problem with it."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper — associate dean

of the Simon Wiesenthal Center — agreed that the photograph was a deliberate choice on Abbas' part. Asked by The Algemeiner whether he thought the picture was staged, Cooper replied, "Of course. No question about it."

Cooper believed the photo was part of an ongoing ideological campaign against Jews and the State of Israel. It showed, he said, "how deep the cancer of hatred the Palestinian Authority president harbors for the Jewish state, her people and values."

"The validation of that cartoon by him exposes how little difference there is between the PA and Hamas," Cooper continued. "Both continue to brainwash a new generation of children that Israelis are interlopers and latter-day Nazis. The big lie tactics employed in the so-called 'marches of return' gained the Palestinians nothing of practical value, with the exception that the man in the street in Turkey and elsewhere in the Middle East is convinced that Jews are baby killers, cold-blooded murderers who deserve whatever terrorist or other bombing attacks on inflicted on Jews, inside Israel and/or around the world."

Particularly disturbing, said Cooper, was the use of a visual image to further this campaign. Recounting a study undertaken in the 1980s on antisemitic Soviet cartoons, he stated, "We saw that the impact, the emotional impact of a powerful cartoon, good or bad, was in under two seconds. And much more long-lasting than any oped or article that may have accompanied it. ... At the end of the day, by posing with that image, the message, the emotional message to the Palestinian people is just reinforcing the idea that Israelis are interlopers, inhuman, baby killers. ... It is pornographic, really."

The result, he added, was "the brainwashing of another generation."

"If that's the legacy of a sick old man that maybe is on his last breath as the leader of the Palestinian people, it just speaks volumes," Cooper lamented. "This is a man who's led his people right into the abyss."

Free Beacon on Tuesday that Pompeo had "made a strong statement of solidarity with the Iranian people, who are the traditional friends of the American people, and who have suffered too long under this autocratic theocracy that is preventing Iran from a secure and prosperous future as a welcomed member of the international community."

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Heat

said we had no plan. Wrong! @SecPompeo unveiled our new Iran strategy yesterday. @POTUS will ensure Iran has no path to a nuclear weapon."

Meanwhile, an unnamed senior Trump administration official told The Washington

Israeli Defense Minister, Arab MK in Ferocious War of Words

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman and Israeli-Arab Knesset member Ayman Odeh conducted a ferocious war of words on Sunday following a controversy over the injury of an Arab demonstrator in Haifa.

According to *Maariv*, Jafar Farah's leg was broken during an altercation with police at a protest against Israel's actions on the Gaza border over the past week, in which dozens of Palestinians — many identified as Hamas members — were killed during organized riots.

After Farah was injured, Odeh reportedly accompanied him to the hospital where he began to abuse the police officers present, calling them "zero" and "garbage." In Hebrew, both insults have stronger connotations than their English equivalents.

In response to the reports, Lieberman tweeted, "Every day that Ayman Odeh and his collaborators walk free and insult police officers is a failure of the enforcement authorities. The place for these terrorists is not in the Knesset but in jail. The time has come for them to pay the price for their actions."

Odeh responded sarcastically, tweeting



Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman. Photo: Jonathan Klinger via Wikimedia Commons.

back, "Too bad he didn't tweet that in 48 hours I'll be in jail — that way I'd know there's nothing to worry about."

Opposition leader Isaac Herzog of the Zionist Union party sought to calm the tensions, saying that Farah was known for his activism and was not a violent man. "In Israel, the right to demonstrate is protected for everyone and it must not be forgotten that it is a basic right," Herzog tweeted. "Therefore, there must be a serious investigation to give the people complete answers about the incident."

Police have begun an investigation into whether the alleged use of force against the demonstrators in Haifa was justified.

Israel Builds 'World's Highest Anti-Missile Wall' Around New Ramon International Airport

BY JNS.org

The world's highest fence against anti-tank missiles, closed-circuit cameras and radar equipment affixed to roughly 210-foot poles and a 21-mile security fence: This is just part of the defensive infrastructure that will make the Ramon International Airport safe.

Expected to open in March 2019, the airport is in the final stages of construction in the Timna Valley in southern Israel, near the resort city of Eilat.

The airport is named after the first Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, who perished in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster in 2003, and his son Assaf Ramon, who died six years later when his F-16 fighter jet crashed in a training accident.

The 21-mile-long fence stands 20 feet tall, surpassing the 16-foot-tall security fence along the Egyptian border. It comes at a cost of nearly NIS 288 million (\$80 million).

Additionally, due to concerns that terrorists would seek to target parked airplanes with

sophisticated anti-tank missiles, a second 85-foot-tall fence was built along a roughly three-mile stretch. It consists of 186 pillars, 3 million screws and around 6,500 tons of steel.

"This is the highest anti-tank missile wall in the world," said one individual involved in the project.

The total cost of the new airport is estimated to be around NIS 1.7 billion (\$436.5 million). Construction began in 2013.



Construction of the new international airport Ramon Airport, which will replace the Eilat airport in southern Israel. Jan. 6, 2016. Photo: Moshe Shai/Flash90.

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Persecution

that the Baha'i sites in Akko and Haifa were protected from fighting during the War of Independence, the Baha'i Center has quietly flourished in Israel, deliberately staying out of the country's political and national disputes. No reasoned observer, therefore, could depict the religion as somehow aligned with political Zionism or Israeli policy, and because Israel is a liberal democracy, there is no such requirement mandated by the Israeli authorities to begin with.

Iran's rulers live by a different conception of the truth, so for them details such as these are trifling. But that rather handily demon-

strates the vast gulf between the Western notion of religious affiliation as a matter for the individual conscience without which minority faiths could not hope to survive, and the Islamist insistence that religion is, before anything else, a tool for mass political mobilization.

In those circumstances, as the Jews of the Middle East know only too well, the lot of religious minorities is necessarily a miserable one.

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U.S. News.

Israel Lawmakers Hope Trump Could Ease Made-in-USA Rules for Military Aid

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israeli lawmakers urged the government on Monday to reopen talks with the United States on a defense aid deal signed in 2016 in the hope that President Donald Trump might ease a requirement that American aid money be spent on US equipment.

Under the deal signed by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and then US President Barack Obama, the United States would provide Israel with \$38 billion in military assistance over 10 years, the largest such aid package in US history.

However, one component of the deal was to phase out a special arrangement that had allowed Israel to use 26.3 percent of the US aid on its own defense industry instead of on American-made weapons. All the aid will now have to be spent on US equipment by 2026.

Israeli lawmakers suggested that this requirement could be renegotiated now that Obama has been succeeded by Trump, who has broken with other past American policies by moving the US embassy to Jerusalem last week.

"The US administration today is different than the previous one and it is possible to do something on a policy level to change the decision in some way," opposition parlia-

ment member Mickey Levy said.

In a meeting of parliament's finance committee, the chairman of the panel, Moshe Gafni, from a party in Netanyahu's rightwing government, called on the cabinet to tell the US administration that the current agreement will cause the Israeli defense sector "unacceptable harm."

According to Defense Ministry economist Zeev Zilber, in addition to the \$800 million annually that would be directly diverted from Israeli to US defense firms, the industry would lose another \$1.3 billion each year from the knock-on effects of the change. That could threaten 22,000 jobs.

The Economy Ministry said the deal could impact as many as 700 small suppliers.

Eyal Ben-Reuven, another opposition lawmaker, expressed worry that Israel could lose its ability to act independently in times



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and US President Donald Trump at Ben-Gurion International Airport on May 23, 2017. Photo by Kobi Gideon / GPO.

of emergency, such as if its Iron Dome anti-missile system is needed during wartime.

"The most disturbing thing is that the government has no solutions," he said.

The Prime Minister's Office was not immediately available for comment.

Report: As Tensions With Israel Peak Over Gaza, Turkey Hands Out Money to East Jerusalem Arabs

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Amid heightened tensions between Ankara and Jerusalem following last week's violence on the Gaza border in which several dozen Palestinian rioters were killed by IDF troops, a Turkish government body has been handing out money to Arab residents of the Israeli capital, it was reported on Tuesday.

According to , the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency has distributed a total of \$420,000 — in disbursements of \$500 checks — as Ramadan gifts.

Turkish flags with the name of the agency on them have also appeared at the entrances of Arab-owned businesses in eastern Jerusalem, the report said.

Maor Tzemach — the head of the Lach Yerushalayim organization — told that his group was "monitoring Turkish activity in east Jerusalem, and we've identified TIKA as promoting Turkey's radical views in Jerusalem. This organization pours millions of shekels into social activism, interfering in and undercutting Israel's sovereignty in Jerusalem."

"Now is the time to define clear-cut limits to Turkish involvement in Jerusalem," Tzemach continued. "I'm calling to block the flow of Turkish money to Jerusalem through these organizations and wage all-out war against Turkish interference in the capital."



A view of Jerusalem. Photo: Berthold Werner / Wikimedia Commons.

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Opinion.

Hamas Is in the Cold

EYAL ZISSER/
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As per convention, Egypt's Foreign Ministry this week made sure to condemn Israel. Behind the scenes, however, the real story was apparently unfolding — an Egyptian push to end the madness and stop the cycle of violence that Hamas wants to impose on the entire region.

The Egyptians have never hidden their views on Hamas or its allies — Turkey and Qatar — whom they have considered enemies, and still do. With no other choice, they were willing to accept Hamas' rule in Gaza, but their patience expired when it became clear

that the terror organization was playing with fire, supported by a tailwind from Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Eleven years have passed since Hamas seized control of the Gaza Strip, and its situation has never been worse. It has failed to adequately manage the daily lives of Gazans. The path of armed struggle was choked off after Israel found a solution to the missile threat (Iron Dome), and no less important — the threat of underground terror tunnels. Finally, Hamas' diplomatic escape routes were blocked once Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi entered office.

To escape this fate, Hamas chose, perhaps like Samson pulling the temple down upon himself and the Philistines, a path of suicidal destruction. Primarily, it has sought to create a mass casualty media event to strike at hearts and minds — hopefully while inflicting Israeli casualties — to divert the world's attention to

Gaza, and force Israel and Egypt to ease some of the pressure suffocating the group.

However, the events along the Israel-Gaza border have not only failed to advance Hamas' interests, or the Palestinian cause, for that matter — but they have knocked the terrorist group yet another step backward.

Countries like South Africa and Turkey are predictably condemning Israel. The US, on the other hand, which is still the leading global superpower, is standing firmly and decisively behind Israel — in fact, to an unprecedented degree. Meanwhile, the majority of Arab countries are standing with Washington in the more important fight — against Iran and its proxies, such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

All of this points to a new regional alignment spearheaded by the United States, in which Israel and moderate Arab countries are partners. Its effects can already be seen in the efforts to restrain Hamas and block Iran. Turkey and several European countries are choosing, as per usual, to oppose the US and Israel. Emerging before us is a clash between the new world that Washington wants to advance, and the old, nefarious world.

As for Hamas, its swelling distress could



Hamas leaders in Gaza awaiting the body of Dr Fadi al-Batsh at the Rafah crossing, Apr. 26, 2018. Photo: moi.gov.ps.

lead it to further escalate the process it initiated, perhaps even reverting to shooting missiles at Israel. Either way, Israel should now re-examine its Gaza policies, which are predicated on a willingness to accept Hamas' ongoing rule as the lesser of two evils. In this regard, Israel will find itself in line with several important Arab countries, among them Egypt and Saudi Arabia, who also want to extinguish the fire in Gaza, get rid of Hamas if possible, and focus — primarily — on Iran.

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Gaza and the Fallacy of Moral Equivalence



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Rarely does the photo, four columns wide, of a dead baby appear on page one of *The New York Times* as it did on May 17. The sorrowful death of Layla Ghandour became, for the *Times*, "fodder for competing narratives." But, in fact, a dead Palestinian baby is grist for a newspaper eager to blame Israel first.

The accompanying article was written by *Times* Cairo bureau chief Declan Walsh. He told the poignant story of an eight-month-old Gaza girl with sparkling eyes that he actually never saw. Held "in the arms of her grandmother when a cloud of tear gas engulfed them" at Monday's Gaza protest, when 50-plus Palestinians were killed as they attempted to breach the border with Israel, Layla supposedly inhaled "acrid gas." Dying several hours later, her story "shot across the globe, providing an emotive focus for outrage" not directed at the politically zealous family members who brought her there but, predictably, at Israel.

Layla's photo was taken by Gaza photographer Mahmud Hams, who described his specialty as "shots of children crushed in the rubble. Parents weeping beside lifeless little bodies. Death. Destruction. Funerals of men, women, children, sometimes very young children." It is, by implication, always Israel's fault. Walsh describes "the pressures of life" in Gaza under "an Israeli blockade" that contributed to Layla's death.

But he inadvertently describes a family's tragic, zealous dysfunction. Layla was dozing at home when the call sounded from a nearby mosque that a bus awaited passengers heading to the Gaza border fence. Her 12-year-old uncle, assuming that her mother was already on board, took Layla with him. Later that afternoon, when she began to cry, the boy carried her toward the border to find her grandmother, who was busy shouting at Israelis across the fence. Tear gas fell nearby, an hour later Layla died.

In Gaza, Walsh notes, "the rules of grief" transform private suffering, to say nothing of family history, into a political frenzy. An uncle who belonged to the terrorist Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, died fighting Israelis soldiers. Another uncle died while throwing stones at them. The day after Layla died her father marched to Hamas's fiery tune, carrying her body wrapped in a Palestinian flag while leading a crowd chanting slogans about "Israeli blood lust." Layla's death parade, Walsh notes, was designed to win "international sympathy." And the *Times* took the bait.

Measured by expansive *Times* coverage, Hamas's "dead baby strategy" — as Alan Dershowitz aptly labeled it — succeeded. Layla's mother insisted, "The Israelis killed her." But, as Walsh reported, the family acknowledged that Layla had a congenital heart disease, a hole in her heart. And the Gaza Health Ministry admitted the next day that it did not yet know the cause of the baby's death.

An Israeli soldier writing in *The Times of Israel* on May 17 addressed his "moral humane friends" and "those good and moral Zionists who fear that the many Palestinian victims may be our fault." Kinley Tur-Paz, founder and CEO of the Kibbutz HaDati Educational Network, wrote of his experiences during recent IDF reserve service on the fence separating Israel and Gaza. His response to Israel's critics is based on "first-hand knowledge. ... I was there."

Tur-Paz knew that he was at the border to help prevent an invasion of thousands of Gazans that "would be perilous, mortally dangerous" to Israeli communities. Had "terrorists disguised as civilians" entered Israel, the only choice would have been "to target every single infiltrator." For that reason, Israeli soldiers were ordered "to prevent infiltration ... using live ammunition only as a last resort."

Citing their "efforts not to kill and to only injure" their attackers, Tur-Paz recognizes that 62 deaths is an "enormous number." But "every bullet and every hit is carefully reported, documented, and investigated." The IDF, he asserts, makes an "enormous effort to protect Israel's borders while minimizing injuries and loss of life on the other side." Israel's cause, he believes, is "morally just."

He concludes: "We do not rejoice when we must go to war, but we also don't go like sheep to the slaughter. Not anymore."

Layla Ghandour is the tragic victim of her family's fervent complicity in the Hamas attempt to destroy Israel. No moral equivalence there.

In an on-line *New York Times* essay the following day, Israeli journalist Shmuel Rosner recognized that Israel took the necessary precautions to protect its soldiers and citizens against "a provocation by an organization known to engage in acts of terrorism." Fully aware of the consequences for Israelis of a Hamas border breach, he bluntly asserted, "Guarding the border was more important than avoiding killing, and guarding the border is what Israel did successfully." To be sure, Gazans indisputably "suffer more than they should," but "not because of Israel, because of Hamas."

Times editors did not place Rosner's incisive essay on the Opinion page of the print

edition. I wonder why.

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

Columbia University Fosters Hate and Anti-Israel Incitement



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Columbia University has once again made headlines. *The Algemeiner* declared the school one of the worst universities for Jewish students during 2017. Now, in 2018, Professor Hamid Dabashi has demonstrated that things have not gotten any better at Columbia.

Dabashi teaches Iranian Studies and Comparative Literature in the Ivy League university. He is the author of more than 20 books, discussing colonialism, cinema, and history. Recognized by many as a leading scholar on Iran, Dabashi has developed a well-established social media platform and gained access to a protuberant student audience.

Despite having a clear record of demonizing Israel and Zionism, the professor has recently come under scrutiny for a tweet, in

which he wrote: "Every dirty treacherous ugly and pernicious act happening in the world just wait for a few days and the ugly name of 'Israel' will pop up as a key actor in the atrocities."

The problem here goes beyond the hateful rhetoric of a particular scholar; instead, this view has been encrusted into the institution's philosophy. Columbia's atmosphere has been marred by ugly calls for an intifada (terror attacks against Israelis), and a failure by the administration to denounce hate groups on campus.

According to *The New York Post*, almost 20% of the faculty at Columbia has publicly endorsed the BDS movement, and just last year, 14 anti-Israel student groups were formed. Not surprisingly, hostility toward Jews on campus has increased. Jewish students at Columbia are shamed for their support of Israel, and intimidated by a faculty that has been taken hostage by organizations using social justice as a masquerade for antisemitism.

Recent Columbia graduate Rudy

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Opinion.

Justin Trudeau Is No Friend of Israel

BRADLEY MARTIN
NEW YORK

While 33 ambassadors and dignitaries participated in the recent celebration of the US embassy's relocation from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, one country was noticeably absent. Though considered by many to be one of Israel's strongest allies, Canada chose to boycott the dedication.

"We will not be moving Canada's embassy to Jerusalem," said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in response to President Trump's decision to move the US embassy from Tel Aviv to Israel's capital city. Palestinian diplomats welcomed the Trudeau government's decision not to support the move.

While condemning what he called Israel's "excessive use of force" in defending itself against violent riots organized by the terrorist group Hamas, Trudeau seemed to take issue with the fact that alleged murderer Tarek Loubani — a Palestinian-Canadian previously arrested in Egypt for his support of Islamic terrorism — was reportedly shot in the leg during the protest.

In stark contrast, Trudeau's Conservative predecessor Stephen Harper lauded the decision to move the US embassy to Jerusalem. The Canadian Conservative Party has pledged to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's

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Hate

Rochman described his experiences on campus as follows: "There have been many antisemitic occurrences on campus and talks against Jewish students, and the university has done nothing to protect us."

Looking at the university's anti-Israel track record, this should not come as a surprise. At Columbia, denouncing pro-Israel students as racists during "apartheid" week, denigrating Hebrew liberation week by denying the right for Jewish self-determination, and even adopting the notorious swastika symbol to delegitimize the state of Israel, are all examples of instances that threaten the "safe" environment promised to students.

Is there no accountability? Have we reached the point where a PhD or tenure grants our professors permission to discriminate against their own students?

It seems that some professors are immune to meeting the obligations and standards of education that Columbia claims to provide. It does not matter how ignorant, hateful, or subjective their lessons or tweets may be — their jobs will not be at risk.

Sadly, Columbia University is only the tip of the iceberg. San Francisco State University, Berkeley, UC Irvine, and many others continue to allow hate speech and discrimination to roam freely on their campuses — but only when targeted at Jews and Israelis.

Professors preach hate without consequence, and false narratives are making up the new curriculum for Middle East courses offered in these institutions. Take Berkley for example. With their reinstated course "Palestine: A Settler Colonial Analysis," the faculty is directly brainwashing students.

capital if they win the general election in 2019.

Trudeau's snub came just days after announcing that he would offer an official apology for Canada's turning away 907 German Jews fleeing for their lives on the MS St. Louis during the Holocaust. But despite this gesture, it is clear that Trudeau has yet to fully grasp the lesson behind the vow, "Never again!"

Aside from Canada's unprecedented rise in Holocaust denial, Trudeau's apology rings hollow after his official letter strongly supporting "Palestine Day," which took place in Canada's parliament building. Coinciding with "Land Day" (an annual event calling for the annihilation of Israel), this year's event featured anti-Israel activists calling for the destruction of the state of Israel.

In response to US funding cuts to UNRWA — the UN agency specially designated for the descendants of Palestinian refugees, Canada announced that it would donate up to \$25 million to make up for this deficit. This despite the UN agency's documented history of inciting anti-Jewish violence and the use of UNRWA schools to store rockets and weapons belonging to Hamas.

Hamas has continuously called for the destruction of Israel and the creation of a Palestinian Islamic state in its place. The terror group's original charter uses Islamic texts — and debunked anti-Jewish conspiracy theories — to call for the wholesale genocide of Jews in Israel and throughout the world.

Not content with merely using taxpayer dollars to finance the anti-Jewish bigotry of UNRWA and Hamas, the Trudeau government also funds anti-Israel incitement in



The statue Alma Mater in front of Low Memorial Library on the campus of Columbia University.

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One of the most prominent obstacles to peace is the Palestinian leadership's indoctrination of hate and antisemitism. It is why young adults in and children in Gaza are easily sent to Israel's borders with Molotov cocktails and fire-kites seeking confrontations with IDF soldiers. From school books to popular TV channels, ample evidence exists to shine a light unto the unfortunate brainwashing of the Palestinian population by their corrupt leadership.

Now this is happening at US universities as well.

Universities must be reminded of their commitment to foster healthy discussions, and to provide students with an objective education that will allow them to develop opinions based on objective truths. Education must not be used as propaganda, especially when it will lead to further division, violence, and injustice.

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Canada. In 2015, the federal government paid CAD \$35,000 to an artist whose exhibits glorify Palestinian terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians. This individual has continuously justified terrorist attacks plotted by her brother, including the 1974 massacre of 22 Israeli schoolchildren and 4 adults.

But should this really come as a surprise to anyone, considering that Trudeau's government has used the Canada Jobs Grant to fund an Islamic group with terror ties, as well as one with a history of anti-gay rhetoric?

If Trudeau truly wants to make amends

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Reagan Adviser

Later, Pipes achieved the top ranks of Russian historians with the publication of *Russia Under the Old Regime* in 1974, where he covered nearly 600 years of Russian history.

Pipes, a moralist whose experience fleeing Nazi Germany greatly shaped his views concerning authoritarianism, is also especially noted for his role during the Gerald Ford administration in 1976 of leading a group of military and foreign-policy experts, known as "Team B." Their report, which was commissioned by the CIA, offered a pessimistic analysis of the Soviet Union's military strategy and foreign policy, which helped galvanize conservative opposition to détente and arms control with the Soviets at the time, and later influenced President Ronald Reagan's policy of challenging the Soviet Union.

During the Reagan administration, he was appointed director of Eastern European and Soviet affairs at the National Security Council. He played a role in drafting the

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very difficult to understand. The conversation usually turns to the central figure of Christianity, and I am often asked, do I believe that he was the son of God. "I do indeed," I reply, "because we believe that every Jew is a son or daughter of God." What Christianity applies to one figure in its faith, we apply to all. Where Christianity transcendentalises, Judaism democratizes. My conversation partners often think I am being evasive, finding a polite way to avoid answering the question. In fact, though, the opposite is true.

The first words God commands Moses to say to Pharaoh were, "My child, My firstborn, Israel" (Ex. 4:22). In Deuteronomy, Moses reminds the Israelites, "You are children of the Lord your God" (Deut. 14:1). "Beloved are Israel," said Rabbi Akiva, "for they are called God's children." One of the key phrases of prayer, *Avinu malkenu*, "Our Father, our King," encapsulates this in two simple words. We are all royalty. We are each children of the King.

To be sure, this is not the only metaphor for our relationship with God. He is also our Sovereign and we are His servants. He is our shepherd and we are His sheep. These evoke more humility than the image of parent-and-child. What is more, when God saw the first human without a partner He said, "It is not good for man to be alone." The Torah is thus signalling one of the defining tensions of all human life: we are independent but we are also interdependent. Our thoughts and feelings belong to the "I" but much of our existence depends on being part of a "We." Despite its unprecedented estimate of the individual, Judaism is at the same time an irreducibly communal faith. There is no "I" without the "we."

The Hassidic master Rabbi Simcha Bunim of Przysucha nicely summed up the Jewish approach to the value of a life. He said that we should each have two pockets. In one we should place a piece of paper with the words: "For my sake was the world created."

for Canada's behavior during the Holocaust, he can start by according Israel the same respect shown to any other sovereign nation and recognize Jerusalem as its declared capital city. Until Trudeau stops the proliferation of anti-Jewish and anti-Israel extremism under his watch, he can hardly be considered a friend of the Jewish state.

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National Security Decision Directive 75, which sought not to punish Soviet misbehavior after the fact, but instead pursue policies to change the nature of the regime.

Afterwards, one of his most noted works was *The Russian Revolution*, published in 1990, which "mounted a frontal assault on many of the premises and long-held convictions of mainstream Western specialists on the Bolshevik seizure of power," wrote *The New York Times*. That book took a harsh stance on the Bolsheviks and Vladimir Lenin, who still had a degree of respect and sympathy among some Western historians.

"He shed new and harsh light on the Bolshevik campaign against the peasantry, which, he argued, Lenin had sought to destroy as a reactionary class. He also accused Lenin of laying the foundation of the terrorist state that his successor, Joseph Stalin, perfected," the *Times* wrote in his obituary.

Pipes is survived by his wife, Irene; and sons Steven and Daniel, the latter who serves as president of the Middle East Forum.

In the other should be the words: "I am but dust and ashes." We are unique. We each have non-negotiable dignity and inalienable rights. But in and of ourselves we are nothing. Our greatness comes not from us but from God. That is the dialectic of life in the conscious presence of our mortality and God's eternity.

The point being made by the Torah, though, is that what matters is not how we see ourselves but how we see, and treat, and behave toward others. The world is not short of self-important people. What it is short of is those who make other people feel important — who "lift their heads."

I will never forget the occasion when Prince Charles, at a banquet given by the Jewish community, spent as much time talking to the young schoolchildren who came to sing in a choir as he did to the great and good among the guests, or when he came to a Jewish primary school and lit Chanukah candles with the children, giving each the chance to tell him who they were and what the festival meant to them. That, at least in Britain, is what royalty is and does. Members of the royal family make other people feel important. That is their work, their service, their role. It is the true meaning of royalty. Watching them, you understand Rabbi Yohanan's fine insight that "greatness is humility." You understand also Ben Zoma's axiom: "Who is honoured? One who honours others."

The challenge that emerges from the way the Torah describes taking a census is that we must "lift people's heads." Never let them feel merely a number. Make those you meet feel important, especially the people whom others tend to take for granted: the waiters at a communal meal; the woman who takes your coat in a cloakroom; the shammas in the synagogue; the people doing security duty; the caretaker; the most junior member of the office team, and so on. Make eye contact. Smile. Let them know you do not take them for granted. You appreciate them. They matter as individuals.

For this is the life-changing idea: We are as important as we make other people feel.

Impressions.

170 Syrians Were Killed During Three Days This Week — Without Any News Coverage

BY ELDER OF ZION

On Sunday, 114 Arabs were killed.
On Monday, 30 more.
On Tuesday, 26 more.

But the media didn't think that Arabs dying was an interesting story — because those people had the misfortune of being killed by other Arabs. If they had been killed by Jews, then suddenly there would be interest.

Instead, the news agencies sent hundreds of reporters to “report” on the Gaza riots — something that they already decided would be a massacre of innocent, unarmed civilians before a single shot was fired.

The reporters were busy falsely accusing Israel of shooting randomly into crowds of innocent un-armed civilians, who were simply protesting the “blockade.” Or



A man is washed following a chemical weapons attack in Douma, Syria, in this still image from video obtained by Reuters on April 8, 2018. Photo: White Helmets / Reuters TV via Reuters.

the US embassy. Or their frustration. (Most reporters pretended that the protests, named the “Great Return March,” had nothing to do with “return” to overrun Israel, based on its having the audacity to exist.)

If it was, say, Egypt killing Hamas members at the border, the media would have cheered them. But when Jews act in self-defense, they are the ones who are vilified.

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The Extraordinary Life of Bernard Lewis, 1916-2018

BY FIAMMA NIRENSTEIN/ JNS.org

When the American monthly magazine *Commentary* published the Princeton University professor's article titled “The Return of Islam” in January 1976, its readers were shocked: His essay foresaw—before the Islamic revolution and the reign of the ayatollahs began in Iran, and when Osama bin Laden was still just a young Sunni extremist—that Islam would soon overturn the tables. And it issued a warning. Author Bernard Lewis explained to us that which we still hadn't come to grasp—namely, the totalitarian intentions of the Ayatollah Khomeini, who in those days was simply an exiled cleric in France while the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, firmly sat on the throne. With his characteristic English “understatement,” Lewis explained: “It was easy to understand what the ayatollah would do by reading his texts, but few knew Farsi.”

Lewis knew and spoke at least a dozen languages, including Arabic and Turkish, and was fully versed in



Bernard Lewis Photo: Nataev via Wikimedia Commons

their subtle nuances. It was an ability he used with an ironic elegance and a tinge of pride whenever he cited texts unknown by most, minimizing his accent that nevertheless remained British even after he became a naturalized citizen of the United States in 1982. Lewis has written an entire library, including two long interviews with me that were transformed into books in Italy. He had a profound respect for Islam and therefore also an unwavering severity, from friend to friend, for its malevolent impulses. He was not afraid to say that its current violence came from within—from the organizational structure of Islam itself to the Koran—and yet Muslims nonetheless continued to translate his works, invite him to speak and sought to learn from him. Some defined him as a “Westernist” in order to mock the classic “Orientalist” term, upending the thesis advanced by Columbia University Professor Edward W. Said.

Was he, in fact, a “Westernist”? It can be said that he was a lover of historical analysis; he was very troubled by any forms of extremism, fettering it also among his friends. Even in his manners he was a master of style, as well as clever and witty. By my invitation, he came to Italy many times to explain an unknown universe. The world at its highest levels consulted him; I remember several limousines that came to the United States to take him to take him to the White House and its environs. He loved Israel, where he spent every year for at least a couple of months, and he deeply cared and worried about it.

He loved the West, particularly democracy, but gracefully, without publicly advocating or thinking that Muslim nations could adopt its system. Lewis was deeply convinced that the study of culture helps understand not only the past, but the future as well, and passed this idea to his closest students, among them to his friend and scholar (almost like a son) Harold Rhode.

From the time Lewis was drafted as an intelligence officer in the British army during the 1940s, he toured

the Middle East working in MI6, becoming a young “Lawrence of Arabia” fascinated by the Islamic world. When, still a child, he prepared for his bar mitzvah in London, he learned to read his biblical portion in Hebrew, and from there ventured into the field of Semitic languages, which he passionately studied his entire life. He viewed the Middle East as a humanist; he talked about everything connected to it, including poetry, cities, dress, literature, arms, anti-Semitism, women, role models, leaders, etc. How fortunate were his students in the institutions and out of them, including myself, to meet him, to appreciate him, and to be enlightened by his incredible knowledge and charm.

I met him the first time in Bologna in 1991, when the Italian publishing house Il Mulino invited me to hear him read from his latest book. I immediately interviewed him. I must admit that at the time, I didn't comprehend the depth of what he said, but nonetheless sensed its importance, and so kept reading his works. Later in Israel, I popped up uninvited at his hospital room when I learned that he had undergone an operation. Upon waking up, he found both me and Israeli military official Uri Lubrani, at the time charged with the Israel Defense Forces' activities in Lebanon and himself a major expert on Muslim culture. Since then, I have had the great pleasure of listening to his stories and interpretations, asking him every possible question. He gifted me with his answers during long walks along Tel Aviv's promenade, often in the company of his life partner and co-author, Buntzie Ellis Churchill.

Bernard Lewis is now gone, but he left a compact group that will at least try to keep his flag high. There is a group of people he has put together, thought with, visited at home, admitted at his table and at his studio. We all met 12 years ago for his 90th birthday at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia (famous for hosting Tsar Nicholas II), convening to partake in a conference that notable leaders, scholars, journalists and activists attended. Among them were Sufi Muslim leader Muhammad Hisham Kabbani, former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, the late great Lebanese-American historian Fouad Ajami, the Somali-Dutch human-rights heroine Ayaan Hirsi Ali, former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger . . . and us, his students, who received a T-shirt emblazoned with a photo of Bernard Lewis on the front.

There, we discussed the magnitude of a culture that has given strength and dignity to many millions of people, but that—and I quote Lewis here, “is a religion of power, and in the Muslim world view it is right and proper that power should be wielded by Muslims and Muslims alone. Others may receive the tolerance, even the benevolence, of the Muslim state, provided that they clearly recognize Muslim supremacy. That non-Muslims should rule over Muslims is an offense against the laws of God [...] Islam is not conceived as a religion in the limited Western sense but as a community, a loyalty, and a way of life . . .”

Recently, Bernard and I spoke via Skype with the help of our mutual friend, Harold Rhode; he wanted to know where I was, how I was, etc. His affectionate manner was on par with his culture, even if, at the end, his strength was waning.

He continued to speak to all those who wanted to understand the Middle East, and he will carry on doing so through his writings, and with his voice inscribed in our memory and, most of all, in our hearts.

Journalist Fiamma Nirenstein was a member of the Italian Parliament (2008-13), served in the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, and established and chaired the Committee for the Inquiry Into Anti-Semitism. A founding member of the international Friends of Israel Initiative, she has written 13 books, including “Israel Is Us” (2009). Currently, she is a fellow at the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.

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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 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
AJ; 5/4/11/18/25;

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
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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.]
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS ONEWEST 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 Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53267
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

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

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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
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Calvin Dillon; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 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

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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

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

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

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

Tradition.

Lifting Heads



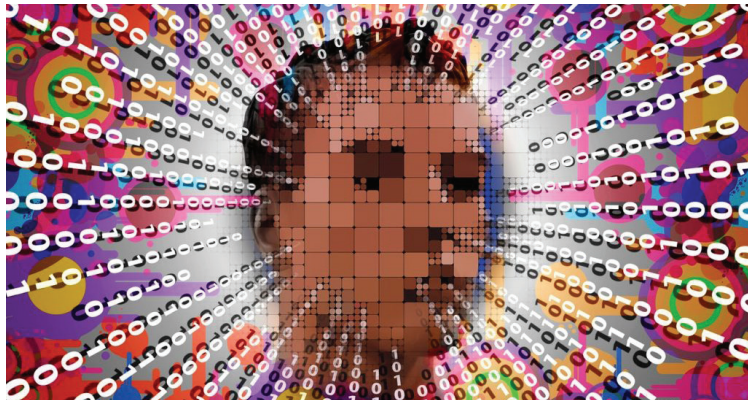
JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

The word Naso that gives its name to this week's parsha is a verb of an extraordinary range of meanings, among them: to lift, to carry, and to forgive. Here though, and elsewhere in the wilderness years, it is used, in conjunction with the phrase et rosh ("the head")

supreme religious principle. At the very moment when one might be maximally tempted to see people as "just numbers" – namely, when taking a census, as here – the Israelites were commanded to "lift people's heads," to raise their spirits, to make them feel they counted as individuals, not numbers in a mass, ciphers in a crowd.

In the course of my life I have had several deep conversations with Christians, and there is one aspect of Judaism that they find

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to mean "to count." This is an odd way of speaking, because biblical Hebrew is not short of other verbs meaning to count, among them limnot, lispor, lifkod, and lachshov. Why then not use one of these verbs? Why not simply say "count" instead of "lift the head"?

The answer takes us into one of the most revolutionary of all Jewish beliefs. If we are each in the image of God, then every one of us has infinite value. We are each unique. Even genetically identical twins share only approximately 50 percent of their attributes. None of us is substitutable for any other. This may well be the single most important consequence of monotheism. Discovering God, singular and alone, our ancestors discovered the human individual, singular and alone.

This was simply not a value in the ancient world, nor is it one in tyrannical or totalitarian societies today. The ruler might be deemed to have infinite value; so might some of the members of his or her court; but certainly not the masses – as the word "mass" itself implies. Most people were simply regarded as part of a mass: an army, a work force or a gang of slaves. What mattered was their total number, not their individual lives, their hopes and fears, their loves and dreams.

That is the image we have of Egypt of the Pharaohs. It is how the sages understood the builders of Babel. They said that if a brick fell from the tower they wept. If a worker fell and died, they paid no attention. Almost a hundred million people died in the twentieth century in Stalin's Russia, Mao's Communist China and Cambodia under the Khmer Rouge. We say of such regimes that people became "just numbers." That is what the Torah is rejecting as a matter of

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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/

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,

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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/

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 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/

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

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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/

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Prioritizing You, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 5, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Kings County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is 302 6th Street, Unit 3, Brooklyn, New York 11215. AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/22/29

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BRONX Concrete Pumping. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY)on 02/01/2018 Office location: Bronx county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation agents,inc. 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST DAINTY A. CLARKE, CYNTHIA V. WAGGONER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 28, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 705 LINWOOD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4083, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$506,908.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4415/13. M. Randolph Jackson Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 54532 AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION; Plaintiff(s) vs. DOLORES E. CLARKE; MILTON B. CLARKE; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about February 9, 2017, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201. On June 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 941 ASHFORD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11207 Block: 4403 Lot: 54 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. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$419,490.04 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 506248/2015 Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK), AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-3; Plaintiff(s) vs. GREGORY H. DWECK; ROBYN E. DWECK; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 8, 2018, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On June 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 601 HAMPTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235-3709 Block: 08731 Lot: 0054 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, Kings County, City of New York, designated as Lot Numbers 30 to 34 inclusive in Block 19 on Map of Manhattan Beach Estates, Inc., Supplement C., and filed June 28, 1909, as Number 1530D. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$2,197,412.38 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 501101/2015 Angelyn Johnson, Esq., Referee AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

Notice of Qualification of BPS SUBSURFACE LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/16/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in New Jersey (NJ) on 05/09/18. Princ. office of LLC: 81 Willoughby St., Ste. 701, Brooklyn, NY 11201. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Ariana Tepedino at the princ. office of the LLC. NJ addr. of LLC: Ariana Tepedino, 670 N. Beers St., Holmdel, NJ 07733. Cert. of Form. filed with State Treasurer, Div. of Revenue, Business Services Bureau, 33 W. State St., Fifth Fl., Trenton, NJ 08646. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/22/29

Social.



Israel's Netta Barzilai performs after winning the 2018 Eurovision song contest at the Altice Arena hall in Lisbon, Portugal, May 12, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Pedro Nunes.

Israeli Minister Invites Arab States to Next Year's Eurovision Contest in Jerusalem

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israel's communications minister has invited several Arab states to take part in next year's Eurovision song contest in Jerusalem.

Israeli singer Netta Barzilai won this year's contest with the song "Toy." Traditionally, the winner's country hosts the next year's event. Barzilai concluded her victory speech by saying, "Next year in Jerusalem."

According to Israel's Channel Two, Communications Minister Ayoub Kara told Israeli television, "We will invite Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States — Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and also Tunisia to participate in the Eurovision contest. Why not? If they just request it."

The statement is an indication of the warming relations between Israel and Saudi Arabia, as well as the other Gulf states. However, Channel Two notes that these countries would likely not be eligible for the contest.

According to the contest's rules, countries must be members of the EBU, which sponsors the event, which Saudi Arabia and the others are not. In addition, they are ineligible because countries that wish to join must broadcast the contest the year before they wish to participate.

Several Arab countries are members of the EBU — Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, and Morocco — but have refused to participate alongside Israel in the past.

Professor Richard Pipes, Noted Russian Historian and Reagan Adviser, Dies at 94

BY JNS.org

Professor Richard Pipes, a noted Russian expert and historian who played a key role during the Reagan administration in shaping policy on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, died on May 17 at a nursing home near Cambridge, Mass. He was 94 years old.

Born Ryszard Edgar Pipes on July 11, 1923, in Cieszyn, Poland, his family later fled Poland in 1939 on

forged passports after German troops arrived. His family eventually reached the United States in 1940 and settled in Elmira, NY. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and eventually obtained a bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1946 and a doctorate in history from Harvard in 1950, where he would spend his entire academic career, according to a New York Times obituary.

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'I am Israel' Fundraising Campaign Highlights Diversity

BY JNS.org

In a rare display of Israeli and Jewish unity, more than a dozen Israel-based organizations have come together to raise funds to support a diverse mix of projects that will impact citizens from across the spectrum.

Called "I am Israel," the groups—organized by CauseMatch and Israel365—range from schools to media to new efforts to bring the Jews of Ethiopia to Israel.

"This diversity and unity, this mosaic of passions and shared idealism, is what makes Israel such an incredible place," said Joseph Bornstein, CEO and



'I am Israel' campaign banner. Photo: JNS.org.

founder of CauseMatch. "When selecting participants, the two main factors we considered are quality of work and diversity. We want to showcase the incredible range of nonprofits that help build a stronger and more vibrant Israel."

The projects are presented on the CauseMatch crowdfunding platform together, but each have their own individual pages and fundraising goals.

"In a time when there are so many reports about lack of connection to Israel among younger Jews and a widening gap between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora, CauseMatch and Israel365 hope this new way to donate to Israel will give millennials a window into the level of diversity that exists in the Jewish state," said Shlomo Schreiber, vice president of Business Development for Israel365.

Bornstein said that for the "I Am Israel" campaign, CauseMatch is beta-testing a high-tech, customized donation-tracking dashboard. Organizations will open their own crowdfunding pages and let donors choose those causes that most speak to them.

"For the first time, a select group of donors will be able to log in, track their donations, explore giving history and have our platform's AI automatically recommend new causes based-on their profile," he explained. "The system's AI also analyzes donor's behavior and giving patterns to provide proactive recommendations to nonprofits about how they can better communicate their impact and inspire their donor base."

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