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## Israeli Defense Minister Encourages Iranian Protesters



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

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman sought to encourage the ongoing protests in Iran against the ruling Islamic regime on Tuesday, issuing a Facebook post in Farsi that addressed the ongoing political and economic discontent that appears to be driving the demonstrations.

"Where is all your money going?" Yediot Ahronot quoted

Lieberman as saying. "Until today, despite domestic economic difficulties, the Iranian regime continues to invest millions in Syria, Hezbollah, Islamic Jihad, the Houthis, and Shiite militias in Iraq."

"In 2018, Iran pledged to pay \$2.5 billion dollars to these organizations," he continued. "As of now, Iran has invested \$14 billion in Syria alone."

Referencing the head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps, Lieberman said, "Even last

month, when you were fighting for your bread in the streets of Tehran, Qassem Soleimani took several actions, including a logistical operation intended for Syria at the price of \$70 million."

Waves of protests have been ongoing in Iran for several months, most of them focusing on economic issues. However, the unrest has taken on a political dimension as well, expressing outrage at foreign expenditures despite the difficult

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## UN Condemns Use of Human Shields by Terror Groups

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel's UN envoy has hailed the General Assembly's passage on Tuesday of an update of its Global Counter Terrorism Strategy that features a condemnation of the use of civilians as human shields by terror groups.

In a statement, Ambassador Danny Danon credited the Israeli UN Mission for the inclusion of the "unprecedented" paragraph on human shields.

"Today's resolution is another important step in our efforts as we change the rules of the game at the UN," Danon said. "Less than two weeks ago, a plurality of members in the General Assembly voted to denounce Hamas, and now



Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon. Photo: UN / Manuel Elias.

today's resolution explicitly condemned terrorists for the despicable double war crime of hiding behind women and children while attacking civilians."

"There is much work to be done," Danon continued, "but this milestone accomplishment brings us closer to the day when the UN will focus on truly bringing security and stability to the world."

The Global Counter Terrorism Strategy was first adopted in 2006 and is reviewed every two years.

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## Opinion.

## Kushner's Truth-Telling Message to the Palestinians



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For all of its economic, military and cultural strength that has made it a regional superpower, the State of Israel remains a little insecure. After having its legitimacy denied by so much of the world for so long, Israel's people still hunger for recognition. That's why the comings and goings of celebrities and pop stars are often treated as serious news, rather than fodder for gossip columns.

So when a really important celebrity appears in Israel, the country seems to turn itself inside out and upside down discussing the matter. Hence, the arrival of Britain's Prince William is being seen as an earth-shaking event of major historical importance. But as much as there is reason to pay attention to the heir to the British throne, the fuss that is being made over it has more to do with celebrity than Israel's standing in the world. And that's why the presence in the country of another prince of a sort — presidential son-in-law Jared Kushner — is actually far more significant.

Let's concede that having a member of the royal family make an official state visit (other royals, including William's grandfather Prince Phillip, have made "private" trips) to Israel is welcome. After a 70-year boycott, the

willingness of the United Kingdom to let one of the Windsors step foot in the Jewish state with cameras flashing is a milestone. That his itinerary lists his visit to the Old City of Jerusalem as "occupied Palestinian territory" is an outrageous insult, but his presence in the country is yet another sign of Israel's permanence.

Still, the notion that Israel needs the 36-year-old Duke of Cambridge (Prince William's official title) to verify its place in the world is more than a little silly.

Britain's royals are more popular than ever these days. Queen Elizabeth has no real power, but a heaping dose of moral authority and respect. If for years many people saw her as a stuffy bore, especially in comparison to her glamorous late daughter-in-law Princess Diana, more of us are now prepared to admire her for the same sturdy qualities for which she was once reviled. The riveting Netflix series "The Crown," which has depicted her early years as queen, can be credited for some of that new respect. But at 92, Queen Elizabeth seems to embody all of the sterling qualities that the modern world in general seems to lack.

It's also true that the younger royals are extremely attractive and charming, including William and his wife, Kate Middleton, and Harry and his new American wife, Meghan Markle. Plus, William and Kate's three young children are simply adorable.

But the attention given these people is largely a matter of marketing, as opposed

to their actual importance. Hard as this may be for some fans to accept, the royals are the moral equivalent of theme-park characters. They play much the same role for Britain as Mickey and Minnie Mouse do for Disney World. Though William and Harry did serve for a time in the British military, the uniforms they wear for public ceremonies are, as a line attributed to their grandfather in "The Crown" so aptly put it, "costumes." The same applies to the fashions modeled by their wives and their world-famous grandmother.

There is some irony in that Jordan's Crown Prince Hussein appeared flattered to be pictured with William during his visit to that country before entering Israel. But if Hussein eventually does succeed his father, he will be an actual autocrat with more power than any British monarch has had in centuries.

Also visiting the region at the same time was the Trump princeling Jared Kushner.

To say that Kushner, 37, is not as popular as William is the understatement of the century. The son of a New Jersey real estate magnate with a criminal past, Jared Kushner's main qualification for his current job as White House senior adviser with responsibility for the Middle East peace process, among other portfolios, was his marriage to US President Donald Trump's daughter Ivanka. He and Ivanka once moved seamlessly among the fashionable wealthy elites of New York City, but are now pariahs in their old haunts because of their association with her father's administration.



US President Donald Trump's Middle East negotiations team meets with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem, June 22, 2018. Photo: US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman's Twitter account.

Though it's hard to take Kushner seriously as a diplomat, the truth is that his recent trip should earn him some new respect.

In the region, to promote the administration's forthcoming peace plan, Kushner gave an interview with a Palestinian media outlet that was, in its own way, of greater historic importance than William's itinerary.

In it, he called out Palestinian Authority leader Mahmoud Abbas for his repeated rejection of peace and refusal to negotiate seriously with Israel or the United States. More importantly, he noted that Abbas has betrayed his people. Though Abbas has made it clear that he will not even speak to the Americans about the Trump plan because he sees its terms, which are less generous than previous American offers, as insulting, the reality is that Kushner thought the Palestinian people might be more interested in peace than their leaders. That's especially true since the Americans and

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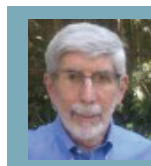
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## A Dead Gaza Baby



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Last month Israel began to confront a daily barrage of fire kites and burning tire smoke across its Gaza border, igniting fires that destroyed thousands of acres of farm land and nature preserves. The day after fifty Palestinians were killed when they attempted to breach the border, The New York Times ran a front-page story accompanied by a four-column wide photo of a dead Gaza baby who had inhaled "acrid gas" during the fighting. The photo was taken by a Gaza photographer whose self-described specialty is parents weeping beside lifeless little bodies.

The reported death of baby Layla Ghandour sparked the memory of 12-year-old Muhammed al-Durrah. A decade ago the Gaza boy was reported by the Times as "fatally shot" by Israeli soldiers, falling dead into his father's lap just when a free-lance camera man for France 2 happened to photograph him. An Israeli investigation subsequently concluded that Muhammad had not been hit by IDF fire and may not have been shot at all.

Tragically, Layla Ghandour's death actually happened. Times Cairo bureau chief Declan Walsh, who reported it, described "the rules of grief" in Gaza society that transform private suffering — for which Israel, not Hamas, is routinely blamed — into a political frenzy. One day later Layla's father carried her body wrapped in a Palestinian flag while leading a crowd chanting slogans about

"Israeli blood lust." The Times could not resist memorializing Layla Ghandour as a tragic symbol of Israeli cruelty.

It turns out that the story was more complicated and less truthful, undermining the reflexive Times narrative to blame Israel first. Layla was taken to the Gaza border area by her 12-year-old uncle. Several hours later, when she began to cry, the boy carried her to the border to find their grandmother, who was busy shouting at Israelis across the fence. Tear gas fell nearby; one hour later Layla died. In the Times, Israel was to blame.

End of story? No. The Times of Israel reported (June 21) that a 20-year-old Palestinian member of Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade was indicted by Israel on terror-related charges for attempting to cross the border to torch an IDF post. During his interrogation he revealed that Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar had paid his parents \$2,206 to falsely inform the media that his baby cousin Layla had died from inhaling Israeli-fired tear gas. Layla's mother obliged, claiming: "The Israelis killed her."

What really happened? Layla, it turned out, had a preexisting blood disease, attested to by a Gaza doctor, which one year earlier had also killed her brother at the same age.

The tragic folly of family members bringing Layla to the border area, and keeping her there while Hamas militants launched their fiery acrid kites, may strain credulity but is beyond dispute. They got what they were paid for: in addition to their money Layla's funeral received world-wide media coverage and, best of all, Israel was blamed for her family's appallingly callous indifference to her fragile health. Her death parade, The New York Times reporter noted, was designed to win "international sympathy." The Times took the bait and honored the scam on Page 1. To date, there has been no public correction for its gullibility.

The lingering question seems to be whether The New York Times can relinquish, or at least moderate, its reflexive blame-Israel-first coverage. Perhaps that is the real story worth investigating. The editorial page would be the appropriate place for a mea culpa. Until then, readers should rely on the other Times, The Times of Israel, for all the news about Israel that's fit to print.

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The New York Times logo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## World News.

## Canadian Professor Blames Jewish Families for 'Islamophobia Industry'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A Canadian professor under investigation over allegations of Holocaust denial has been condemned by a prominent Jewish human rights group for "peddling fresh antisemitic conspiracy theories."

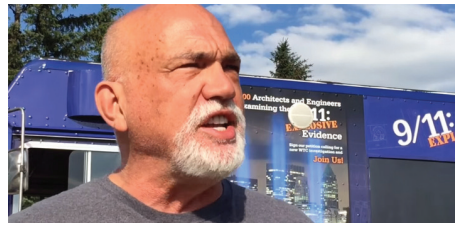
In a June 15 episode of his online show *False Flag Weekly News*, Anthony Hall of the University of Lethbridge in Alberta accused "philanthropic families of Jewish background" of funding "the Islamophobia industry." He then claimed that "false-flag terrorism is a possible related subject."

Hall's comments were brought to light by B'nai Brith Canada, which in 2016 also helped expose his controversial views on Mideast affairs, the 9/11 attacks, and the Holocaust — including his call for "open debate" on the genocide in video testimony for a group founded by Holocaust denier Bradley Smith.

"It is disappointing, though frankly not surprising, to see Anthony Hall fall back on his antisemitic conspiracy theories as he faces professional difficulties," said B'nai Brith Canada CEO Michael Mostyn. "Hall continues to demonstrate why he is unfit to teach students at the University of Lethbridge, or at any other self-respecting academic institution."

Hall — the tenured founding coordinator of the university's Globalization Studies program — was first suspended without pay in September 2016, with Lethbridge citing his views "that have been characterized as being anti-Semitic, supportive of holocaust denial and engagement in conspiracy theories."

He was reinstated in November, after the university's Board of Governors and Faculty Association agreed that all "outstanding issues" surrounding Hall will be addressed



Professor Anthony Hall of the University of Lethbridge. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

through an ongoing internal investigation, carried out according to the Faculty Handbook. Hall has not taught a class at the university since his suspension.

A supporter of the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign, Hall claimed in a February 2016 interview with Iran-owned *PressTV* that the Islamic State (ISIL) "is USA," and alleged that then CIA director John Brennan was "probably involved in the supply chain to get... chemical weapons to ISIL."

In an August 2016 interview, Hall spoke of the "false flag terror event on 9/11," calling it "a Zionist job — Israel-first neo-con job — with Benjamin Netanyahu having laid out the scenario way back in 1979."

The professor has also suggested that "Canada is becoming a servant of the Israeli warrior state," and argued that "Israeli propaganda" seeks "to mislead the world about the nature of the Iranian nuclear program."

Hall's views are divisive among his former students. A 2008 review on the website *RateMyProfessors* warned, "Anyone who doesn't believe in the 9/11 conspiracy should not take this class." Some six years later, a student approvingly wrote, "Professor Hall opened my eyes about many current events that have brought the USA to wars, such as the concept of False Flags."

## Syria Points Finger at Israel for Overnight Explosions

BY JNS.ORG

Syrian TV reported on Tuesday that Israeli missiles fell near Damascus international airport in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights war monitor reported that two missiles, presumably from the Golan Heights, targeted a weapons depot and warehouses belonging to non-Syrian militias, most likely Hezbollah, near the airport.

Increased numbers of Iranian jets in the area were reported in recent days by social media.

Syrian air-defense systems reportedly failed to intercept the missiles, which exploded around 1 a.m., although some reports state that Syria managed to intercept an additional two.

Syria's pro-Assad SANA state news agency called the attack the "Zionist enemy's support for terrorists," conducted to "uplift their morale in light of the losses they have recently experienced."

Just last week, a White House official told *CNN* that the Israel Defense Forces was responsible for a lethal strike on a base in eastern Syria on June 17.

On Sunday, pro-Assad forces took over an abandoned UN post in no-man's land between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights.

The post had been abandoned in 2014 by the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force, an organization established to oversee a peaceful border between Israel and Syria following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Egypt and Syria attacked Israel. The post was located in an area that Syria and Israel agreed would be free from national troops and has been overseen by UNDOF since 1974.

The international body said it has detected new infrastructure work at the site since its abandonment of the location.

UNDOF's budget to prevent the outbreak of war on the Israel-Syria border from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 was \$62,276,000.

## Britain's Prince William, in Jerusalem, Honors Holocaust Victims, Meets Netanyahu



Britain's Prince William speaks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara during a meeting at the Prime Minister's Residence in Jerusalem, June 26, 2018.

Photo: Thomas Coex / Pool via Reuters.

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Britain's Prince William voiced horror over a Nazi death camp exhibit at Israel's Holocaust memorial in a somber start on Tuesday to the first official British royal visit to Israel.

Wearing a black Jewish skullcap, William, second in line to the throne, laid a wreath in the Hall of Remembrance at the Yad Vashem memorial, where an eternal flame flickers and the names of extermination and concentration camps are engraved in the floor.

"Terrifying," William said, viewing a display at the memorial's museum of shoes taken by the Nazis from Jews at Majdanek death camp. "I'm trying to comprehend the scale."

Tens of thousands of Jews and other victims were killed at the camp, near Lublin in what is now Poland.

After the tour, the prince was greeted by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife, Sara, at their official residence in Jerusalem against the backdrop of the British and the Israeli flags.

"Welcome to Israel, a great historic visit. The whole people of Israel are excited," Netanyahu told William, in a recording issued by the Prime Minister's Office.

At a meeting with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin, the prince, on a visit described by Britain as non-political, said he hoped "peace in the area can be achieved." Israeli-Palestinian peace talks collapsed in 2014.

During the four-day visit, William is also scheduled to meet Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas and Palestinian youngsters in the West Bank.

At Yad Vashem, William signed a guest book in which he noted with pride that his great-

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economic situation at home.

In recent days, there have been major protests outside the parliament building and in the main bazaar in Tehran, apparently sparked by a major drop in the value of the Iranian currency, the rial. The demonstrators

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**Protesters**

The update approved on Tuesday decries the use of "schools and hospitals, for military

grandmother, Princess Alice, had been honored by the institution as one of "the righteous among the nations" for sheltering Jews in her home in Greece during the Holocaust.

"I had a very moving tour around Yad Vashem this morning, which really taught me quite a lot more than I thought I already knew about the true horrors of what happened to the Jews over the war," William said at the meeting with Rivlin.

He also spoke with two men who survived the Nazi genocide through British intervention.

Henry Foner, 86, and Paul Alexander, 80, were among thousands of Jewish children taken in by Britain as part of the 1930s "Kindertransport" from a continental Europe that was falling to German conquest.

"I said to his Royal Highness that this is a unique opportunity for me to express my thanks to the British people for opening their homes to me and to the other 10,000 children who came," Alexander said.

"And I said that this is the message I think that one should learn from the children transport, that countries and people should open their doors to other people in distress escaping from persecution."

Later in the day, William planned to meet young people participating in a soccer-based youth program in Tel Aviv and deliver a speech at a reception at the British ambassador's residence.

Britain captured Palestine from the Ottoman empire in 1917 during World War One and administered the territory under international mandate until 1948, pulling out a day before Israel declared independence.

The trip is at the behest of the British government. Until now it had been British policy not to make an official royal visit until the Israeli-Palestinian conflict was resolved.

called on shops to close in solidarity with the protests, with partial success.

The protesters have also shouted political slogans, such as "Leave Syria, leave Gaza and Lebanon, deal with Iran"; "Death to Khamenei," referring to Iran's top leader; and "Death to Palestine."

purposes such as launching attacks and storing weapons," as well as the use of "civilians to shield military objectives from attacks."

## World News.



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan speaks at the presidential palace in Ankara.  
Photo: Reuters / Kayhan Ozer.

# Experts: Future of Israel-Turkey Ties Remains Uncertain Following Erdogan's Electoral Victory;

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

It is uncertain what, if any, effect Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's electoral victory this past weekend will have on Ankara-Jerusalem ties, an Israeli expert on relations between the two nations has told *The Algemeiner*.

The 64-year-old Erdogan coasted to victory in the elections, garnering over 50 percent of the vote in the presidential race, despite a strong effort by his opponents. He has been a vehement critic of Israel and an advocate of the Palestinian cause, which he uses to whip up support among Turkish voters.

Gallia Lindenstrauss, a research fellow at the Tel Aviv University-affiliated Institute for National Security Studies (INS) told *The Algemeiner* on Monday that while Israel played a role in the election, it was not a decisive one, and there was little indication of what Erdogan's next moves would be regarding his country's ties with the Jewish state.

"The issues of Jerusalem and Gaza, while conducive to Erdogan's campaign were not a critical factor," she said. "The opposition was in concurrence with his position on these issues and even challenged him to adopt a tougher approach to Israel. The question is broader in my view — what approach will Erdogan adopt after the elections both inward and outward — combative or more conciliatory? From the little we can see already, it seems he will remain a tough critic of the West and, partially as a byproduct, also of Israel."

Asked whether Israel's relationship with Turkey would suffer as a result of Erdogan's renewed mandate, Lindenstrauss replied, "While there has not been a formal downgrading of relations in the mid-May 2018 crisis, the situation at present is that there is no Israeli or Turkish ambassador or consul general in the respective countries. It should also be remembered that while Turkey withdrew both its ambassadors in Israel and in the United States following the US embassy move to Jerusalem, in late May the Turkish ambassador did return to Washington and this had not been the case regarding the Turkish ambassador to Israel. Hence the issue of when the diplomatic representation will return to normal is still unclear."

As to Israel's economic relations with Turkey, she noted, "There has been no formal change. There have been voices during the election campaign (mostly among the opposition) to boycott buying products from Israel,

but most of the imports from Israel to Turkey are anyhow chemicals/refined oil that the ordinary customer is not in a position to boycott. The atmosphere between the states is however negative for anyone contemplating new investments in the respective country."

On the question of whether Erdogan might end relations with Israel altogether, perhaps in the context of future Gaza war, Lindenstrauss posited, "I do believe that the fate of the relations themselves, not just the level of diplomatic representation, is at stake. Still, it is likely that Erdogan will truly hesitate to break the relations altogether, since if Turkey aspires to continue to be a leading power in the Middle East there are clear advantages of keeping communication channels with Israel, as well as a need to maintain access to the West Bank and Gaza. Regarding Gaza, especially due to the tensions between Turkey and Egypt — Turkey's only viable route is through Israel."

Most importantly, she pointed out, it is necessary to understand that Erdogan is a true believer in his anti-Israel rhetoric, even though it also works to his advantage politically.

"Erdogan has been quite consistent on the issue of Jerusalem and Gaza," she said. "It has benefits both in the domestic audience and in the Muslim world for him, but he also genuinely believes he should confront Israel on these issues. The fact that he both believes in this cause and it has dividends for him reinforces his stance."

Assistant Professor at SUNY Maritime College and Turkey expert Mark Meirowitz expressed concern over the possible Israeli reaction to Erdogan's reelection, in particular, a renewed push in the Knesset to recognize the Armenian genocide. "I believe that the Israeli Knesset's endorsement of the concept of the Armenian genocide (supported by some members of the Knesset and opposed by the Israeli government) could lead to a complete break in relations and would be an extremely impolitic move," he told *The Algemeiner*.

Meirowitz also does not see Israel as the main issue in Erdogan's campaign, saying, "I believe that this electoral victory will not be seen as a vindication of President Erdogan's or the Turkish government's positions vis-a-vis Israel. The main issues in the electoral campaign had little or nothing to do with Israel and focused on the restructuring of the political process through the enhanced powers of the Presidency approved by the referendum. ... I recognize that the Israel issue is very impor-

tant but will likely not, following the elections, occupy the highest priority. The main concerns include the conflict in Syria, including the issue of the Syrian Kurds; the Turkey-US relationship, and the Turkish economy. The problems with the Turkish economy must be dealt with immediately to avoid a significant future economic downturn for Turkey."

He also expressed cautious optimism regarding Israel-Turkey relations.

"I am hoping that the election results will improve the diplomatic relationship between Israel and Turkey, and lead to the return of ambassadors," he said. "On the economic side, even in difficult times following the Mavi Marmara incident, trade was steady, and even increased, between Turkey and Israel. Turkish Airlines is still a major carrier to Israel. With the ascendancy of Iran and the debacle in Syria, Turkey and Israel must work together to address regional issues. I think that the victory by President Erdogan and the AKP in Parliament might provide stability and clarity on the various issues challenging Turkey. The election results certainly provide President Erdogan and the AKP flexibility to determine the direction of policy, including in relation to Israel."

"After the reinstatement of relations about six years following the Mavi Marmara incident," he added, "there have been some bumps — including serious ruptures — but relations have not been severed. It is certainly possible that events in Israel and Gaza, etc. could again stimulate problems in the relationship, but Erdogan having assumed the enhanced presidency and AKP's having taken control of the Parliament (with AKP's coalition partner, the MHP), there doesn't seem to be any immediate incentive for Turkey to further exacerbate the relationship between Turkey and Israel. I also see no advantage or benefit to Israel in collapsing its relationship with Turkey — instead, Turkey and Israel must work hard toward the goal of putting relations back on track and returning ambassadors."

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U.S. News.

# US Diplomat Tells UN Security Council: Iran and Hezbollah at 'Root of Violence' in Middle East

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The Iranian regime — which “seeks political, military, and territorial advantage through the spread of violence and human misery” — is one of the main causes of conflict in the Middle East, a top American diplomat said on Monday at a UN Security Council session in New York.

“In warzone after warzone, and terrorist act after terrorist act, we find Iran and Hezbollah at the root of violence in the Middle East,” US Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Jonathan Cohen said in remarks at the Russia-initiated meeting titled “Peace and Security: Comprehensive Review of the Situation in the Middle East and North Africa.”

Cohen emphasized Iran’s “repeated and blatant violations of Security Council Resolution 2231 and others.”

“The Security Council unanimously prohibited Iran from transferring weapons to other countries,” he pointed out. “And yet Iran is the source of weapons in conflicts across the region, from Yemen to Syria to Lebanon. The Security Council unanimously called on Hezbollah to disarm. But

# Special Combat Unit to Fight Terror Tunnel Threat to Be Established

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The IDF is establishing a new specialized combat unit that will train specifically for underground fighting in an effort to counter the threat posed by terror tunnels dug under Israeli territory.

According to the Hebrew news site *Walla*, the unit is the brainchild of Gaza Division commander Brigadier General Yehuda Fuchs. After examining the tunnel situation, he decided that a dedicated force to fight the tunnels was necessary, one of whose branches will be the underground combat unit.

Last week, the Gaza Division decided to begin recruiting soldiers from other units, including experts on surveillance and tracking, who will serve as the nucleus of the new force. The combat soldiers will receive advanced technology and equipment, and be deployed along the entire border with the Hamas-ruled Gaza and Egypt.

Other aspects of the anti-tunnel program will include collaboration between Defense Ministry officials, geologists, intelligence officers, and experts from both the military and the private sector.

In addition, there will be intelligence sharing on the tunnel threat between the Southern and Northern Commands to map possible tunnels for eventual demolition and prevent the digging of new ones. A special school will be established in order to train soldiers to accomplish these tasks.

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the Israelis want to promote economic development for the Palestinians, while Abbas's Fatah and their Hamas rivals have sacrificed their people's interests in order to continue their futile century-old war against Zionism.

Like the rest of the Trump team, Kushner sees the conflict as a real estate transaction in which the Palestinians are the moral equivalent of a property owner with a run-down property that isn't worth much today. If they're going to get their state, he figures, then they are going to have bargain.

Kushner's efforts won't succeed; the conflict centers on the Palestinians' refusal to accept that they have lost their long battle to destroy Israel. It's about the Jewish state, not real estate. But, for a change, he deserves credit for telling the Palestinians some truths that they didn't hear from previous administrations, even if few people here or there respect him.

Though William is the one the world adores right now, if we all paid more attention to what the other far less loved visiting prince just said, then perhaps the Middle East might move closer to peace.

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the leaders of Hezbollah talk openly about the continuing support they receive from Iran.”

The US official also blamed Hamas for the ongoing humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip.

Since seizing control of Gaza in 2007, Cohen noted, Hamas has “demonstrated far more interest in initiating violence than in caring for the Palestinian people.”

“The Middle East needs more leaders like Egypt’s President Anwar Sadat — leaders who are willing to step forward, acknowledge hard truths, and make compromises,” Cohen stated. “The Middle East needs more leaders like Jordan’s King Hussein, who in 1994 created a peace that survives to this day.”

Ahead of Monday’s Security Council meeting, Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon said, “There can be no doubt that the main source of all instability in the Middle East is Iran. From Syria to Yemen, the



US Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Jonathan Cohen addresses the Security Council, June 25, 2018. Photo: Screenshot.

Iranian regime sows violence and bloodshed throughout the region and supports terror in almost every country.”

“The international community must understand that the first step for creating security and stability in our region is to uncompromisingly confront the Iranian regime,” Danon declared.

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## Opinion.

# The Catastrophic Collapse of Qatar's Corrupt Communal Campaign



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Over the past year, we've watched as the shameful campaign to whitewash Qatar — one comprised of, and aimed at, prominent American Jews — grew, spread, and corrupted. Now, over the past few weeks, we are witnessing its rapid implosion.

On Friday, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) announced that it will be returning \$100,000 of Qatari money, which it received through a middleman. The ZOA maintains it did not know that the money came from the Qatari emir. The other ostensibly pro-Israel organizations and individuals who were disclosed in FARA filings of having received large amounts of Qatari cash have not yet said if they will be returning the money to the Hamas-funding government. But there can be no question that they must. Better yet, they should give the money to Israeli victims of Hamas terror.

When I first heard that Qatar had hired a PR firm owned by two Orthodox Jews to lobby influential right-wing, pro-Israel American Jews, I reacted with disbelief.

Sure, Qatar faced a crippling blockade and there was no question as to how much they'd spend for President Trump's sympathy in the dispute. But at the same time, this was the country that had bankrolled genocidal Hamas' onslaught against the Jewish state, pledging \$400 million to the terror group before its 2014 war against Israel, and then another \$1 billion

after. Qatar had offered refuge and legitimacy to Hamas' terror leaders, providing them with both a safe haven and an international platform in its capital of Doha. Qatar's state-run media outlet *Al Jazeera* engages in incessant anti-Israel incitement and crude antisemitism, with its Arabic service airing sermons calling for a second Holocaust, and its English service launching unending broadsides against the Jewish state.

Could the emir really be so foolish and cynical as to believe that he could make pro-Israel activists — and right-wing Jewish leaders at that — “forget” his countless and continuing offenses? And would any pro-Israel leader really fall for this canard?

It would soon become clear, however, that the emir was no fool — and that Jewish leaders could be duped.

Almost immediately, reports began to pile in of key Jewish figures embarking on all-expense-paid junkets to Doha. One prominent pro-Israel activist went so far as to pen an op-ed in which he called Qatar “the Israel of the Gulf States.”

Many, include myself and my organization, protested these actions — and we were met by threats. According to *The New York Times*, Nick Muzin, the Orthodox-Jewish Qatari lobbyist behind the campaign, allegedly told another of his critics to “be very careful” with his words, lest he find himself “in danger.” Muzin, whose reputation has suffered catastrophic and arguably irreversible damage, is now on the defensive against extremely serious allegations of defaming Qatar's critics.

These shocking developments spurred widespread suspicions that hefty donations and investments were being made to Jewish

organizations and their donors. These concerns felt all the more justified recently when news broke that the otherwise hawkish and pro-Israel activist Dr. Joseph Frager, Vice President of the National Council of Young Israel, filed as a foreign agent of Qatar, admitting that he'd been paid \$50,000.

The crusade for Jewish support, however, could only go so far. As with anything built upon lies and deception, collapse was inevitable.

Two weeks ago, Muzin suddenly announced that he'd ceased his work for the Emirate. His partner, Joey Allaham, also called it quits. Allaham, to his credit, repudiated the nation that allegedly paid his firm over \$3 million in the past ten months, stating that although “Qatar enjoys portraying themselves as the purveyor of peace in the region ... this could not be further from the truth.” Allaham registered as a Qatari agent, and revealed in his filings that he paid out large amounts of Qatari cash to various pro-Israel charities.

These sudden moves are, in all likelihood, connected with the recent lawsuit launched by Republican Fundraiser Elliot Brody against the nation of Qatar — and Nick Muzin. Brody's lawsuit claims that Muzin actively assisted in the circulation of compromising information stolen from his personal e-mail server by Qatari-commissioned hackers. The release of the illegally-obtained e-mails to the Associated Press and *The New York Times* represent a truly frightening episode of alleged digital espionage and political sabotage against a private American citizen.

According to *The New York Times*, they have caught the attention of the FBI — which has launched an investigation. Last week, the judge overseeing the case demanded that Allaham hand over any information relating to



US President Donald Trump meets with Qatari Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani in the Oval Office at the White House on April 10, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Kevin Lamarque.

his work for Qatar and set a deposition for last week — a crucial victory that might just have ignited Allaham's sudden rift with the Emirate.

In all, the shameful Qatari whitewash effort represents a major trial of the American Jewish leadership: whether or not Jewish leaders would allow themselves to be ensnared into this devious scheme. It's hard to say that we didn't fail.

We must now work to undo the damage done. And in that, the first step must be the repudiation of Qatar by any and all Jewish leaders who've been taken in. I believe strongly that these Jewish leaders must be forgiven; but they must repent of their actions. They must come forward, admit to any funds received from Qatar — even indirectly, and write statements expressing the truth about the Qatari emir.

Mort Klein of the ZOA has already courageously taken this crucial step, issuing a statement condemning Qatar for its evils and taking responsibility for any role that he played in adding to their legitimacy. The other Jewish leaders who were duped by Qatar should follow suit.

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## What Macedonia and Israel Have in Common



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Barely noticed outside of the Balkans, one of the world's most intractable diplomatic disputes was finally resolved this month. The parties are Greece and its northern neighbor Macedonia, once a constituent republic of the old Yugoslavia. Their dispute centered on the right of Macedonia, which has been independent since 1992, to call itself “Macedonia,” as that is the same name as Greece's northern province.

This dispute went on for a quarter of a century, overshadowed by the ethnic cleansing in Croatia, Bosnia, and then Kosovo that followed the breakup of the old Yugoslav socialist federation. In addition to the external pressure from Greece, Macedonia also faced internal fragmentation, particularly in the country's west, where the population is dominated by Albanians, whose language, culture, and largely Muslim faith is distinct from that of the mainly Orthodox Christian Slav Macedonians. In addition to those two national groups are Romanis, Vlachs, Turks,

and even a small Jewish community.

I visited Macedonia several times during the 1990s as the tiny republic teetered on the edge of the terrible wars to its northwest. Yet an all-out, prolonged armed conflict never erupted there, despite the conviction of nearly all observers of the Balkans that Macedonia was a powder keg just waiting to go off.

Walking through Skopje, the Macedonian capital, I was often reminded of Israeli cities. In the relatively affluent neighborhood where I stayed, the landscape was defined by modest houses and apartment blocks, and leafy, quiet streets, rather like the satellite towns around Tel Aviv. In the city's old Ottoman Quarter, the Bit Pazar, the narrow thoroughfares were crowded with merchants selling vegetables, cheap clothes and CDs of turbo-charged Balkan folk music (which sounds not a million miles from its Israeli cousin), with the scent of grilled meat hanging in the air, reminding me of the Machane Yehuda outdoor market in Jerusalem.

I noticed more significant similarities too. Most of all, that the Macedonians — like the Jewish nation gathered in Israel — were surrounded by neighbors who depicted their entire history as the fake narrative of a fake nation.

To the south, the Greek government

insisted that the name “Macedonia” was an exclusively Greek property, and that the nation staking a claim to it was an impostor — a stance that resulted in Macedonia having to call itself by the bizarre name of FYROM (Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) at the United Nations and other international institutions. To the north, the Serbs considered the Macedonian Orthodox Church illegitimate, often referring to its flock to as “Southern Serbs.” To the east, the Bulgarians charged that recognizing Macedonia would encourage Macedonian claims on territory in Bulgaria. To the west, Albanian irredentists were keeping a hawk-like watch upon the restive Albanian minority in Macedonia.

And you thought the Israeli-Arab conflict was complicated.

Before we get too lost in the detail here, it's worth noting the key similarity. Like the Jews, the Macedonians have been in the unusual position of having to justify their status as a nation entitled to join the international community. Arrayed against them have been not just Balkan governments, but large sections of society. At a rally in Athens opposing the agreement between Greece and Macedonia, the aging composer Mikos Theodorakis — famous for a song in the film *Zorba the Greek* and for blaming “American Jews” for his country's crippling debt crisis 10 years ago — railed that any recognition of a non-Greek nation's right to call themselves Macedonian was a grave national betrayal.

This carries echoes of the refusal across the Arab world to recognize Israel's sovereign existence, along with its attendant historical mythology — that the Jews have

no spiritual or material tie to the land, that a Jewish Temple never stood in Jerusalem, that the Palestinians are the descendants of Jesus, and so on and so forth.

As Israel has been compelled to understand for nearly a century, conflicts that revolve around questions of identity are never truly resolved. But the fact that the Greek and Macedonian governments have reached a sincere agreement to end their dispute shows that peaceable outcomes, along with the shrinking of prospects for future armed conflict, are possible.

Writing in *Foreign Policy*, Edward Joseph, a veteran American analyst of the Balkans, argued that for “antagonists around the world locked in identity disputes, the agreement between Macedonia and Greece is, if it survives political challenge, a model.” It proved, he continued, that “seemingly intractable, zero-sum disputes over highly emotive issues can, with good will and good reason, be parsed.”

For the foreseeable future, Macedonia will always face a current of opinion infuriated by its existence as an independent state. So too will the Jewish nation in Israel. But I share Joseph's quiet hope that the agreement in the Balkans — a region, like the Middle East, that has been consumed by myriad ethnic and religious conflicts — will send a positive message across the Mediterranean Sea.

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## Opinion.

# For The Washington Post, Jewish Blood Is Just Not Worth the Ink



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"If it bleeds, it leads" is an old adage describing the media's tendency to prioritize stories involving violence. But this is not the case, it seems, if it's Israelis who are doing the bleeding. And not if you're *The Washington Post* covering the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Beginning in late March 2018, Hamas undertook a nearly two-month-long operation dubbed the "Great Return March," in which the Gaza-based terror group sent its operatives — many of them armed — to breach Israel's sovereign border. In an attempt to create civilian casualties, terrorists were interspersed among unarmed civilians and tires were burned and mirrors used to obscure the vision of IDF snipers seeking to target Hamas terrorists.

Nonetheless, the Israeli targeting was largely successful. Of the 124 Gazans killed during the event, "more than 80%" were "terrorist operatives or affiliated with terrorist organizations," according to a June 12, 2018 analysis by the Meir Amit Intelligence and Terrorism Information Center. Hamas itself not only admitted that many of those killed were its operatives, but also conceded that they were "deceiving the public" by claiming that the March was one of "peaceful" resistance.

Media coverage of the Hamas-led operation, however, was uniformly awful — as CAMERA has documented. And *The Washington Post* was among the worst.

*The Post* regurgitated casualty claims by Gaza's "Health Ministry," but failed to inform readers that the ministry is a Hamas entity that shares the group's goals of delegitimizing and destroying Israel. The "ministry" is not, as *The Post* would have readers believe, a credible source.

Worse still, the paper failed to fully detail Hamas' role and objectives at the border, often neglecting to note that leaders of the terror group planned the operation while calling on their supporters to murder Israelis. Weeks after Hamas leaders admitted on video that many of those killed at the border were its members, *The Washington Post* has continued to file reports referring to the dead terrorists as "protesters" (see, for example, "Palestinians trapped in Gaza face mounting health crisis," June 20, 2018).

Portraying Palestinian terrorists as protesters is emblematic of *The Post's* tendency to minimize the threats faced by the Jewish state.

As CAMERA detailed in a June 8, 2018 oped, Gazans have been sending hundreds of kites and balloons filled with flammable material over the border, causing hundreds of fires and destroying Israeli property and livelihoods. Despite the novelty of these attacks, *The Post* didn't report the mass arson until weeks after it began. *The Post's* June 18, 2018 dispatch claimed that the "damage is not huge," only to later quote an official from the Jewish National Fund who said that the damage to woodland and wildlife is "extensive."

Similarly, a May 29 *Post* report seemed to question Israeli anger at Hamas for launching rockets at the country's schoolchildren. The paper bizarrely reported, "One of the mortars in the first round of fire early Tuesday struck the yard of a kindergarten, drawing angry responses from Israeli leaders, *although* no children were in the preschool at the time" (emphasis added).

This description could be read as implying that the "angry response" from Israeli leaders was an overreaction. At the very least, it's an odd way to describe a terror group's failed attempt to murder Israeli schoolchildren.

And when *The Post* isn't busy downplaying anti-Jewish violence, it's outright ignoring it.

On June 5, Israel's Shin Bet domestic intelligence agency announced that it had broken up a Palestinian terror cell that had planned to murder top government officials, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. *The Post* failed to report the story, just as it failed to report a foiled February 2018 plot by Palestinian Islamic Jihad to assassinate Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Liberman.

On June 18, *The Jerusalem Post* reported, "Twenty Hamas members from the West Bank city of Nablus who planned lethal attacks across the country — including a suicide bombing in Jerusalem — have been arrested." *The Washington Post* didn't print a word about the arrests.

Thwarted terror plots, including suicide bombings and the planned assassination of a country's leaders, are certainly newsworthy, but apparently not if the country is Israel and the newspaper is *The Washington Post*.

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Minister's office from 1965 to his death in 1972. Naphtali Lavie, a survivor of Auschwitz who became Israel's Consul-General in New York, lived to see his brother, Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, become Israel's Chief Rabbi. Herzog's collected essays were published under the title, drawn from Balaam's words, *A People that Dwells Alone*. Lavie's were entitled *Balaam's Prophecy* — again a reference to this verse.

For both, the verse expressed the uniqueness of the Jewish people — its isolation on the one hand, its defiance and resilience on the other. Though it has faced opposition and persecution from some of the greatest superpowers the world has ever known, it has

outlived them all.

Given, though, the return of Anti-Semitism, it is worth reflecting on one particular interpretation of the verse, given by the Dean of Volozhyn Yeshiva, R. Naftali Zvi Yehudah Berlin (Netziv, Russia, 1816-1893). Netziv interpreted the verse as follows: for every other nation, when its people went into exile and assimilated into the dominant culture, they found acceptance and respect. With Jews, the opposite was the case. In exile, when they remained true to their faith and way of life, they found themselves able to live at peace with their gentile neighbours. When they tried to assimilate, they found themselves despised and reviled.

The sentence, says Netziv, should therefore be read thus: "If it is a *people content to be alone*, faithful to its distinctive identity, then it will be able to  *dwell* in peace. But if Jews seek to be *like the nations*, the nations will not consider them worthy of respect."

This is a highly significant statement, given the time and place in which it was made, namely Russia in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. At that time, many Russian Jews had assimilated, some converting to Christianity. But Anti-Semitism did not diminish. It grew, exploding into violence in the pogroms that happened in more than a hundred towns in 1881. These were followed by the notorious Anti-Semitic May Laws of 1882. Realising that they were in danger if they stayed, between 3 and 5 million Jews fled to the West.

It was at this time that Leon Pinsker, a Jewish physician who had believed that the spread of humanism and enlightenment would put an end to Anti-Semitism, experienced a major change of heart and wrote one of the early texts of secular Zionism, *Auto-Emancipation* (1882). In words strikingly similar to those of Netziv, he said, "In seeking to fuse with other peoples [Jews] deliberately renounced to some extent their own nationality. Yet nowhere did they succeed in obtaining from their fellow-citizens recognition as natives of equal status." They tried to be like everyone else, but this only left them more isolated.

Something similar happened in Western Europe also. Far from ending hostility to Jews, Enlightenment and Emancipation merely caused it to mutate, from religious Judeophobia to racial Anti-Semitism. No-one spoke of this more poignantly than Theodore Herzl in *The Jewish State* (1896):

We have honestly endeavoured everywhere to merge ourselves in the social life of surrounding communities and to preserve the faith of our fathers. We are not permitted to do so. In vain are we loyal patriots, our loyalty in some places running to extremes; in vain do we make the same sacrifices of life and property as our fellow-citizens; in vain do we strive to increase the fame of our native land in science and art, or her wealth by trade and commerce. In countries where we have lived for centuries we are still cried down as strangers ... If we could only be left in peace ... But I think we shall not be left in peace.

The more we succeeded in being like everyone else, implied Herzl, the more we were disliked by everyone else. Consciously or otherwise, these nineteenth century voices were echoing a sentiment first articulated 26 centuries ago by the prophet Ezekiel, speaking in the name of God to the would-be assimilationists among the Jewish exiles in Babylon:

You say, "We want to be like the nations, like the peoples of the world, who serve wood and stone." But what you have in mind will never happen. (Ez. 20:32)

Anti-Semitism is one of the most complex phenomena in the history of hate, and it is not my intention here to simplify it. But there is something of lasting significance in this

convergence of views between Netziv, one of the greatest rabbinic scholars of his day, and the two great secular Zionists, Pinsker and Herzl, though they differed on so much else. *Assimilation is no cure for Anti-Semitism*. If people do not like you for what you are, they will not like you more for pretending to be what you are not.

*Jews cannot cure Anti-Semitism*. Only Anti-Semites can do that, together with the society to which they belong. The reason is that Jews are not the *cause* of Anti-Semitism. They are the *objects* of it, but that is something different. The cause of Anti-Semitism is a profound malaise in the cultures in which it appears. It happens whenever a society feels that something is badly amiss, when there is a profound cognitive dissonance between the way things are and the way people think they ought to be. People are then faced with two possibilities. They can either ask, "What did we do wrong?" and start to put it right, or they can ask, "Who did this to us?" and search for a scapegoat.

In century after century Jews have been made the scapegoat for events that had nothing to do with them, from medieval plagues to poisoned wells to inner tensions in Christianity to Germany's defeat in the First World War to the underachievement of many Muslim states today. Anti-Semitism is a sickness, and it cannot be cured by Jews. It is also evil, and those who tolerate it when they could have protested are accomplices to evil.

*We have nothing to apologise for in our insistence on being different*. Judaism began as a protest against empires, symbolised by Babel in Genesis and ancient Egypt in Exodus. These were the first great empires, and they achieved the freedom of the few at the cost of the enslavement of the many.

Jews have always been the irritant of empires because of our insistence on the dignity of the individual and his or her liberty. Anti-Semitism is either the last gasp of a declining culture or the first warning sign of a new totalitarianism. God commanded our ancestors to be different, not because they were better than others — "It is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land" (Deut. 9:6) — but because *by being different we teach the world the dignity of difference*. Empires seek to impose unity on a plural world. Jews know that unity exists in heaven; God creates diversity on earth.

There is one fundamental difference between Anti-Semitism today and its precursors in the past. Today we have a State of Israel. We need no longer fear what Jews discovered after the Evian Conference in 1938, when the nations of the world closed their doors and Jews knew that they had not one square inch on earth they could call home in the Robert Frost sense, namely the place where "when you have to go there, they have to let you in." Today we have a home — and every assault on Jews and Israel today only serves to make Jews and Israel stronger. That is why Anti-Semitism is not only evil but also self-destructive. Hate destroys the hater. *Nothing has ever been gained by making Jews, or anyone else, the scapegoat for your sins*.

None of this is to diminish the seriousness with which we must join with others to fight Anti-Semitism and every other religious or racial hate. But let the words of Netziv stay with us. We should never abandon our distinctiveness. It is what makes us who we are. Nor is there any contradiction between this and the universalism of the prophets. To the contrary — and this is the life changing idea: In our uniqueness lies our universality. *By being what only we are, we contribute to humanity what only we can give*.

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*Dwells Alone*

tion of Jewish history and destiny:

From the peaks of rocks I see them,  
From the heights I gaze upon them.  
This is a people who dwell alone,  
Not reckoning themselves one of the nations. (Num. 23:9)

For two leading Israeli diplomats in the twentieth century — Yaacov Herzog and Naphtali Lau-Lavie — this verse epitomised their sense of Jewish peoplehood after the Holocaust and the establishment of the State of Israel. Herzog, son of a Chief Rabbi of Israel and brother of Chaim who became Israel's president, was Director-General of the Prime

## Impressions.

# Readers Should Take a Walk on the Wildes Side

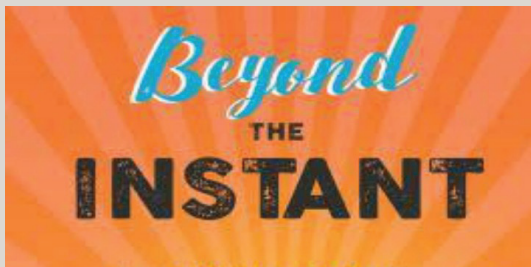
BY ALAN ZEITLIN

When your father is one of the best immigration attorneys on the planet — and saves John Lennon from getting deported — there is pressure to follow in his footsteps. Though already a lawyer, Rabbi Mark Wildes imagined a place where he could help less-affiliated young Jewish professionals connect to their religion. So he founded Manhattan Jewish Experience, which 20 years later is known as a staple of Manhattan's Upper West Side and a place where millennials have found spirituality, support, spouses, and a space to learn and pray.

In his stellar new book, *Beyond The Instant: Jewish Wisdom for Lasting Happiness in a Fast-Paced Social Media World*, Wildes tackles a plethora of topics, including love, dating, and happiness.

From Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson to Seinfeld, from Maimonides to *The Matrix*, Wildes shows an impressive ability to seamlessly fuse Torah teachings with pop culture in a manner that makes for an accessible, entertaining, and insightful read.

For example, he relates the story of a man who writes a letter to the Lubavitcher Rebbe, citing all of his problems and starting many sentences with the word



The cover of *Beyond the Instant*. Photo: Provided.

“I.” Schneerson gives no written response, but simply circles the letter “I” throughout and mails it back.

Wildes also gives an example of a joke from Jerry Seinfeld, who notes that life is like a highway where women see a sign for food, lodging, and gas and want to get off at the exit while the man wants to keep going to the next stop.

The rabbi endears himself to the reader by showing vulnerability rather than pontificating. He writes that he passed the bar exam on the third try, and also takes guilty pleasure in buying ties after unsuccessful fundraising meetings. Wildes is more practical than preachy, explaining why people shouldn't stress if they don't get enough likes on Facebook, while admitting that he likes to be liked in real life.

There is a palpable authenticity in the pages, as well as some wild anecdotes. One involves a luncheon in London where the guest speaker is Prince Charles. A man eats a kosher meal covered in plastic, while another Jewish man mocks him and says that he should eat the same thing as everyone else. Prince Charles strikes up a conversation with the kosher eater and says that he once learned about dietary laws. The other man, in an effort to get attention, says he is also Jewish.

“So where is your kosher meal?” Prince Charles is quoted as saying.

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# Club Z Combats Silence in the Face of Antisemitism

BY MASHA MERKULOVA

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At Carlmont High School in Belmont, Calif., students were asked to write positive messages in chalk on the pavement, but someone drew a giant swastika underneath the message “Toasted Jew.” What did the school administration do to address this alarming situation on campus? Absolutely nothing.

When it comes to the messages high school students hear about Jews and Israel in the news, on social media and in school, far too many have lost the ability to differentiate between good and evil, and between free speech and hate speech. The result? In many corners of American society, blatant antisemitism no longer generates much-deserved public outrage.

The Carlmont incident brought me back to my childhood in the former Soviet Union, where I was indoctrinated with propaganda — some of it antisemitic. I grew up under communism, believing in



Illustrative. Photo: Georgetown University Police Department.

the USSR's vision for a better, fairer world, free from class struggles.

Later, I learned that this was all doublespeak. It was part of the Soviets' systematic implementation of bigoted restrictions — like antisemitic policies that prevented Jews from attending university, practicing even the most basic parts of our religion or immigrating to our homeland of Israel. But I held on — and still hold on — to the belief that Jews must fight to be treated fairly.

When I came to the Bay Area in the 1990s, I did not expect to find the same sort of antisemitism that I encountered in my youth. But as movements that demonize Israel have grown, I have seen the same kind of hateful speech against Jews spread in the United States. I knew that this was a fight I would have to join — that the Jewish people must be empowered to demand the same dignity and rights as all other peoples. I embraced Zionism, and committed myself to spreading justice by promoting and educating people about that movement.

Zionism demands that Jews are seen as worthy of natural rights. It asserts that Jews do not deserve to be treated as second-class citizens, to face pogroms, to be murdered or be hated for being Jewish. Zionism affirms that Jewish people deserve to be free, determining our own fate and future.

Sadly, as I have repeatedly seen, anti-Zionists twist notions of justice and social justice to actively exclude Jews and work against Jewish rights. My experiences in the former Soviet Union made

me finely attuned to propaganda. Anti-Zionists are not held accountable to the same standards of humanity and decency they claim to demand, enabling them to reinforce antisemitic canards.

This is how antisemitic incidents get swept under the rug. In recent years, a wave of hate targeting Jews and Israel on college campuses has generated significant attention, but these kinds of incidents have also become increasingly prevalent in high schools as well. Someone drew a Nazi flag covered in swastikas with the caption “Jews are Evil” at Alameda High School in the East Bay. At Westmont High School in San Jose, somebody drew a swastika in the bathroom next to a Star of David, with the words “f\*\*\* them all” written underneath. At Gunn High School in Palo Alto, in an “Introduction to World Religions” class on the first day of school, the teacher introduced Judaism by saying: “Jews didn't really do anything productive over the course of their existence. They mostly just wandered the desert killing their own babies.”

Antisemitism is a unique form of hatred that requires a direct and immediate response, with direct education that specifically addresses antisemitism. Our students must learn how to recognize antisemitism, whether it is a swastika or a history lesson in which Israel is called an “apartheid state.” We must encourage them to stand up to students who tell antisemitic jokes. We need to support them in confronting teachers and authority figures who attempt to erase Israel's existence or Jewish history.

Young Jews need to learn their people's history, in addition to the political realities of the present, in order to be prepared to tackle antisemitism. They need to be empowered to fight for themselves.

That is why Club Z — the Zionist youth movement I founded — is desperately needed. We equip high school students with the education to become experts on Israel and to serve as effective leaders in their communities, who will ensure that anti-Zionism and antisemitism do not get a free pass.

I see the impact on teenagers' self-confidence each year at the Youth Zionist Leadership Forum, Club Z's annual national conference. At panels, workshops and social events, they build on the knowledge that they develop at the Club Z Institute, which offers comprehensive and nuanced Israel education, and provides historical context to modern-day headlines. Throughout the year, our student-leadership program, the Club Z Teen Board, empowers students with practical skills and opportunities to direct their passion for Israel and the Jewish community into action. And we continually engage our students after they graduate our program, while providing tactical and financial support for pro-Israel activism throughout their college education.

The Carlmont incident is just one symptom of an age-old disease. The treatment is equipping our students with the knowledge and tools they need to combat antisemitism. The time to start cultivating young Zionist leaders is now.

Masha Merkulova is the founder and executive director of Club Z.

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**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 LLC 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 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

**Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC)** Name: BAM FIT LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 05/21/2018 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: Bam Fit NYC 307 12th St.#13 Brooklyn, NY 11215. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/29; 7/6

**Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC)** Name: SLS Marketing LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York on 05/16/2018. Office location: Bronx county.SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom prices against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 541 Hollywood Ave., Bronx, NY 10165 purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/29; 7/6

**Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC)** Name: My LiL Treasures Nursery LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York on: 04/13/2018.

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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: Carmen Candelario 302 E. 165th St. Apt.#1 bronx, NY 10456. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/29; 7/6

**Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC)** Name: RIGHT TOUCH APPLICATIONS LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 05/07/2018. 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: Right Touch Applications LLC 675 Lincoln Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11208. purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/8/15/22/29; 7/6/13

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered March 27, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 261, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 12, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4129 Lot 23. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee YCHC190 AJ; 6/8/15/22/29;**

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MANA 2007-A1, Plaintiff, vs. FABIENNE NELSON, ET AL., Defendant(s).** Pursuant to an Order Appointing a Substitute Referee to Sell duly filed February 28, 2018 and a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 18, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 12, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 933 East 106th 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 8214 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 19374/13. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henschel, Peterson, Peddy & Fenichel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff No cash will be accepted AJ; 6/8/15/22/29;

**Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC)** Name: R&R SPECIAL PAINTING,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state

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of New York (SSNY) on 06/16/2016. 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: The LLC 810 E. 152nd St., Bronx, NY 10455. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/8/15/22/29; 7/6/13

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2005-AP3, Plaintiff AGAINST ANTOINE Y. CHERESTAL, et al., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 27, 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 July 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 761 HART STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11237. 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 3219, LOT 48. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,235,598.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511359/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdrame, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 54562 AJ; 6/8/15/22/29;

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MortgageIT Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Patsy Carter; et al., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 3, 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 July 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 388 East 57th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. 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 4767 Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,692.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6390/2013. Steven David Cohn, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 29, 2018 54524 AJ; 6/8/15/22/29;

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST Andrea Romeo; et al., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 8, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 12, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2952 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. 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 8900 Lot 866. Approximate amount of judgment \$243,106.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510782/2015. Gregory Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 2, 2018 54152 AJ; 6/8/15/22/29;

**Notice of formation of Limited liability company(LLC)** Name: GLOBE FREIGHT TRANS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY)on :05/21/2018. 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 : Globe Freight Trans LLC 7217 Avenue U Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/8/15/22/29; 7/6/13

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against WILLIAM A. STALLONE, et al., Defendants.** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 19th day of July, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 21 Preston Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234. (Block: 7949, Lot: 235). Approximate amount of lien \$ 303,103.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500904-14. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite - 700 White Plains, N.Y. 10606 (914) 949-2574 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

**NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A.K, Plaintiff AGAINST George S. Gabriel, Celine Gabriel, et al, Defendant** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/15/2017 and entered on 4/10/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 144 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. 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: 1319, LOT: 17. Approximate amount of judgment is \$784,767.21 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506780/2013. Barry Martin Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

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AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, AGAINST WILLIAM VANVALKENBURG, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale duly entered on March 30, 2018 I the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224, Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 21 Georgetown Lane, Brooklyn, NY 11234 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 8366 and Lot 170 Approximate amount of judgment \$774,797.12 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index #505971/2015. JOEL ELIOT ABRAMSON ESQ., Referee, Aldridge Pite, LLP - Attorneys for Plaintiff - 40 Marcus Drive, Suite 200, Melville, NY 11747 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roberto Jemmott; Winnifred H. Francis; et al., Defendant(s)** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 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 July 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 574 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 1387 Lot: 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$764,296.82 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 9649/13. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: May 1, 2018 53986 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

**SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JDRMDBP-SM LLC, Plaintiff -against- NASIR CHOWDURY, et al Defendant(s).** Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated January 3, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of Cleveland Street, distant 150 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Cleveland Street and the northerly side of Pitkin Avenue; being a plot 90 feet by 25 feet by 80 feet by 25 feet. Block: 4000 Lot: 25. \*REFEREE WILL ACCEPT ONLY BANK OR CERTIFIED CHECK FOR DEPOSIT REQUIRED FROM PURCHASER. NO CASH ACCEPTED\* Said premises known as 434 CLEVELAND ST., BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$870,362.56 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 507374/2014. JOEL ABRAMSON, ESQ., Referee McGovern & Amodio, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 2 William Street, Suite 306, White Plains, NY 10601 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

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## A People That Dwells Alone



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

This is an extraordinary moment in Jewish history, for good and not-so-good reasons. *For the first time in almost 4,000 years we have simultaneously sovereignty and independence in the land and state of Israel, and freedom and equality in the Diaspora.* There have been times – all too brief – when Jews had one or the other, but never before, both at the same time. That is the good news.

The less-good news, though, is that Anti-Semitism has returned within living memory of the Holocaust. The State of Israel remains isolated in the international political arena. It is still surrounded by enemies. And it is the only nation among the 193 making up the United Nations whose very right to exist is constantly challenged and always under threat.

Given all this, it seems the right time to re-examine words appearing in this week's parsha, uttered by the pagan prophet Balaam, that have come to seem to many, the most powerful summa-

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, S/B/M CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC, S/B/M TO CHASE MANHATTAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff against COLVILLE BARRETT, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street, Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered December 26, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 348 Warwick Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Block 3982 Lot 24. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$115,322.40 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 511722/15. Philip L Kamaras, Esq., Referee XCHJC175 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court, Kings County, Omat I REO Holdings LLC v. John G. Abrams, et al., Defendants, Index No. 7754/2012. Lorenzo A. DeLuca, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff's Assignee, 269 Forest Avenue, Staten

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Island, NY 10301 (212) 239-2339. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on or about June 1, 2018, I, the referee, will sell in one parcel at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., the premises directed by said Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale to be sold therein known as 1074 Fulton Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11238 (Block 2016, Lot 15 on the tax map of Kings County). ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Fulton Street, distant 146 feet 4 inches easterly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Fulton Street and the easterly side of Classon; RUNNING THENCE southerly on a line at right angles to Fulton Street and partly through the center of a party wall, 121 feet; THENCE easterly parallel with Fulton Street, 24 feet; THENCE northerly on a line at right angles to Fulton Street and partly through the center of a party wall, 121 feet to the said southerly side of Fulton Street; and THENCE westerly along the said southerly side of Fulton Street, 24 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises will be sold subject to all provisions and conditions contained in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale and Terms of Sale. Approximate amount due is \$466,153.20 plus interest and costs Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee. AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.; Plaintiff -against- NUCHEM SCHWARTZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 11, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on July 19, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Neptune Avenue with the westerly side of Highland Avenue; being a plot 50 feet by 60 feet by 50 feet by 60 feet. Block: 6998 Lot: 25 Said premises known as 4000 HIGHLAND AVENUE A/K/A 3901 NEPTUNE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$695,627.66 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. 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. Index Number 7004/2014. MORRIS MATZA, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 7254.698 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

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, Against CARMEN MENDEZ, ET AL.,

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Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 5/7/2018, 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 7/19/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 2297 Utica Avenue, 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 8490 and Lot 27. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$392,717.23 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500833/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 5/25/2018 File Number: 28768 MNB AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 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 July 19, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, 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 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 54722 AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TOTALTECH CONSULTING & SOLUTIONS, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/30/2018. 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: Totaltech consulting & Solutions, LLC 1223 E. 48th St., Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/15/22/29; 7/6/13/20

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRSTFRANKLINMORTGAGELOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11, V. WILLIAM BLAGROVE, ET AL., NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 29, 2018,

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and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRSTFRANKLINMORTGAGELOAN TRUST 2006-FF11 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-FF11 is the Plaintiff and WILLIAM BLAGROVE; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on July 26, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1603 E 95TH ST, BROOKLYN, NY 11236; Block 8298, Lot 29: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 510180/2014. Jeffrey Miller, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 26th day of July, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., AS FHA QUALIFIED TRUSTEE FOR RESCAP LIQUIDATING TRUST, Plaintiff against DESIRE J. STARKS A/K/A DESIRE JOAN STARKS, MR. STARKS, ADRIANE STARKS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on April 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 26th day of July, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 270 East 40 Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4893, Lot: 17) Approximate amount of lien \$ 784,501.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 15303-12. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832 AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13

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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: DYLAN & SHAW LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/11/2018. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is David H. Perlman, Esq., 186 Montague Street Brooklyn, NY, 11201. Purpose/character of LLC: Any Lawful Purpose. #160978 AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13/20/27

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Tanya Tesler, Lev Yakubovich, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/2017 and entered on 6/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on July 26, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 55 Oceana Drive East, Unit 5E, Brooklyn, NY 11235. 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: 8720, LOT: 2884. Approximate amount of judgment is \$446,608.68 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 503809/2014. Bartholomew M. Verdrame, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 6/22/29; 7/6/13/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 507611/2013 LOUIS IACOBUCCI, DANIELA IACOBUCCI, ROBERT FERRARO, MARIA FERRARO, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly granted 05/24/2018, 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 7/26/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1441 76th St. Brooklyn, NY 11228, 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York; Block 6223 and Lot 62. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$466,741.13 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 507611/2013. Jacob N. Gelfand, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, P.C., 145 Huguenot Street, Suite 210, New Rochelle, NY 10801 Dated: 05/29/2018 File Number: 125-5644 AA/BGM AJ; 6/22/29; 7/6/13

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: LEXSET.AI LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York(SSNY) on 05/03/2018 . 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: The LLC 19 Morris Ave Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 6/29; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3

## Social.



AFTAU board members Clement Erbmann and Ralph Mandell; Vice President for Economic Development and Innovation for the University of Illinois System Ed Seidel; Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner; Consul General of Israel to the Midwest Aviv Ezra; and AFTAU board member Tim Schlindwein Photo: American Friends of Tel Aviv University.

## Tel Aviv University Partners With University of Illinois for R&D

BY JNS.org

University of Illinois president Tim Killeen announced that Tel Aviv University will be the first international academic partner of the Discovery Partners Institute, as part of a larger progress report following state-secured funding to accelerate significant research at the innovation center.

DPI is an interdisciplinary public-private research institute located in Chicago, and is a hub of the Illinois Innovation network, a set of virtually connected clusters across the state.

Gov. Bruce Rauner joined members of the Illinois General Assembly and leaders from the University of Illinois System for a news conference on June 19 announcing key advancements for the project. The passed state budget puts half-a-billion dollars towards this venture, promoted as “the Midwest’s answer to Silicon Valley.”

“Israel is a global leader in innovation, technology, research and education, as Gov. Rauner and President

Killeen saw on their professional visit to our country last year,” said Aviv Ezra, Consul General of Israel to the Midwest. “Israel, thus, is a natural partner for the DPI. We are proud that Tel Aviv University is collaborating, and we are honored to be a part of such a groundbreaking project.”

The partnership with TAU is set to begin next month with a series of workshops in Chicago intended to connect Israeli and American entrepreneurs to accelerate research, and ultimately, enterprise creation. The academic agreement is DPI’s third, adding to inaugural partnerships with the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, which were announced last fall.

Nadine Sasson Cohen, director of American Friends of Tel Aviv University in the Midwest-Chicago Region, was also present at the event.

Professor Joseph Klafter, president of Tel Aviv University, said, “we view the entrepreneurship program taking place this summer in Chicago as the first step in TAU’s involvement in this worthy DPI initiative and look forward to the fruitful advancement of our partnership ensuing from this program.”

## NFL Quarterback Josh Rosen Talks About Dealing With Antisemitic Slurs

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Arizona Cardinals quarterback Josh Rosen spoke on Tuesday about being on the receiving end of antisemitic slurs ever since he was a Jewish teen.

“I’ve been taking Jewish slurs since I was in high school,” Rosen, 21, told the website Uproxx. “I’ve been taking that my whole life. Sport is sport and you do

whatever you can to get in a guys head, if that’s your technique, that’s your tactic.”

The NFL player spoke about the same topic in April in an interview with NFL.com. He said his opponents on the field would use his Jewish heritage against him by making remarks such as, “Stay the f--- down, you Jewish bastard,” and, “I’m gonna break your f--- nose, you Jew.”

In May, the California native gave advice to other Jewish athletes, saying, “Keep grinding.”

## Israeli Tourist Competes for Luxurious Hotel Stay on ‘Jimmy Kimmel Live’

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

An Israeli backpacker visiting California competed on “Jimmy Kimmel Live” on Thursday for a chance to upgrade from his hostel to a luxurious hotel suite.

Aviv and another tourist from Denmark, who both were staying at a nearby youth hostel, competed in a skit for the late night talk show called Hostel La Vista. The two travelers had to answer questions about California and the competitor who answered the most questions correctly won a stay at the famous



Israeli traveler Aviv competing on “Jimmy Kimmel Live.” Photo: Screenshot / YouTube.

Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel.

Aviv did not win the hotel stay, but got a gift basket that included noise-cancelling headphones, hand sanitizer and a teddy bear “to rock you to sleep tonight,” Kimmel said.

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Wildes Side

As to how millennials can become unglued from their cell phones, Wildes is realistic and knows that habits are hard to break. But he sets a framework of humility and a context where people should be inclined to help others. The most beautiful line of this book is when he praises Lester, a maintenance man at his workplace. I doubt you’ll find that anywhere else.

Wildes could stand to include more dating stories, but he may be saving them for his next book. He does include a few where the lesson is that people need to take control of their lives and not be at the mercy of someone they are dating, whether in a case where a man is reluctant to propose or a woman only wants to marry an accountant.

Beyond The Instant is one of the most relevant books I’ve ever read written by a rabbi. If your foot’s been riding the breaks in life, this will make you slam on the gas pedal. With the target being Jewish millennials, Wildes hits the bullseye. But this work can extend to a larger audience to include anyone looking to grow and improve themselves. While some books by clergy can go over your head, this one will get stuck in it.

Wildes notes that on the gravestone of his grandfather, the engraving is a quote from the Ethics of the Fathers: “Who is wealthy? He who is satisfied with his lot.”

These pages are proof that even though he chose the synagogue over the court, Wildes is pretty wealthy.

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