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Iran Could Unleash New Refugee Wave, Netanyahu Tells Merkel



German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, June 4, 2018.
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Farrakhan Supporter Mallory Booted Out of Major Australian Conference

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Tamika Mallory — a co-organizer of the 2017 Women's March on Washington, DC, and outspoken supporter of antisemitic Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan — has been booted out of a major social policy conference in Australia, Iran Could Unleash New Refugee Wave, Netanyahu Tells Merkel following a vehemently anti-Israel speech she delivered last Friday.

Mallory had been scheduled to speak at the 2018 Good Life Summit which begins in Melbourne on June 13. The event brings together high-profile politicians and advocates



Tamika Mallory, co-president of the Women's March, posing with Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.
Photo: Instagram Screenshot.

to discuss poverty, education, healthcare access, domestic violence and other social policy questions. Among this year's speakers are Daniel Andrews, prime minister of the Australian state of Victoria, Matthew Guy, leader of the opposition Liberal Party, and Nayuka Gorrie, a prominent Aboriginal rights activist.

On Monday, summit organizers told *The Australian* newspaper that the invitation to Mallory had been withdrawn

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Opinion.

In Gaza, It's Not the Economy, Stupid



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It is not the economic malaise in the Gaza Strip that has precipitated Palestinian violence. It is the other way around — the endemic violence has caused the Strip's humanitarian crisis. As long as Gaza continues to be governed by Hamas' rule of the jungle, no Palestinian civil society, let alone a viable state, can develop.

No cliché has dominated the discourse on the Gaza situation more than the perception of Palestinian violence as a corollary of the Strip's dire economic condition. No sooner had Hamas and Israel been locked in yet another armed confrontation over the past few weeks than the media, foreign policy experts, and politicians throughout the world urged the immediate rehabilitation of Gaza as panacea to its propensity for violence.

Even senior members of the Israel Defense Forces opined that a "nonmilitary process" of humanitarian aid could produce a major change in the Gaza situation.

While there is no denying the argument's widespread appeal, there is also no way around the fact that it is not only completely unfounded but the inverse of the truth.

For one thing, countless nations and groups in today's world endure far harsher

socioeconomic or political conditions than the Palestinians, yet none has embraced violence and terrorism against their neighbors with such alacrity and on such a massive scale.

For another thing, there is no causal relationship between economic hardship and mass violence. On the contrary: in the modern world, it is not the poor and oppressed who have sometimes carried out the worst acts of terrorism and violence, but rather militant vanguards from among the better educated and more moneyed circles of society — be they homegrown terrorist groups in the West or their Middle Eastern counterparts.

Yasser Arafat, for instance, was an engineer, and his fellow arch terrorist George Habash — the pioneer of airplane hijacking — a physician. Hassan al-Banna, founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, was a school-teacher. His successor Sayyid Qutb, whose zealous brand of Islam inspired generations of terrorists, including the group behind the assassination of Egyptian president Anwar Sadat, was a literary critic and essayist.

The 9/11 terrorists and certainly their multi-millionaire paymaster Osama bin Laden, as well as the terrorists who massacred their British compatriots in July 2005 and those slaughtering their co-religionists in Algeria and Iraq, were usually not impoverished peasants or workers driven by hopelessness and desperation. They were educated fanatics motivated by hatred and extreme religious and political ideals.

Nor has Hamas been an exception to this rule.

Not only has its leadership been highly educated, but it has gone to great lengths to educate its followers, notably through the takeover of the Islamic University in Gaza and the transformation of the school into a hothouse for indoctrinating generations of militants and terrorists.

Hamas founder Sheikh Ahmed Yassin studied at the al-Azhar University in Cairo, probably the Islamic world's most prestigious institution of higher religious learning. His successor Abdel Aziz Rantisi was a physician, as is Hamas co-founder Mahmoud Zahar. The group's current leader Ismail Haniyeh and Muhammad Def, head of Hamas' military wing, are graduates of the Islamic University of Gaza, while Khaled Mashaal studied physics in Kuwait, where he resided until 1990. Hardly the products of deprivation and despair.

This propensity for violence among the educated and moneyed classes of Palestinian society was starkly reflected in the identity of the 156 men and eight women who detonated themselves in Israel's towns and cities during the first five years of the second intifada, murdering 525 people, the overwhelming majority of them civilians.

A mere 9% of the perpetrators had only a basic education, while 22% were university graduates and 34% were high school graduates. Likewise, a comprehensive study of Hamas and Islamic Jihad suicide terrorists from the late 1980s to 2003 found that only 13% came from a poor background, compared with 32% of the Palestinian population in general. More than half of suicide bombers

had higher education, compared with just 15% of the general population.

By contrast, successive public opinion polls among the Palestinian residents of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip during the 1990s revealed far stronger support for the nascent peace process with Israel — and opposition to terrorism — among the poorer and less educated parts of society. Thus, for example, 82% of people with a low education supported the Interim Agreement of September 1995, providing for Israel's withdrawal from the populated Palestinian areas of the West Bank, and 80% opposed terrorist attacks against Israeli civilians, compared to 55% and 65%, respectively, among university graduates.

In short, it is not socioeconomic despair but the total rejection of Israel's right to exist, inculcated by the PLO and Hamas in their hapless West Bank and Gaza subjects over the past 25 years, which underlies the relentless anti-Israel violence emanating from these territories and their attendant economic stagnation and decline.

At the time of the September 1993 signing of the Israel-PLO Declaration of Principles, conditions in the territories were far better than in most Arab states despite the steep economic decline caused by the intifada of 1987-1993. But within six months of Arafat's arrival in Gaza in July 1994, the standard of living in the Strip fell by 25%, and more than half the area's residents claimed to have been happier under Israeli rule.

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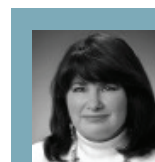
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The Propaganda of Marc Lamont Hill



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Marc Lamont Hill grandiosely introduces himself on his personal web site as "one of the leading intellectual voices in the country." Needless to say, proclaiming yourself a "leading intellectual voice" suggests that you aren't. Real intellectuals do not have to announce this.

Indeed, Hill's May 17, 2018 opinion column in the *Huffington Post*, entitled "7 Myths About the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict," is devoid of anything resembling intellectual arguments or factual information.

Quite the contrary. His essay represents the sort of disinformation that is rooted in a bigoted worldview in which the Jewish state is considered illegitimate and a terrorist regime like Hamas should be bolstered.

Hill's radical, pro-terrorist stance is not new. He previously argued that the kidnapping and murder of three Israeli children in 2014 was "not terrorism," but "resistance." He lamented the fact that Iron Dome, which protects Israeli citizens from being blown up by Hamas rockets, "takes away all of Hamas's military leverage." He advocated on behalf of convicted Palestinian terrorist Rasmeh Odeh. And he attacked as "offensive and counterproductive" the call by President Trump for Palestinians to reject hatred and terrorism.

Still, because Lamont Hill is a professor of "Media, Cities, and Solutions" at Temple University, and because he promotes himself as a

"leading intellectual," his radical bilge might, to some, have a veneer of authority. It should therefore be exposed for its dishonesty.

Hill begins his article by altering the timeline of the Gaza riots (protests, in his parlance) to wrongly suggest that they followed and were about the US embassy move to Jerusalem.

In fact, no one, including Palestinian news sources, disputes that the Palestinians' so-called "Great March of Return" began at the end of March, months before the embassy move. It was a weeks-long campaign, orchestrated by the US-designated terrorist group Hamas, among others, to storm Israel's border with the Gaza Strip. It was also intended to promote the Palestinian demand for the "right of return" for thousands of Palestinian refugees from the 1948 war and their millions of descendants, i.e. the elimination of the Jewish state through demographic means.

From this initial distortion follow more outrageous, false, or nonsensical assertions. Using the format of myths to be deconstructed, Hill denies the religious ideology that informs Arab Muslim enmity toward the Jewish state and presents a simplistic colonialist narrative in which Jews are colonizers of an indigenous Palestinian community.



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

This ignores the millenia-long historical Jewish presence in the land and takes as its starting point the subsequent Arab-Islamic conquest and colonization. It is this counter-intellectual, selective history that provides the basis for delegitimizing the Jewish state, rejecting any peaceful solution to the conflict based on compromise and sharing, and justifying Palestinian violence and terrorism.

Below are the seven "myths" that Hill purports to refute:

1. These people have been fighting forever.

Hill's first "myth" takes aim at a throwaway colloquialism without addressing any of the actual misapprehensions and issues associated with the Arab-Israeli conflict.

There is no dispute that the land was colonized by various peoples throughout its history, including conquests by the Romans, Byzantines, Muslims, Mamluks, and Ottomans, not to mention the Crusaders. Hill's observation that the most recent conflict arose after World War I (when the Ottoman colonialist empire was replaced) is a meaningless statement that adds nothing to the conversation and leaves readers scratching their heads at his illogical conclusion that such a claim reinforces prejudice against Arabs.

2. This is a religious conflict.

Hill's contention that the conflict "is not about religion" is notably ignorant, as it belies the claims of the Palestinians themselves.

Hamas, the Islamist terror group that governs Gaza, defines itself as a "Palestinian Islamic national liberation and resistance movement" whose "frame of reference is Islam." Its ultimate goal is "the liberation of Palestine"

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World News.

Arab Assailants Attack Jewish Teen Listening to Israeli Music in Berlin

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
JNS.org

Arab assailants attacked a German Jewish teenager who was listening to Israeli music on his mobile phone on Saturday at the Zoologischer Garten train station in western Berlin.

The attackers cursed the teen, identified only as a 17-year-old Berlin native called Jonathan, and threatened to kill him. When his non-Jewish friends came to his defense, they were hit by the attackers, and one sustained cuts to his face and hand from a broken bottle that required hospitalization.

"My friends and I were about to change trains," the teen told Israel Hayom. "We saw that we would have to wait a long time for the next train so we went to a nearby shop to buy bottles of beer. I was playing the song 'Tel Aviv, Ya Habibi, Tel Aviv' [a hit song by Israeli artist Omer Adam] on my phone when suddenly a group of young Arab men approached me, surrounded me and started yelling at me, 'Music in Hebrew? You've been murdering children for 70 years. Berlin is ours now and you won't listen to crappy Jewish music here.'"

Jonathan said he tried to calm his assailants, moving away from them and going down

into the underground station with some of his friends. But the Arab youths followed him and continued to make threats.

"If I had a knife I would finish you" and "if I ever see you again, you're dead" were among the threats he heard.

When Jonathan's friends tried to defend him, the assailants yelled at them, "You lousy Germans. You don't have a right to say anything," and began hitting and punching them, including with broken bottles.

The attack was caught on film by the train station's security cameras. The police were called to the area but arrived after the attackers fled.

According to Jonathan, the police initially did not take the incident seriously.



Demonstrators in Berlin carry a picture of Yasser Arafat in July 2014, protesting against the Israel Defense Forces' "Operation Protective Edge" in Gaza. Photo: Boris Niehaus via Wikimedia Commons.

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Even so, at the time Arafat launched his war of terrorism in September 2000, Palestinian income per capita was nearly double Syria's, more than four times that of Yemen, and 10% higher than Jordan's — one of the better-off Arab states. Only the oil-rich Gulf states and Lebanon were more affluent.

By the time of Arafat's death in November 2004, his terrorism war had slashed this income to a fraction of its earlier levels, with real GDP per capita some 35% below the pre-September 2000 level, unemployment more than double, and numerous Palestinians reduced to poverty and despondency. And while Israel's suppression of the terrorism war generated a steady recovery, with the years 2007-2011 even recording an average yearly growth above 8%, by mid-2014 a full blown recession had taken hold, especially in the Gaza Strip.

Indeed, apart from reflecting the West Bank's basic socioeconomic superiority vis-à-vis Gaza, the widening gap between the two areas during the Oslo years (the difference in per capita income shot up from 14% to 141%)

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Booted Out

out of concern that her latest incendiary attack on Israel would "overshadow" the event.

Addressing the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, a far-left organization, via a video link on Friday, Mallory described the creation of the Jewish state 70 years ago as a "human rights crime."

"It's clear you (sic) needed a place to go — cool, we got that, I hear that," Mallory said of the Jewish people in the wake of the Holocaust. "But you don't show up to somebody's home, needing a place to stay, and decide that you're going to throw them out and hurt the people who are on that land."

She continued: "And to kill, steal, and do whatever it is you're gonna do to take that land.

was a direct corollary of Hamas' transformation of the Strip into an unreconstructed terrorist entity, in contrast to the West Bank's relative tranquility in the post-intifada years.

This, in turn, means that so long as Gaza continues to be governed by Hamas, no Palestinian civil society, let alone a viable state, can develop. The creation of free and democratic societies in Germany and Japan after World War II necessitated a comprehensive socio-political and educational transformation. In the Gazan case as well, it will be only when the population sweeps its oppressive rulers from power, eradicates endemic violence from political and social life, and teaches the virtues of coexistence with Israel that the Strip can look forward to a better future.

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"That to me is unfair. It's a human rights crime."

A spokesperson for the summit in Melbourne said organizers were perturbed "both by comments Ms. Mallory made in recent days regarding Israeli-Palestinian affairs, and the capacity for these remarks to overshadow the Good Life Summit."

The spokesman added: "The Good Life Summit is about setting a positive vision for a fair and just Victoria. We don't want anything to detract from that vision."

Mallory was to be paid a speaker's fee for her speech, according to *The Australian*. Summit organizers would not comment on the amount or what she would now be paid.

The Anti-Defamation Commission, a leading Jewish group in Australia, welcomed the decision to dump Mallory from the parley.

Shin Bet Confirms it Thwarted Attempts on Life of Israel's Prime Minister, Jerusalem's Mayor



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat hold a press conference at the Mamila Hotel in Jerusalem on Feb. 23, 2015. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90.

BY JNS.ORG

Israel's Shin Bet security services revealed on Tuesday that they succeeded in thwarting an assassination attempt on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat in April.

Eastern Jerusalem Israeli Arab Muhammad Jamal Rashdeh from the Shuafat neighborhood was arrested on April 24 and two more suspects were arrested in the following weeks, but the Shin Bet would not identify them.

The Shin Bet accused Rashdeh of plotting with terror operatives from the Syrian-based, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP-GC) to murder Netanyahu and Barkat, and to target the US consulate in Jerusalem — which is now the US embassy — as well as a Canadian security delegation who were in Jerusalem to train Palestinian Authority security forces operating in Judea and Samaria.

Security officials said Rashdeh intended to bring another terrorist from Jordan, and had already begun gathering information on his targets.

Rashdeh has been arrested for terror-

related acts in the past.

"Our internal security agency is one of the best in the world," Barkat said in a statement. "Throughout their handling of this threat, I was updated and knew that the Shin Bet was in the picture and that the police were in the field. I could trust in them and sleep soundly and securely."

The PFLP-GC is responsible for multiple savage terror attacks. Perhaps its most famous involved the murder of nine Israeli school children and three adults in a school bus in 1970 on the road to Moshav Avivim. The terror group shot two rocket-propelled grenades at the bus and then continued to fire at the vehicle after it crashed, in one of its first terror attacks.

Also in 1970, the group detonated two-in-flight airliners. A Swissair flight to Tel Aviv killed 41 people, and an Austrian Airlines flight from Frankfurt to Tel Aviv, which managed to make an emergency landing.

In 1974, the group massacred 18 people, including nine children, in Kiryat Shemona during the Passover holiday.

The group went underground in the 1980s, but began operating again during the Syrian civil war.

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East were a concern, particularly for Israel's security. But she said talks and the nuclear agreement torn up by the United States offered ways of thwarting Iran's nuclear and

regional ambitions.

"We support Israel's right to security and have said this to Iran at all times," she said. "We have the same goal that Iran must never get a nuclear weapon and the difference between us is how to do that."

"Her consistent refusal to publicly denounce Louis Farrakhan ... meant that Ms. Mallory was not the right person to deliver a speech about inclusiveness, social justice and community," ADC chairman Dvir Abramovich said.

"We are glad that VCOSS (the summit organizers) understood that with her latest contemptible remarks about Israel, Ms. Mallory had sunk to a new low," he said.

Executive Council for Australian Jewry president Anton Block also denounced Mallory.

"Tamika Mallory's enthusiastic public praise for Louis Farrakhan, a notorious anti-Semite ... makes her a dubious choice to speak about inclusion and social justice," he said.

Mallory is a loyal supporter of the antisemitic Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

"Thank God this man is still alive and doing well ... Happy Birthday @louisfarrakhan!," she posted on Instagram in May last year, taking a picture with Farrakhan. In March this year, she pointedly refused to condemn Farrakhan after attending an NOI event where he claimed that Jews controlled the media, Hollywood, the FBI, most of Europe, and Mexico, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

The "white people running Mexico are Mexican-Jews," Farrakhan told the crowd.

The ADL has itself become a target for Mallory. In April, protests from Mallory over the ADL's links with Israel resulted in the Starbucks chain canceling the Jewish civil rights organization's participation in a racial sensitivity training program.

World News.



Argentine soccer legend Lionel Messi with Asael Shalbo (l), an Israeli, and Mohammad Roman (r), a Palestinian, after an FC Barcelona joint training session for Jewish and Arab youths at Tel Aviv's Bloomfield Stadium in August 2013. Photo: Reuters / Nir Elias.

'Burn Lionel Messi's Shirt!' Palestinian Soccer Chief Rajoub Targets Argentine Legend

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A top Palestinian leader touted as a possible successor to Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has urged soccer fans to burn photos and replica shirts of Lionel Messi, as the Argentine legend prepares for a pre-World Cup friendly against the Israeli national team in Jerusalem this Saturday.

Messi "is a big symbol so we are going to target him personally and we call on all to burn his picture and his shirt and to abandon him," a fuming Jibril Rajoub, the head of the Palestine Football Association (PFA), declared before reporters on Sunday.

"We still hope that Messi will not come," added Rajoub.

The match at the Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem is merely one of the several friendly fixtures which all 32 World Cup teams routinely play to warm up for the competition, which begins in Russia on June 14. But according to Rajoub, in an earlier letter to Claudio Tapia, the head of the Argentine FA, the "Israeli government has turned a regular sports match into a political tool. As was widely covered in Argentinian media, the match now is being played in order to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the State of Israel."

A former convicted terrorist released in a 1985 prisoner exchange between Israel and an extremist Palestinian faction, Rajoub has straddled the worlds of politics and sports for more than a decade. He also heads the PA's Supreme Council for Sport and Youth Affairs and is the chairman of the Palestinian Olympic Committee, in addition to his role with the Palestine FA. In the past, he served as a national security adviser to the late PLO leader Yasser Arafat, and was the head of the Palestinian security forces in the West Bank from 1994 until 2002.

Rajoub has long used his sporting affili-

ations to promote a boycott of Israeli athletes and to encourage terror against the Jewish state. In 2014, he violated the regulations of the International Olympic Committee, of which Israel is a member, by describing "normalization in sports with the Zionist enemy" as a "crime against humanity." The following year, he pursued a failed campaign to expel Israel from FIFA, world soccer's governing body.

A more recent effort to persuade FIFA to sanction six Israeli clubs based in the West Bank similarly failed after opposition from European soccer associations, causing Rajoub to opine that Palestinian soccer players were being made "scapegoats for what some European countries did against the Jews last century" — a reference to the Holocaust. And a damning report on Rajoub's activities issued by the Israeli NGO Palestinian Media Watch in 2016 emphasized his defiance of the "fundamental Olympic goal to use sports as a bridge to peace" by naming sporting competitions in honor of Palestinian terrorists.

"Permitting Rajoub to participate in activities related to the Olympic Committee, when he cheers Palestinian terrorists for murdering innocent Israeli civilians, brings disgrace on the International Olympic Committee, its members, and the 2016 Olympic Games," the PMW report stated.

Messi, meanwhile, has not commented on Rajoub's threats to hound him, but is unlikely to pull out of Saturday's match. The Argentine captain — whose dizzying achievements include four UEFA Champions League victories and nine Spanish league titles with Barcelona, along with four FIFA 'Ballon d'Or' Awards — last visited Israel in 2013. On that trip, billed as a "peace tour," Messi and his Barcelona side organized training sessions for young Israeli and Palestinian players, and also visited the Western Wall in Old City of Jerusalem and the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

The call for jihad to "protect Muslim Marc Lamont Hill grandiosely introduces himself on his personal web site as "one of the leading intellectual voices in the country." Needless to say, proclaiming yourself a "leading intellectual voice" suggests that you aren't. Real intellectuals do not have to announce this.

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Arson 'Kite' Victims to Receive Compensation From Palestinian Authority Funds

BY JNS.org

Israeli farmers whose crops have been destroyed by massive fires set by "terror kite" arsonists from Gaza will be compensated with funds withheld from the Palestinian Authority, as per a directive issued by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday.

Israel transfers tens of millions of dollars to the PA monthly, in customs duties on products headed for Palestinian-controlled territories, which are imported through Israeli ports. The prime minister instructed the National Security Council to withhold payments as to offset the cost to communities living on the border which have suffered damage to tens of thousands of acres of fields in the past month and a half, as well as the loss of a third of the Carmia Nature Reserve.

Netanyahu ordered the compensation plan as firefighters worked alongside local residents to battle blazes in the fields surrounding Kibbutz Nir Am, Kibbutz Or Haner and Kibbutz Be'eri.

Hundreds of flaming kites fitted with incendiaries have been flown into Israel in the past six weeks, with the intent of causing harm



Smoke rises from Israeli agricultural fields near the Gaza Strip border, after being set on fire by a molotov cocktail kite flown over by Palestinians as they protest by the border fence on May 14, 2018. Photo: Flash90.

and damage to local Israeli communities. A new drone system has been able to intercept just 500 of them. Damages to agriculture since March are estimated at \$1.4 million.

A newly proposed Knesset bill would similarly offset funds from the Palestinian Authority that are then paid out in a sophisticated payment scheme to terrorists currently sitting in Israeli jails, as well as to the families of terrorists killed in the act of attempted murder. Israeli officials argue that the terror payment scheme provides financial terror incentives that directly lead to the murder of Israelis.

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Ever since, both secular and religious Arab leaders have repeatedly turned to this mantra to incite anti-Jewish violence and jihad in the name of Islam, and have made it an essential component of the conflict. This is reinforced by the secular Palestinian Authority's repeated denial of Jewish historical and religious connection to the land, and its claims of Islamic dominance and history in place of the Jews.

3. It's very complicated.

Here, Hill presents a spurious propaganda claim that the Palestinians are "a people who have been expelled, murdered, robbed, imprisoned, and occupied" as an obvious truth. Hill makes no effort to support this falsehood with any actual facts, as if by reducing the complexity of the conflict to a "myth" and proclaiming a bogus propaganda claim to be the "very simple reality" of the conflict, he obviates any such intellectual requirement.

4. Palestinians keep turning down fair deals.

Hill predicates his refutation of this truth upon the ahistorical and biased notion that the Palestinians are the indigenous people and rightful heirs of the land, while Jews are foreign interlopers who stole their patrimony.

He thus negates the legitimacy of any Jewish state, dismissing the fact that Jews are

indigenous to the land since Biblical times, with an almost continuous Jewish presence there throughout the various conquests and over thousands of years. He also ignores the fact that the Palestinian inhabitants of the land include many whose ancestors migrated from nearby countries — Sinai, Trans-Jordan, and Syria — during the period of the British Mandate.

Instead, Hill discounts any Jewish claim to the land, contending that it would be "unfair" to expect Palestinians to compromise in any way with Israel or to share land.

The fact is that the Palestinians have refused at least three substantive offers of statehood, starting with the 1947 UN Partition Plan, Resolution 181, which proposed dividing the land of the British Mandate into two neighboring states: Jewish and Arab.

Arab leaders rejected that plan, and attempted instead to rid the region of a Jewish state by launching an illegal and brutal war that violated both the above-mentioned resolution and the UN Charter. Had they chosen to accept this plan, the Palestinians would have had an independent state as old as the modern State of Israel.

In 2000, the Palestinians had another opportunity to establish an independent state. President Bill Clinton held peace negotiations in Camp David between then-Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, in which he presented an extensive plan known as the Clinton Parameters that included Israeli turnover of land and withdrawal of Israeli military forces and inhabitants.

Despite the huge concessions that were demanded of Israel, its leader accepted the proposal. The Palestinian leader, however, rejected it without offering any counterproposal. Arafat chose instead to wage a terror campaign against Israeli civilians known as the second intifada.

Had Arafat accepted, the Palestinians would have had a contiguous state including the entire Gaza Strip, approximately 95% of the West Bank, and sovereignty over Arab areas of eastern Jerusalem. Jewish inhabitants would have been withdrawn from those areas and Palestinian refugees could have returned there.

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from "the river to the sea" and "to realize the promise of Allah, no matter how long it takes."

Article 9 of Hamas' governing charter calls for the region to "return [to its rightful owner]" and states that "from the top of its mosques, the [Muslim] call for prayer will ring out announcing the rise of the rule of Islam, so that people and things shall all return to their proper place." Hamas leaders publicly declare their intention to establish an Islamic caliphate in place of the Jewish state.

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U.S. News.

American Lawmakers Push for Recognition of Israeli Sovereignty Over Golan

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

An American plan to bring the US closer to recognizing the Golan Heights was laid out last week for Israeli and American officials in Washington.

The six-point plan, proposed by a group of American legislators and spearheaded by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), calls to implement trade agreements between the United States and Israel on the Golan Heights, and formulate a letter “recognizing the changes that have taken place on the ground,” similar to a document that US President George W. Bush presented to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon prior to the 2005 disengagement, acknowledging the existence of large Israeli settlement blocs in Judea and Samaria, and saying it would be “unrealistic” to expect Israel to fully withdraw.

Last week, another initiative to cement US recognition of the Golan Heights as Israeli territory, put forth by Rep. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.), was voted down by the House of Representatives.

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The Saudi Arabian ambassador to the US, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, had strongly encouraged Arafat to accept the offer, saying if he lost this opportunity it would be a “crime.” President Clinton, his negotiators, and Prince Bandar all blamed Arafat for rejecting the deal, with the Saudi prince saying that the Palestinian rejection of the plan “broke his heart.”

In 2008, an even more extensive statehood proposal was offered to the Palestinians following negotiations between Israeli leader Ehud Olmert and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas. Under this proposal, Jerusalem would have been divided between Israel and a Palestinian state, Israeli inhabitants in the West Bank would have been evacuated, including from the historic Jewish city of Hebron, and in exchange for Israel annexing some Israeli settlements, Palestinians would have been compensated with equivalent territory in pre-1967 Israel. The Palestinian leader, however, rejected the deal.

5. Palestinians don't want peace.

Hill employs this “myth” as an opportunity to express his radical support for Palestinian terrorism and violence. Arguing that this claim “castigates Palestinians for resisting their brutal occupation and repression,” Hill justifies the mass murder of Israeli civilians as the Palestinians’ “legal and moral right.” According to Hill, brutality is the domain of the Jews while Palestinian-perpetrated savagery is legitimate “resistance.”

6. Israel has a right to exist!

Hill declares that “no country has a right to exist, only people do,” and follows this by stating that the idea of such a right “reifies the nation-state, erasing its relatively new emergence as a political imaginary construct.”

Behind his pretentious jargon is Hill's intellectual dishonesty — as he denies the Jewish people's right to self-determination in their historic homeland, while in the same article lamenting that the Palestinians “have never been offered a deal that allows for a truly independent, fertile, sufficient, and secure state.”

Given that the Palestinians have always preconditioned their proposed state upon the expulsion of Jewish settlers, it is clear that any Palestinian state would preclude Jewish participation. It is equally clear that Hill employs a double standard about which people have the right to self-determination and statehood.

The definition of antisemitism, according to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), adopted by the European Union and endorsed by the US State Department, includes “denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination.”

7. You're antisemitic!

Hill pre-emptively dismisses charges of antisemitism as a “strategy” by the Zionist/Israel/Jewish lobby to muzzle legitimate criticism of Israel. It is the modus operandi of all those who delegitimize the Jewish state and deny Jews the right to self-determination.

But criticism of Israeli governmental policies or military actions is not the same thing as antisemitism. And charges of antisemitism by supporters of Israel are not generally levelled at those who merely criticize Israeli policies or leaders. They are aimed at those who demonize Israel with false accusations, defend and justify terrorism against Jews, and delegitimize the right of the Jewish state to exist, which is exactly what Hill is doing.

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The current plan includes six plans of action: channeling funds into joint Israeli-American projects on the Golan Heights; expanding US-Israeli agreements, such as the free trade agreement between the two nations, to apply to the Golan Heights and labeling products manufactured or grown on the Golan as “Made in Israel;” formulating a congressional document declaring that Syria will not return to the Israeli Golan Heights; sending congressional delegations to the Golan Heights; and formulating congressional documents that recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

Meanwhile, the US National Security Council issued a statement on Sunday insisting that “there has been no change to our position on the Golan Heights.”

The final document stating congressional recognition of the Golan as Israeli territory



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (second from left) is pictured during a security and defense tour of the strategic Golan Heights region, near Israel's northern border with Syria, in April 2016. Photo: Kobi Gideon/GPO.

has yet to be worded. One proposal for the wording suggests that it read: “In light of the changes that have taken place on the ground, including Iranian infiltration of Syria and Lebanon, it would be unrealistic to expect Israel to withdraw from the Golan Heights.”

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Opinion.

The Shameful Record of the Church and the Holocaust in Canada



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I'm sure that I was not the only one who watched the white supremacist rallies in Charlottesville, Virginia last summer — including the chanted slogan “Jews will not replace us” — and thought of an earlier time during the 1930s and '40s when fascism and antisemitism were in vogue.

As a reminder of that period, I reread the book *None Is Too Many* by Irving Abella and Harold Troper. First published in 1983, it documents efforts by the Canadian Civil Service to bar entry to European Jewish refugees trying to save themselves from the Holocaust.

The book's title, a reply by an unnamed bureaucrat to the question of how many Jews should be admitted to Canada after World War II, is no exaggeration. Few Jewish refugees were admitted to Canada during the immediate post-war period (1945-1948) and only 500 were admitted from 1939-1945, when the search for sanctuary was most desperate.

Abella and Troper make it clear that the civil servants involved were complying with the wishes of the political establishment, from Prime Minister Mackenzie King on down. Due to widespread antisemitism, there were no votes on admitting Jewish refugees to Canada and the frantic efforts of the leaders of the 175,000

member Jewish community were useless, even in exceptional cases related to family reunification or when affluent applicants offered to transfer substantial assets to Canada.

Yet one area not fully addressed by Abella and Troper is the role of the Canadian churches.

While individual representatives of the United Church and the Anglican Church lobbied the government for a more humane policy toward Jewish refugees, in general, the book says, “the churches remained silent.”

Some attention has been directed on to the antisemitism encouraged by the Catholic Church in Quebec in the 1930s and '40s, a topic more fully examined by Mordecai Richler in *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec* and Esther Delisle in *The Traitor and the Jew*.

An important and complementary book, Haim Genizi's *The Holocaust, Israel, and Canadian Protestant Churches* was published in 2002. Genizi, a professor of history at Bar Ilan University, uses primary sources and interviews to examine the response of various Protestant denominations in Canada to the Holocaust and the creation of Israel.

To Genizi, the Holocaust and the establishment of the Jewish state are linked, and the Christian response to both has been largely the same: apathy and even hostility.

The book is introduced by citing a traditional Christian belief that “the destruction of the Second Temple in Jerusalem in 70 CE and the subsequent Jewish exile was a divine

punishment for the crucifixion of Jesus” and “the Jewish people were destined to wither away and be replaced by Christians.”

In relation to the Holocaust, the evidence cited by Genizi, much of it dealing with the United Church (a 1925 merger of four Protestant denominations), is disturbing.

For example, the reverend of an important Toronto church writes in a December 1939 *Globe and Mail* piece that “The Jews' denial and crucifixion of Christ was the reason why God's curse rested on them and why they would continue to suffer even more.”

Moreover, “instead of confessing their sins, the Jews were expecting the World's sympathy.”

Quoting from a book by Davies and Nefsky titled *How Silent Were the Churches?*, Genizi writes that to Canada's church establishment, the Jews “were not worth rescuing.”

He goes on to note, as did Abella and Troper, that a number of ministers were active on the Canadian National Committee on Refugees, a non-sectarian group that tried to influence the Canadian government to accept Jewish refugees. However, in 1939 an editorial in the *New Outlook*, a United Church magazine, castigated the churches for their silence on the issue. Genizi cites a former United Church moderator who notes that “while many individuals stood out as exceptions, Canadian institutions, by and large, were silent.”

While the bulk of the book deals with the United Church, the largest Protestant denomination in Canada, smaller sections



Pope Francis walks through the main gate at Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland, July 29, 2016.
Photo: Reuters / Kacper Pempel / File.

refer to Anglicans, Presbyterians, and Baptists. In relation to the Holocaust, there is little to distinguish one group from another.

For example, Genizi notes that “some Presbyterian ministers ... stated that the Nazi persecution of the Jews was divine punishment for the Jews' refusal to accept redemption.”

While *None Is Too Many* has been published in multiple editions, has been reviewed by publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Economist*, and *The Washington Post*, and was the subject of a Canadian television program, the Genizi book has received very little attention in our community beyond reviews by Arnold Ages in the *Jewish Independent* and Richard Menkis in *American Jewish History*.

Today, in light of events such as Charlottesville and widespread reports of increased antisemitic incidents, it is appropriate to revisit the events that took place in Canada not all that long ago.

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Will the World Finally Turn Off the UNRWA Spigot?



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It's been a rough few months for UNRWA — the UN agency dedicated to providing care for more than five million Palestinians in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Gaza, and the West Bank. And the worst may be yet to come when UNRWA's principal donors meet in Amman in June.

According to sources close to events, the discussions may touch on the agency's future.

Portents of bad news arrived in December, with the results of Lebanon's first-ever census of Palestinian residents. The count showed the number of Palestinians living in Lebanon was only one third of the number on UNRWA's official rolls — 174,422 people instead of 449,987.

The discrepancy of 272,565 people who either never existed or relocated was waved away by UNRWA spokeswoman Huda Samra, who stated that UNRWA doesn't count anyway. “UNRWA does not have a headcount of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon,” she said. “What we have are official registration records for the number of registered Palestine refugees in Lebanon. If someone registered with UNRWA in Lebanon decided to live outside Lebanon, they don't notify us.”

Yet a drop of 66% in numbers has signifi-

cant implications for UNRWA's funding stream.

January also brought bad news for the organization. Because of long-held doubts about UNRWA activities — and what it was actually doing with foreign contributions — the US withheld half of the first tranche of aid that it was expected to deliver to the agency, releasing only \$60 million of an anticipated \$125 million.

The US is UNRWA's largest donor. Last year, it supplied \$360 million of UNRWA's \$1.2 billion yearly budget.

E.J. Kimball, director of the Israel Victory Campaign at the Middle East Forum, said that the Trump administration's position on foreign aid is, “If we're not getting the benefits that we want, then we should not be giving funds. This is opposed to ... previous administrations, which said, ‘Let's keep the status quo while we seek change.’”

It now appears that the US will not be supplying further funds to UNRWA this year.

The perennially cash-strapped agency undertook a well-rehearsed response: it hired a large New York City PR firm and launched a new fundraising effort called #DignityisPriceless to make up its anticipated \$500 million shortfall. Reports vary on the campaign's success, with one suggesting that only \$5 million in new money was actually collected. With 65 million new refugees worldwide in dire need, the Palestinian refugee issue — now 70 years old — is suffering from donor fatigue.

The issue is not whether aid should be offered to the needy — it should be. The first question is whether UNRWA, with its unique

mandate and lack of fiscal oversight, is the right agency to control it. And the second question is how many Palestinians can realistically be considered refugees.

At the same time the US announced it was withholding support, the European Union, the UK Parliament, and the Finnish government began ratcheting up the pressure to hold UNRWA-run schools accountable for promoting curricula that incite hatred against Jews and Israelis.

The EU went even further, writing legislation to make future funding to UNRWA contingent on the Palestinian education curriculum meeting standards of peace and tolerance.

The European action was taken in response to a study from IMPACT-se, an international NGO that analyzes educational materials. Explains IMPACT-se CEO Marcus Sheff, “We sat with ministers of state, senior government officials, and members of parliaments across Europe, and when we showed them the translated contents of the textbooks, I saw shock in their faces. The vast majority of people had no idea — and these people are paying the bills. One woman said, ‘I can't believe we are paying for this %\$#&.’”

April was the cruelest month for UNRWA, however, when members of the US Congress turned their own critical eyes on the agency.

On April 26, a General Accounting Office report on incitement in the PA curriculum was delivered to Senator James Risch (R-ID), but he was prevented from releasing it to the public. Apparently its conclusions were so incendiary that it was classified by the US Department of State.

Representative Doug Lamborn (R-CO) roundly criticized State's embargo of the study. “I am not surprised that this report was classified,” he said, “because various government officials have classified other important eye-opening documents about UNRWA's policies in the past.”

Lamborn was referring to the State Department's classification, just eight days earlier, of yet another study of UNRWA — its own report on the original number of refugees from Israel's 1948 War of Independence.

On April 18, Lamborn sent a letter to President Trump, co-signed by 50 additional members of Congress, requesting that the president declassify the State Department report, which determined “the approximate number of people who, in the past year, have received UNRWA services: (1) whose place of residence was Palestine between June 1946 and May 1948 and who were displaced by the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict; and (2) who are descendants of persons described in subparagraph (1).”

It is believed the total number of original refugees is 20,000-30,000, not the millions that UNRWA claims.

UNRWA was originally created as a temporary agency to offer relief to the 700,000 Palestinians who fled conflict zones in 1948. Successive changes to UNRWA's rules have since expanded its definition of Palestinian refugees to include ALL descendants of the original ones, including adopted children — even if they hold citizenship in other countries or live in the Palestinian-governed territories: the West Bank and Gaza.

How can a Palestinian be a refugee in his own future home?

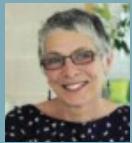
UNRWA's definition of a refugee is far more expansive than that recognized by the UN High Commissioner of Refugees (UNHCR), which cares for all the other refugees in the world besides the Palestinians. The US definition of who qualifies as refugees for admission to this country would not confer refugee status on most UNRWA recipients.

The ever-growing number of Palestinians refugees, estimated to reach 20 million by 2060, are almost completely supported by the

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Opinion.

Europe's About-Face on Israel



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A strange, startling, and deeply unfamiliar sound was heard this week. A Trump tweet imploding perhaps? Kim Jong-Un finally destroying his nuclear arsenal? A distant rumble from the Hawaii volcano?

No. It was the sound of the European Union and United Nations loudly supporting Israel against attack.

In the heaviest onslaught since 2014, southern Israel was attacked from Gaza this week by Islamic Jihad and Hamas forces launching dozens of rockets and mortars, as well as bursts of machine-gun fire. An Israeli kindergarten was hit, although no one was hurt. After Israel pummeled terrorist targets, Egypt brokered a truce.

What was striking is that the Israel-averse European Union, along with the United Nations, France, Italy, Germany, and Ireland criticized the Gaza attackers and expressed support for Israel.

France declared that its commitment to Israel's security was "unwavering."

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taxpayers of Europe and the US.

"Why weren't these individuals settled or offered citizenship where they have been living for 70 years?" asks Asaf Romirowsky, an author and historian of Arab Palestinian refugees.

"[The world has seen] millions and millions of refugees since World War II, and the only ones who are still not settled are Palestinians."

The answer is UNRWA, which is "the only internationally funded 'relief' organization that is run not only for, but by its clients," according to Romirowsky.

UNRWA's 30,000 employees are mostly Palestinians, and many are Hamas members. UNRWA has said it does not and will not discriminate against them.

UNRWA, a permanent bureaucracy that has not settled a single refugee, is designed to keep Palestinians stateless and dependent on charity. It also helps maintain the expectation, which comprises the golden thread of the PA educational system, that one day all Palestinians will return to the homes that their grandparents abandoned in 1948 — and thus overrun and destroy the Jewish state.

Yet even Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas has recognized that this is an illusory goal.

"On numbers of refugees," he has said, "it is illogical to ask Israel to take five million, or indeed one million. That would mean the end of Israel."

"In reality," says the Middle East Forum's Kimball, "UNRWA is abusing the human rights of the Palestinians by inflicting on them

Germany said the targeting of Israeli civilians was "malicious" and it was "Israel's right to preserve its security, defend its borders, and respond proportionately to attacks."

Yet two weeks earlier, when Israel defended itself against the attempt by Hamas to storm the Gaza border and murder Israeli civilians, those same European nations and the UN grossly misrepresented what happened as the killing of unarmed civilians in "peaceful protests" — even though the vast majority of those killed were terrorists.

So what's changed?

Well, first of all, the situation on the ground.

When Hamas began its weekly riots at the Gaza border fence, some took this as the sign of an inevitable escalation to all-out war. Yet on May 14 — the day of the heaviest onslaught that provoked the EU criticism — Hamas abruptly called off its invasion. Whatever the reason, the decision was taken to cool it.

Then suddenly, Islamic Jihad launched its missile onslaught aided and abetted by Hamas. It was clear that this did not enjoy wide support. Russia didn't want it. Egypt didn't want it. The Gulf states will tolerate nothing that gets in the way of their tacit alliance with the United States and Israel against Iran. Even Hamas reportedly got cold feet over the scale of the attack.

an identity of permanent victimhood through decades of statelessness."

In May, Switzerland's new Foreign Minister Ignazio Cassis appeared to agree. He told a Swiss newspaper that UNRWA was no longer part of the solution, but had become part of the problem.

He suggested in a press conference that the international community should focus on integrating Palestinian refugees into the countries in which they live and have lived for decades.

"By supporting UNRWA, we keep the conflict alive. It's a perverse logic," he said.

These criticisms may very well be taken up at the major donor's forum in June with an eye towards permanent change.

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Palestinian employees of UNRWA in Gaza City demonstrate against the US decision in Jan 2018 to cut contributions to the agency
Photo: Reuters/Mohammed Salem.

fault. If only you had let us stay in Egypt!" People who blame others have already begun down the road to "learned helplessness." They see themselves as powerless to change. They are the passive victims of forces beyond their control.

Applying cognitive behavioural therapy to the story of the spies lets us see how that ancient event might be relevant to us, here, now. It is very easy to fall into these and other forms of cognitive distortion, and the result

So who wanted it? Step forward the Islamic Republic of Iran, backers of Hamas and patrons of Islamic Jihad. And why did Iran want it? Because the regime is distinctly rattled.

America's withdrawal from the nuclear deal has thrown it into disarray. The United States is threatening to impose further sanctions. The Iranian rial is in free-fall. The recent speech by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo extended US policy way beyond curtailing Iran's nuclear activities.

Iran, he said, must stop supporting Hezbollah, Hamas, and Islamic Jihad, support disarming Shi'ite militias in Iraq, and withdraw from Syria. The United States would work to counteract Iran's cyber activities, and track down its operatives and proxies and "crush" them.

Israel is also now destroying more and more Iranian assets in Syria with US backing.

Moreover, a wedge is being driven between Russia and Iran. Russia needs stability in the region to safeguard its interests. The last thing it wants is for Israel to be drawn further into Syria. So Russia is trying to keep Iranian forces away from Israel's northern border and has said the Islamic Republic should pull its forces out of Syria once a political settlement is reached.

Galvanized by the new US-led dynamic, the Iranian people are continuing to revolt. There's now a Twitter hashtag in Farsi calling for regime change, as well as another that reads, "Thank you Pompeo." If this escalates, the Iranian people could possibly bring down the regime.

In the space of a few months, therefore, Iran has gone from being an unstoppable regional force to scrabbling to survive. So in desperation, it is playing two of its remaining cards.

The first was using its proxies in Gaza to unleash the missile barrage against southern Israel. The second is its urgent wooing of the European Union to persuade it to defy the American call to impose global sanctions.

At this moment, the European Union chose to back Israel against the Gaza missile barrage — the same European Union that all but ignored the missile barrages that led to the 2014 Gaza war in which, of course, it denounced Israel for finally defending itself.

When it came to the Gaza border riots, however, the European Union was not united in its condemnation of Israel. The Czech Republic's Foreign Minister Martin Stropnický said that rushing the security fence should be regarded as a form of terrorism.

Earlier, Hungary, Romania, and the Czech Republic blocked an EU statement condemning the US embassy move while other countries, including Slovakia, Greece, and Poland reportedly also expressed reservations. On Monday, European foreign ministers discussed Gaza at their monthly

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But the real reason for the EU's surprising change of tone is surely that the presence of Donald Trump has changed everything.

America backed Israel strongly over the Gaza riots. While eight EU members lined up at the United Nations to call on Israel to refrain from using "excessive force" against "peaceful protests," US Ambassador Nikki Haley said the violence came from those who rejected the existence of the State of Israel. "Such a motivation — the destruction of a United Nations member state — is so illegitimate as to not be worth our time in the Security Council, other than the time it takes to denounce it," she said.

Donald Trump has changed the EU's relations with the US. Meanwhile, Italy is politically imploding and threatening the whole EU project. The financier George Soros has said that the European Union is now facing an existential crisis.

Is the EU going to choose this moment to get up America's nose still further? Hardly. In my opinion, it was presumably anxious to demonstrate to Trump that, despite its earlier



The European Parliament's debating chamber during a plenary session in Strasbourg.
Photo: David Iliff.

sanitizing of Hamas as "unarmed protesters," it was really against Hamas after all.

If so, such declarations won't cut it. For the world has reached a tipping point and Iran is key. To avoid a truly terrible conflagration, the Iranian regime must be brought down.

Israel, the United States, the Gulf states, and the Iranian people are behind such a strategy. Astoundingly, Britain and the European Union stand with the regime against them. They must now decide if they will join the attempt to defeat the forces of evil or else suffer the consequences.

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often our feelings distort our perception. We see what we fear — and often what we think we see is not there at all. Hence Roosevelt's famous words in his first Inaugural Address — stunningly relevant to the story of the spies: "the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself — nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyses needed efforts to convert retreat into advance."

The blue thread in the *tzitzit*, says the Talmud (Sotah 17a), is there to remind us of the sea, the sky, and God's throne of glory. *Techelet*, the blue itself, was in the ancient world the mark of royalty. Thus the *tzitzit* as itself a form of cognitive behavioural therapy, saying: "Do not be afraid. God is with you. And do not give way to your emotions, because you are royalty: you are children of the King."

Hence the life-changing idea: never let negative emotions distort your perceptions. You are not a grasshopper. Those who oppose you are not giants. To see the world as it is, not as you are afraid it might be, let faith banish fear.

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not giants, not invulnerable. But they let their emotions substitute for thought.

A seventh is *blame*. We accuse someone else of being responsible for our predicament instead of accepting responsibility ourselves. This is what the people did in the wake of the spies' report. "They grumbled against Moses and Aaron" (Num. 14:1), as if to say, "It is all your

Impressions.

Why History Still Matters: The 1967 Six-Day War

BY DAVID HARRIS

Mention history, and it can trigger a roll of the eyes.

Add the Middle East to the equation, and folks might start running for the hills, unwilling to get caught up in the seemingly bottomless pit of details and disputes.

But without an understanding of what happened in the past, it's impossible to grasp where we are today. And where we are has profound relevance for the region and the world.

Fifty-one years ago this week, the Six-Day War broke out.

While some wars fade into obscurity, this one remains as relevant today as in 1967. Many of its core issues remain unresolved.

Politicians, diplomats, and journalists continue to grapple with the consequences of that war, but rarely consider, or perhaps are even unaware of the context. Yet without context, some critically important things may not make sense.

First, in June 1967, there was no state of Palestine. It didn't exist and never had. Its creation, proposed by the UN in 1947, was rejected by the Arab world because it also meant the establishment of a Jewish state alongside it.

Second, the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem were in Jordanian hands. Violating solemn agreements, Jordan denied Jews access to their holiest places in eastern Jerusalem. To make matters still worse, they desecrated and destroyed many of those sites.

Meanwhile, the Gaza Strip was under Egyptian control, with harsh military rule imposed on local residents. And the Golan Heights, which were regularly used to shell Israeli communities far below, belonged to Syria.

Third, the Arab world could have created a Palestinian state in the West Bank, eastern Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip any day of the week. They didn't. There wasn't even a discussion about it. And Arab leaders, who today profess such attachment to eastern Jerusalem, rarely if ever visited it. It was viewed as an Arab backwater.

Fourth, the 1967 boundary at the time of the war, so much in the news these days, was nothing more than an armistice line dating back to 1949 — familiarly known as the Green Line. That boundary was established after five Arab armies attacked Israel in 1948 with the aim of destroying the embryonic Jewish state. They failed.

Armistice lines were drawn after that war, but they weren't formal borders. They couldn't be. The Arab world, even in defeat, refused to recognize Israel's very right to exist.

Fifth, the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO), which supported the war effort, was established in 1964, three years before the 1967 conflict erupted. That's important, because it makes it clear that the PLO was created with the goal of obliterating Israel, not creating a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Remember that in 1964, the only "settlements" were Israel itself.

Sixth, in the weeks leading up to the Six-Day War, Egyptian and Syrian leaders repeatedly declared that war was coming and that their objective was to wipe Israel off the map. There was no ambiguity in their blood-curdling announcements. Twenty-two years

after the Holocaust, another enemy spoke about the extermination of Jews. The record is well-documented.

The record is equally clear that Israel, in the days leading up to the war, passed word to Jordan via the UN and United States urging Amman to stay out of any pending conflict. Jordan's King Hussein ignored the Israeli plea and tied his fate to Egypt and Syria. His forces were defeated by Israel and he lost control of the West Bank and eastern Jerusalem. He later acknowledged that he had made a terrible error in entering the war.

Seventh, Egypt's President Gamal Abdel Nasser demanded that UN peacekeeping forces in the area, which had been in place for the previous decade to

Since 1948, every time we've had something on the table, we say no. Then we say yes. When we say yes, it's not on the table anymore. Then we have to deal with something less. Isn't it about time to say yes?"

Today, there are those who wish to rewrite history.

They want the world to believe that there was once a Palestinian state. There was not.

They want the world to believe that there were fixed borders between that state and Israel. But there was only an armistice line between Israel and the Jordanian-controlled West Bank and eastern Jerusalem.

They want the world to believe that the 1967



The iconic photo taken at the Western Wall shortly after its liberation in 1967. Photo: David Rubinger / GPO.

prevent conflict, be removed. Shamefully, without even the courtesy of consulting Israel, the UN complied. That left no buffer between Arab armies and Israeli forces in a country two percent the size of Egypt and just nine miles wide at its narrowest point.

Eighth, Egypt blocked Israeli shipping lanes in the Red Sea, Israel's only maritime access to trading routes with Asia and Africa. This step was understandably regarded as an act of war by Jerusalem. The United States spoke about joining with other countries to break the blockade, but in the end, regrettably, the US did not act.

Ninth, France, which had been Israel's principal arms supplier, announced a ban on the sale of weapons on the eve of the war. That left Israel in potentially grave danger if a war were to drag on and require the resupply of arms. It was not until the next year that the US stepped into the breach and sold vital weapons systems to Israel.

And finally, after winning the war of self-defense, Israel hoped that its newly-acquired territories, seized from Egypt, Jordan, and Syria would be the basis for a land-for-peace accord. Feelers were sent out. The formal response came on September 1, 1967, when the Arab Summit Conference famously declared in Khartoum: "No peace, no recognition, no negotiations" with Israel.

More "no's" were to follow. Underscoring the point, in 2003 the Saudi Ambassador to the US was quoted in *The New Yorker* saying, "It broke my heart that [PLO leader] Arafat did not take the offer (of a two-state deal presented by Israel, with American support, in 2001).

war was a bellicose act by Israel. It was an act of self-defense in the face of blood-curdling threats to vanquish the Jewish state, not to mention the maritime blockade of the Straits of Tiran, the abrupt withdrawal of UN peacekeeping forces, and the redeployment of Egyptian and Syrian troops.

All wars have consequences. This one was no exception. But the aggressors have failed to take responsibility for the actions they instigated. They want the world to believe that post-1967 Israeli settlement-building is the key obstacle to peacemaking.

But the Six Day War is proof positive that the core issue is and always has been whether the Palestinians and larger Arab world accept the Jewish people's right to a state of their own. If so, all other contentious issues, however difficult, have possible solutions. But, alas, if not, then all bets are off.

These people want the world to believe that the Arab world had nothing against Jews per se, only Israel. Yet they trampled with abandon on sites of sacred meaning to the Jewish people. In other words, when it comes to the Arab-Israeli conflict, dismissing the past simply won't work.

Can history move forward? Absolutely. Israel's peace treaties with Egypt in 1979 and Jordan in 1994 prove this. At the same time, however, the lessons of the Six-Day War illustrate just how tough and tortuous the path can be, and are sobering reminders that, yes, history does matter.

David Harris is the CEO of the American Jewish Committee.

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

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

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

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: T-NANUET, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: L-MIDDLETOWN,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: G-HARRIMAN,LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Anderson registered agents 7014 13th Ave. STE 210 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 5/11/18/25; 6/1/8/15

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8F, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 8F, Plaintiff AGAINST Ety Salamon and Yehuda Salamon, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 14, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on June 21, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1152 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 5668, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$996,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 514510/2015. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 53340
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

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

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for the Holders of MASTR Adjustable Rate Mortgages Trust 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Earline Burnett, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/26/2016 and entered on 11/22/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 21, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 99 4th Avenue, Unit 2L, Brooklyn, NY 11217. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 937, LOT: 1003. Approximate amount of judgment is \$507,599.91 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject

to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506959/2014. Bernard Mitchell Alter, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff, vs. DEREK HEWITT, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on April 04, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on June 21, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 2809 Clarendon Road, Brooklyn, NY 11226. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 5172 and Lot 37. Approximate amount of judgment is \$759,173.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501526/2015. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Helene E. Blank, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 5/18/25; 6/1/8/

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (LLC) The name of the LLC is Prioritizing You, LLC. The Articles of Organization of the LLC were filed with the NY Secretary of State on March 5, 2018. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity. The office of the LLC is to be located in Kings County. The Secretary of State is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The

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

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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON (FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK), AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF MASTR ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-3; Plaintiff(s) vs. GREGORY H. DWECK; ROBYN E. DWECK; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524,

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845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about March 8, 2018, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. On June 28, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 601 HAMPTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11235-3709 Block: 08731 Lot: 0054 ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, Kings County, City of New York, designated as Lot Numbers 30 to 34 inclusive in Block 19 on Map of Manhattan Beach Estates, Inc., Supplement C., and filed June 28, 1909, as Number 1530D. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$2,197,412.38 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 501101/2015 Angelyn Johnson, Esq., Referee
AJ; 5/25; 6/1/8/15/

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

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 SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR DEUTSCHE ALT-B SECURITIES MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-AB4; Plaintiff(s) vs. EVELYN CHARLES; STEPHEN CHARLES; et al; Defendant(s) Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s): ROSICKI, ROSICKI & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 2 Summit Court, Suite 301, Fishkill, New York, 12524, 845.897.1600 Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale granted herein on or about April 16, 2018, I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201.

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Tradition.

Seeing What Isn't There



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

In Philadelphia there lives a gentle, gracious, grey-haired man, by now in his late-90s, whom Elaine and I have had the pleasure of meeting several times and who is one of the most lovely people we have ever known. Many people have reason to be thankful to him, because his work has transformed many lives, rescuing people from depression and other debilitating psychological states.

His name is Aaron T. Beck and he is the founder of one of the most effective forms of psychotherapy yet devised: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. He discovered it through his work at the depression research clinic he founded in the University of Pennsylvania. He began to detect a pattern among his patients. It had to do with the way they interpreted events. They did so in negative ways that were damaging to their self-respect, and fatalistic. It was as if they had thought themselves into a condition that one of Beck's most brilliant disciples, Martin Seligman, was later to call "learned helplessness." Essentially they kept telling themselves, "I am a failure. Nothing I try ever succeeds. I am useless. Things will never change."

They had these thoughts automatically. They were their default reaction to anything that went wrong in their lives. But Beck found that if they became conscious of these thoughts, saw how unjustified they were, and developed different and more realistic thought patterns, they could, in effect, cure themselves. This also turns out to be a revelatory way of understanding the key episode of our parsha, namely the story of the spies.

Recall what happened. Moses sent twelve men to spy out the land. The men were leaders, princes of their tribes, people of distinction. Yet ten of them came back with a demoralising report. The land, they said, is indeed good. It does flow with milk and honey. But the people are strong. The cities are large and well fortified. Caleb tried to calm the people. "We can do it." But the ten said that it could not be done. The people are stronger than we are. They are giants. We are grasshoppers.

And so the terrible event happened. The people lost heart. "If only," they said, "we had died in Egypt. Let us choose a leader and go back." God became angry. Moses pleaded for mercy. God relented, but insisted that none of that generation, with the sole exceptions of the two dissenting spies, Caleb and Joshua, would live to enter the land. The people would stay in the wilderness for forty years, and there they

would die. Their children would eventually inherit what might have been theirs had they only had faith.

Essential to understanding this passage is the fact that the report of the ten spies was utterly unfounded. Only much later, in the book of Joshua, when Joshua himself sent spies, did they learn from the woman who sheltered them, Rahab, what actually happened when the inhabitants of the land heard that the Israelites were coming:

"I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you ... As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of



us because of you." (Josh. 2:9-11)

The spies were terrified of the Canaanites, and entirely failed to realise that the Canaanites were terrified of them. How could they make such a profound mistake? For this we turn to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, and to some of the types of distorted thinking identified by Beck's student, David Burns.

One is *all-or-nothing thinking*. Everything is either black or white, good or bad, easy or impossible. That was the spies' verdict on the possibility of conquest. It couldn't be done. There was no room for shading, nuance, complexity. They could have said, "It will be difficult, we will need courage and skill, but with God's help we will prevail." But they did not. Their thinking was a polarised either/or.

Another is *negative filtering*. We discount the positives as being insignificant, and focus almost exclusively on the negatives. The spies began by noting the positives: "The land is good. Look at its fruit." Then came the "but": the long string of negatives, drowning out the good news and leaving an overwhelmingly negative impression.

A third is *catastrophising*, expecting disaster to strike, no matter what. That is what the people did when they said, "Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to let us die by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder."

A fourth is *mind-reading*. We assume we know what other people are thinking, when usually we are completely wrong because we are jumping to conclusions about them based on our own feelings, not theirs. That is what the spies did

when they said, "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and so we seemed to them." They had no way of knowing how they appeared to the people of the land, but they attributed to them, mistakenly, a sentiment based on their own subjective fears.

A fifth is *inability to disconfirm*. You reject any evidence or argument that might contradict your negative thoughts. The spies heard the counter-argument of Caleb but dismissed it. They had decided that any attempt to conquer the land would fail, and they were simply not open to any other interpretation of the facts.

A sixth is *emotional reasoning*: letting your feelings, rather than careful deliberation, dictate your thinking. A key example is the interpretation of the spies placed on the fact that the cities were "fortified and very large" (Num. 13:28), or "with walls up to the sky" (Deut. 1:28). They did not stop to think that people who need high city walls to protect them are in fact fearful. Had they stopped to think, they might have realised that the Canaanites were not confident,

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On July 5, 2018 at 2:30 pm. Premises known as 560 QUINCY STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11221-1811 Block: 1629 Lot: 12 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. As more particularly described in the judgment of foreclosure and sale. Sold subject to all of the terms and conditions contained in said judgment and terms of sale. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,091,573.31 plus interest and costs. INDEX NO. 550664/2013 AARON D. MASLOW, Esq., Referee
AJ; 6/1/8/15/22/

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. 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

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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 & Fenchel, 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 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

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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. Verdirame, 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 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

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Fauda creators Avi Issacharoff and Lior Raz. Photo: Alan Zeitlin.

‘Fauda’ Creators Talk BDS, Critics, and Whether There Will Ever Be Peace

BY ALAN ZEITLIN

When Lior Raz and A New Maroon 5 Music Video Features Gal Gadot and Pro-Palestinian Activist Who Slammed Her IDF Support vi Issacharoff pitched their TV series about an undercover Israeli unit that hunts Palestinians preparing to launch terror attacks, Israel’s *Keshet* network told them to write a comedy about the conflict instead.

Now, the creators of the hit series *Fauda* — who stuck to their guns — are having the last laugh. Speaking at the 92nd Street Y on the Upper East Side of Manhattan to promote the release of the show’s second season, they addressed their critics, including the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement’s call for *Netflix* to drop the show.

“But it was a kind of a good PR for us,” Issacharoff said.

The show, while fictional, pulls from the experiences of both Raz — who served in an undercover unit similar to the one on the show — and Issacharoff, a longtime journalist who spent a lot of time in Gaza and met with top Hamas officials.

Issacharoff said that much of the criticism he sees isn’t “about *Fauda* as a TV show,” but based on “a political issue with the State of Israel.”

Raz also addressed those who say that Palestinian writers should be added to the show, to give their perspective.

“I really want to tell ... all those critics who ask us to bring Palestinian writers, if Palestinians want to write a show, they should write a show,” Raz said.

Asked if there will be peace between Israelis and Palestinians — and if there could be a two-state solution — Raz said that he has hope, since Germany and Israel are now friendly nations.

Issacharoff said he is both pessimistic and optimistic.

“The two-state solution is irrelevant today,” he said. “It doesn’t really exist, and at the same time, there’s no

other solution, so I think that this is why we still hope that one day, there will be a two-state solution.”

In season one of the show, Doron makes it his mission to kill Abu Ahmed, a terrorist he thought that he previously killed. Hamas called the show propaganda. In season two, a terrorist named Nidal Al-Makdasi seeks revenge for the killing of his father, and winds up killing someone close to Doron, under the banner of ISIS. Issacharoff said that ISIS hasn’t yet commented on the show.

Some surprising details were also revealed.

For instance, Firas Nassar, who plays Al-Makdasi, has become a sex symbol in Israel; the second season was shot in only three months; and actress Laetitia Ido, who plays Shirin, spoke no Arabic and learned the words phonetically. In addition, Issacharoff said that he met the equivalent of a Palestinian FBI agent who was up around the clock and took ecstasy pills to stay awake.

Issacharoff said that the show is about creating captivating entertainment.

“The show is not about *hasbarah*,” he said. “Our mission wasn’t about improving Israel’s image in the world. Our aim was to bring a good TV show and bring the audience to look at the conflict from different perspectives.”

Raz will star in another *Netflix* show, have a small role in *Mary Magdalene*, and star as Mossad chief Isser Harel in *Operation Finale*, about the capture of Adolf Eichmann.

Issacharoff said that a top Israeli politician asked to be on the show, but they rejected his offer. And interestingly, though Yes — an Israeli channel — said “yes” to the show, some people feared that women would not watch. But a poll found that more women watched the show than men.

The takeaway is a simple one, he says: “What we were trying to show more than anything else is the price of the war on both sides.”

New Maroon 5 Music Video Features Gal Gadot and Pro-Palestinian Activist Who Slammed Her IDF Support

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

Israeli actress Gal Gadot is featured in a new Maroon 5 music video, along with a slew of other female celebrities, including a pro-Palestinian blogger and activist who dissed her earlier this year.

In the “Girls Like You” clip, which dropped on Thursday, Gadot dances and sings along to the tune’s lyrics, while another scene shows Amani Al-Khatahtbeh, also known by her blog name MuslimGirl.



Israeli actress and ‘Wonder Woman’ star Gal Gadot. Photo: Gage Skidmore via Wikimedia Commons.

In January, Al-Khatahtbeh refused to accept the Changemaker Award from the cosmetics giant Revlon because of its relationship with Gadot, who is a brand ambassador for the company. Al-Khatahtbeh said at the time, “As much as this means to me and I would love to be there to celebrate with you, I cannot accept this award from Revlon with Gal Gadot as the ambassador. Her vocal support of the Israeli Defense Forces’ actions in Palestine goes against MuslimGirl.com’s morals and values.”

Al-Khatahtbeh also voiced support for Palestinian teen Ahed Tamimi, who was arrested after she was filmed punching, slapping and kicking two IDF soldiers. She said about Gadot, “we can’t accept role models that support the oppression of women and girls in other parts of the world.” Al-Khatahtbeh later criticized the “Wonder Woman” star for not voicing support for Tamimi’s release in an open letter published on her blog.

Gadot has not commented on her cameo in the music video along with Al-Khatahtbeh, however she posted a clip of the video on Twitter that showed the activist and not the actress herself. Gadot wrote in the caption that she enjoyed being “in such good company.”

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