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## Israel Shoots Down Syrian Fighter Plane as Golan Frontier Heats Up



An IDF soldier looks into southern Syria from the Israeli side of the border. Photo: IDF via Wikimedia Commons.

**BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Israel launched Patriot missiles in what it described as a successful interception of a Syrian warplane that penetrated its airspace on Tuesday, but Damascus said the jet was fired on as it took part in operations against rebels on Syrian territory.

The incident took place over

the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau between the two old foes and whose Israeli side has been on high alert as Syrian government forces close in with Russian support to regain rebel-held ground.

For the second time in as many days, Israeli sirens sounded on the Golan and witnesses saw the contrails of two missiles flying skyward. The military said it fired Patriots at a Syrian Sukhoi jet "that infiltrated into Israeli airspace."

The warplane was "intercepted," the military said in a statement without elaborating. Israel's Army Radio said the Sukhoi was shot down, may have crashed on the Syrian side of the Golan, and that the pilot's condition was unclear. Syrian state media said, however, that a Syrian warplane had been "targeted" by Israel and hit while conducting raids in Syrian airspace.

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## Iran Dissidents Renew Calls for Overthrow of Tehran Regime

**BY BEN COHEN**

Thousands of opponents of Iran's Islamist regime have taken to social media in reaction to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's speech on Sunday declaring solidarity with the Iranian people.

Pompeo told an audience at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library in Simi Valley, CA., that in the light of recent anti-regime protests, along with "forty years of regime tyranny, I have a message for the people of Iran."

Pompeo continued: "The United States hears you; the United States supports you; the United States is with you."



People protest in Tehran, Iran, Dec. 30, 2017, in this picture obtained from social media. Photo: Reuters.

One Twitter user inside Iran responded by telling Pompeo, "We have a rich country and we are poor, we have tourist attractions and we are isolated."

"We are peaceful but we live under the shadow of war," the tweet continued. "We are not hostile to other countries, yet we are under sanctions. And finally, we do not have what we should have, and we do have what we should not have."

The tweet concluded: "The cause of all these troubles

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## Opinion.

# New York Times Loses It Over Israel's 'Incendiary' Nation-State Law



IRA STOLL  
BOSTON

Of the many virtues of the Israeli parliament passing a law declaring Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people, not least is the entertainment value of observing the *New York Times* in what I call full-fledged frothing freakout frenzy mode.

Actually, the front-page, above-the-fold, two-by-lines plus a photograph treatment that the *Times* gave the story has not only entertainment value, but educational value. It's an opportunity to observe the *Times* putting all of its worst biased techniques on display to attack Israel. Among those techniques:

1. **Adjectives and adverbs.** The law's passage itself is described by the *Times* as "incendiary," as if it is the equivalent of the arson kites Hamas is sending over the Gaza border fence. A clause in a draft version in the law is described by the *Times* not merely as "divisive" but as "highly divisive." The *Times* instinct for the superlative is almost Trump-like; the law's passage is said by the *Times* to demonstrate "the ascendancy of ultranationalists in Israel's government." What is the differ-

ence between an "ultranationalist" and a mere nationalist, the *Times* doesn't explain.

2. **Selective sourcing.** The *Times* article quotes nine responses to the law: Benjamin Netanyahu, Ahmad Tibi, Yael German, Dan Yakir, Adalah, Amor Fuchs, Rabbi Rick Jacobs, Avi Shilon, and Shakeeb Shnaan. Of these, Netanyahu is the only one in favor of the law. Since the law passed the Israeli parliament by a 62-55 vote with two abstentions, the *Times* doesn't come close to reflecting accurately the Israeli polity's views of the matter.

3. **Lack of links.** The *Times* online can't be bothered to include a hyperlink to the actual text of the Nation-State law, or even a sidebar with the brief full text of it, perhaps because if it did readers who think independently might be able to read it for themselves and conclude it is basically a statement of the obvious, not worth getting worked up about.

4. **Sweeping claims unsupported by facts.** The *Times* claims:

"Many North American Jews have grown increasingly alienated from Israel over the Netanyahu government's hawkishness and coercion by the strictly Orthodox state religious authorities. They remain angry nearly a year after Mr. Netanyahu reneged on an agreement to improve pluralistic

prayer arrangements at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, once a hallowed symbol of Jewish unity, and promoted a bill enshrining the Orthodox Chief Rabbinate's monopoly over conversions to Judaism in Israel."

The *Times* provides no evidence for these "many... increasingly alienated... remain angry" claims. In fact a 2017 American Jewish Committee poll found 72% of American Jews agreed that "caring about Israel is a very important part of my being a Jew." A 2018 poll found 70% agreed with that statement. If there are materially significant declines in American Jewish tourism to Israel or Israel-related philanthropy related to this supposed anger or alienation, they've gone largely unreported. Netanyahu's critics sometimes claim these things, but such claims deserve to be subjected to the same sort of critical, evidence-based analysis that the *Times* purports to apply to the claims of "ultranationalist" politicians.

5. Extreme comments. As usual in stories



New York Times Building Photo: alextorrengre

having to do with Israel, the reader comments section is a swamp, demonstrating the extreme anti-Israel audience that pays the *Times* reporters' salaries. One "reader pick," with "recommend" upvotes from 416 *Times* readers, describes Netanyahu's leadership as "perverse." Another, with 542 upvotes, advocates cutting all American aid to Israel: "It's time Israel has to go it alone. I am disgusted that a people who were once the subject of persecution worldwide could so easily turn around to become the persecutor." A comment describing the Israeli law as "racist" was awarded a "NYT Pick" gold medal by *Times* moderators.



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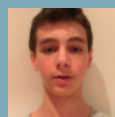
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## What Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Means for Israel



NOAH PHILLIPS  
NEW YORK

With her primary-election upset over incumbent Democratic Congressman Joe Crowley, 28-year-old Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is the emerging face of millennial politics and an ardent proponent of modern socialist ideology. While she certainly has mobilized her supporters effectively, Cortez's campaign was marred by her blatant lack of any knowledge of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and her unseemly outspokenness on its intricacies.

Over the course of her campaign to unseat Crowley, Cortez railed against the actions of the Israeli government; yet in her July 13 interview on PBS's *Firing Line* — where she referred to "the occupation of Palestine," the settlements, and drew vague comparisons between Israel and Ferguson, Missouri — Cortez's criticism culminated with five words: "I am not the expert."

Cortez was neither pressed nor challenged on her views of the conflict by host Margaret Hoover, but rather was asked to "expand" on her beliefs. She's committed the anti-Israel playbook to memory — which was on full display during the interview — liberally claiming "occupation" and "massacre" (in a tweet) without comprehension of what she's spouting: hyper-partisan language that deliberately denies fact. And while Cortez

is certainly apt at dishing out this rhetoric with the adroitness of a seasoned politician, during the interview, she often followed her unsubstantiated assertions with a sequence of uh's and oh's. She was looking for a way to legitimize her ideas without factual evidence to support it.

All in all, the greatest grievance against Cortez is her enduring stubbornness. Throughout her campaign, she easily could have remained silent on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict due to insufficient research, but rather, she has taken a side in the conflict without truly understanding it. Politicians cannot be blamed for not being savvy in every area of expertise, but they can be faulted for expressing a highly controversial and largely unjust opinion in such circumstances.

What's more troubling is how Cortez is idolized by a sizable portion of young people, and how she appears to be on the fast-track to become a major fixture in the Democratic party after unseating the Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and the long-term, well-



Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, who led a surprise upset of Rep. Joe Crowley (D-N.Y.) in a Democratic party primary on June 27, 2018. Photo: Facebook

respected politician Crowley. Her socialist views and young age bind her to the up-and-coming left-wing generation of voters. To have Cortez's language on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict normalized among her base is particularly unnerving, regardless of whether or not there are facts to back up her claims. Why? Because they will be taken as truths nonetheless.

Cortez, unfortunately, is a part of a growing trend of partisanship and far-leftism among the Democratic Party, a struggle in which support for Israel is caught in the crosshairs.

After her interview with Margaret Hoover, Cortez appeared on *Democracy Now!* hosted by Amy Goodman, where she, according to *The Jerusalem Post*, "took a neutral stance on the two-state solution" rather than outright stating her recognition of Israel's legitimacy and right to exist — a stance she had previously adopted.

The "partisanization" of Israel-related issues over recent decades is undeniable. While there exist notable exceptions to this trend — Chuck Schumer, Jerry Nadler, and some others — Democratic politicians know what vernacular on the conflict is socially acceptable among their supporters and what isn't. Such partisanship has permeated the highest ranks of the Democratic party: Bernie Sanders — who is currently campaigning with Cortez — took to Twitter in April to pledge his support for the Gaza protesters, while disregarding the violent actions of many protesters and the significant role played by internationally-recognized terrorist organizations.

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## World News.

# Jewish Labour Party Veteran in UK Stands by Antisemitism Accusation Against Jeremy Corbyn

BY BEN COHEN

The veteran Jewish parliamentarian who accused UK Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn of being an “antisemitic racist” has defended her comments in an interview with the BBC’s flagship news show.

In an interview with *BBC Radio*’s morning program *Today*, Dame Margaret Hodge — a Labour MP — said she stood by the criticism and that Corbyn should be judged on his actions and not his words.

Hodge said that Corbyn’s approach to the antisemitism that has engulfed Labour since he became party leader in 2015 reminded her of someone who prefaces a racist remark with the words, “I’m not a racist, but...”

“He is the leader of the Labour Party, accountability rests with him,” Hodge said. “You can carry on saying you are not antisemitic but it’s by his actions that he has to be judged.”

Corbyn’s latest damaging row with British Jews concerns Labour’s refusal to fully adopt the definition of antisemitism drawn up by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). The definition has been adopted as a foundation for policy and practical action by numerous organizations globally and in Britain — including the UK and Scottish governments, the Welsh Assembly, the Crown Prosecution Service, the College of Policing, the National Union of Students, and more than 120 local authorities.

Labour is concerned that pro-Palestinian activists who compare Israeli behavior with that of the Nazis, or who argue that Jews are more loyal to Israel than the UK, would be deemed antisemitic under the terms of the definition.

Hodge said in her *BBC* interview she had faced abuse on social media since her row with

Corbyn. “I have been called a ‘Zionist bitch’ and told I was ‘under orders of my paymaster in Israel,’” she said.

Hodge condemned Corbyn’s immediate resort to disciplinary action against her — a stance that has also drawn criticism from other senior party figures, who pointed to Hodge’s long record of service to the Labour Party and her resounding defeat of a far-right candidate in the parliamentary constituency she represents.

“Within 12 hours of my talking to Jeremy Corbyn face to face, I received a disciplinary letter,” Hodge said. “Think how long it has taken for the Labour party to respond to any allegations of antisemitism. I am not even sure they have responded to terrible words posted online about me, accusing me of horrific things.”

Even UK news outlets normally sympathetic to Corbyn have balked at his attitude toward the Jewish community, with an editorial in *The Independent* arguing that the scandal over the IHRA definition could backfire



MP Margaret Hodge. Photo: BBC News.

on Labour as it prepared for a possible snap election caused by the ongoing Brexit crisis.

“The Labour leadership would be wrong to view this issue as merely one which impacts upon the Jewish vote,” *The Independent* said. “The party’s woeful mishandling of it sends a damaging signal to many others whose support Labour will need if it is to win power.”

During his speech, Pompeo argued that the “regime’s decision to prioritize an ideological agenda over the welfare of the Iranian people has put Iran into a long-term economic tailspin.”

“During the time of the [2015] nuclear deal, Iran’s increased oil revenues could have gone to improving the lives of the Iranian people,” the secretary of state said. “Instead they went to terrorists, dictators, and proxy militias. Today, thanks to regime subsidies, the average Hezbollah combatant makes two to three times what an Iranian firefighter makes on the streets of Iran.”

Pompeo added that “a third of Iranian youth are unemployed, and a third of Iranians now live below the poverty line.”

Pompeo’s comments in California left little doubt that he personally regarded the Tehran regime as beyond reform. Yet he did hold out the prospects of bilateral talks nonetheless, and stopped short of calling for regime change.

“Our hope is that ultimately the regime will make meaningful changes in its behavior both inside of Iran and globally,” Pompeo said. “As President Trump has said, we’re

# UN Peacekeeping Body in Southern Lebanon, Set for New Commander to Take Charge



The Israel-Lebanon border area. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The UN peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon will soon have a new commander.

On Aug. 7, Italian Maj. Gen. Stefano Del Col will replace Irish Maj. Gen. Michael Beary, who has served in the role since the summer of 2016.

Recent UNIFIL commanders have all served terms of 2-3 years.

In March, Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon told *The Algemeiner* that UNIFIL “must do more” to thwart Hezbollah’s armament efforts.

“All too often they do not report on the full extent of the dangerous buildup of missiles and rockets in southern Lebanon,” Danon said of UNIFIL. “The fact is that despite the presence of UNIFIL, Hezbollah today is stronger than ever.”

Last September, in an *Algemeiner* op-ed, US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley hailed changes made to UNIFIL’s mandate meant to bolster its ability to carry out its mission.

The “status quo with UNIFIL was unacceptable, so the United States refused to accept it,” she wrote.

“For the United States, this is a time for strength, resolve, and accountability at the United Nations,” Haley declared. “That’s what our effort at strengthening UNIFIL was all about.”

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“The Israeli enemy confirms its support for the armed terrorist groups and targets one of our warplanes, which was striking their groups in the area of Saida on the edge of the Yarmouk Basin in Syrian airspace,” the official news agency SANA quoted a military source as saying.

The Israeli military statement said the Syrian plane had crossed two kilometers (one mile) into the Israeli side of the Golan, but appeared to acknowledge that its mission was related to the civil war next door.

“Since morning hours, there has been an increase in the internal fighting in Syria, including an increase in the activity of the Syrian Air Force,” the statement said.

willing to talk with the regime in Iran, but relief from American pressure will come only

On Sunday, former Israeli UN envoy Ron Prosor asserted that Del Col would have “difficult task of rebuilding the UN force in Lebanon, after Beary lost any credibility UNIFIL could have had, by turning a blind eye to Hezbollah’s illegal operations” in southern Lebanon.

“Now the burden of proof is on Major General Del Col,” Prosor stated. “There’s nothing I want more than to see him succeed in his mission, and if he does I’ll be the first to applaud him, as his success can help keep peace and order in the Middle East and beyond. However, if he follows in Beary’s footsteps, I will not rest until he changes his ways. UNIFIL has a vital role to play here, and it’s up to the force commander to implement and fulfill its mandate.”

The Israel-Lebanon border has remained largely quiet since the summer of 2006, when the Israel Defense Forces fought a 33-day-long war against Iran-backed Hezbollah — a conflict which resulted in the passage of UN Security Council Resolution 1701.

Earlier this year, UNIFIL marked the 40th anniversary of its establishment following Operation Litani — a one-week offensive the IDF conducted in March 1978 against the Palestine Liberation Organization, when was then based in southern Lebanon.

It said Israel would “continue to operate against” any breach of a 1974 UN armistice deal that established buffer zones on the Golan.

Israel worries that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad might try to defy the demilitarization regime or allow his Iranian and Lebanese Hezbollah reinforcements to deploy near the Golan.

The intensifying Israeli-Syrian tensions have prompted intercession by Moscow, which sent its top diplomat and top general on Monday for talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Israeli officials said Netanyahu rebuffed as insufficient a Russian offer to keep Iranian forces 100 kilometers (62 miles) from the Golan lines.

when we see tangible, demonstrated, and sustained shifts in Tehran’s policies.”

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**Iran Dissidents**

is the Islamic Republic.” Data gathered on Monday by *Algemeiner* contributor Kaveh Taheri — a former political prisoner in Iran now living in Turkey with refugee status — showed that at least 460,000 tweets carrying the hashtag #IslamicRegimeMustGo were posted in the hours following Pompeo’s speech. Most of the tweets were written in Farsi, and came from users inside Iran, Taheri said.

Many of the tweets referenced Pompeo’s observation that “the level of corruption and wealth among Iranian leaders shows that Iran is run by something that resembles the mafia more than a government.”

“When we say #IslamicRegimeMustGo, we mean all Mullahs, their relatives, their lobbyists and apologists, kleptocrats must go,” declared one Twitter user. “We only can rebuild our country and breathe if all those bloodsuckers go.”

Several tweets openly demanded regime change. “The regime of the Islamic Republic has proved in these years that it is not reformable, so there is no other way but regime change,” one user asserted.

## World News.



Israeli Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon (left) and Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on April 3, 2017. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90.

## Moody's Affirms Israel's A1 Credit Rating, Gives Economy Positive Outlook

BY JNS.org

Global ratings agency Moody's has changed Israel's outlook to "positive" from "stable" and affirmed its A1 credit rating.

Moody's report, issued on Friday, noted the improved economic and diplomatic ties with the moderate Arab states and says the agency may upgrade Israel's credit rating again in the near future. The report said it upgraded Israel's economic outlook to "positive" because of its solid fiscal performance and economic resilience.

Moody's further noted that affirming Israel's credit rating at A1 reflects its ability to balance a dynamic fiscal environment and a strong institutional framework against long-term structural changes in the labor market

and ongoing geo-political risks.

Finance Minister Moshe Kahlon welcomed the report's findings, saying it was "even more proof that Israel's economy is stable and robust."

Kahlon announced that "today, Israel's economy has presented the best macro data since the country was founded—the lowest unemployment rate, solid growth, a decrease in debt-to-GDP ratio and the highest credit rating ever."

Finance Ministry Accountant General Rony Hizkiyahu also welcomed the findings, saying, "raising Israel's rating outlook for the second time in a year reflects our strong fiscal performance and underscores the importance of pursuing a policy that encourages growth while reducing the debt load."

## US Jewish Groups Express 'Outrage' Over Police Inquiry of Masorti Rabbi in Israel

BY JNS.org

American Jewish groups have expressed anger and concern after learning that Israeli police detained and questioned a Conservative rabbi for officiating a wedding in the Jewish state.

Officers in Haifa arrived at the home of Conservative (Masorti) Rabbi Dov Haiyun at 5:30 a.m. on Thursday and took him in for questioning at the local police station for performing a Jewish wedding, which is the sole authority of the Chief Rabbinate in Israel.

The rabbi has performed weddings for years for couples wanting to marry under the auspices of the Conservative (Masorti) movement. He leads the Masorti Moriah Synagogue in Haifa.

In 2015, a new law was passed in Israel making it a crime for anyone to perform a wedding ceremony without registering it with the Chief Rabbinate, punishable by up to two years in prison.

Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit instructed police to end the inquiry later that day. It seems to have been the first time that police have acted on the relatively new law.

Major US Jewish groups spoke out immediately, calling the incident "outrageous."

"Today's actions against Rabbi Haiyun mark a new and dangerous step in the ongoing attack on religious freedom and civil liberties in Israel," read a statement released on Thursday from the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, which expressed "outrage" over the move.

of awareness on the conflict, it served as a wake-up call to viewers and pro-Israel activists that we must go on the offensive to counter these claims.

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Ocasio-Cortez

With Democrats poised to dominate Congress in the midterm elections this November — including Cortez, the clear front-runner in her district — it's incredibly dangerous and damaging to have untrue statements being taken as fact by policy-makers. While Cortez's PBS interview was a high-profile instance of Democratic lack

## Educational Outlets Launch Project to Amass Testimonies of Jews From the Mizrach

BY JNS.org

The San Francisco Bay Area nonprofit JIMENA (Jews Indigenous to the Middle East and North Africa) has announced a new partnership program with Israel's Ministry of Social Equality (MSE), Beit Hatfutsot: The Museum of Jewish Peoplehood and Ben-Gurion University (BGU) of the Negev to produce a comprehensive collection of oral-history testimonies of Jews from Iran and Arab countries.

Beginning in 2010, JIMENA launched an oral-history program in California to record and preserve the memories of Jews born in the Arab world and Iran. Inspired and guided by Steven Spielberg's Shoah Foundation Institute, the project gives former Mizrahi and Sephardic refugees an opportunity to preserve their personal histories and rich traditions in the countries their ancestors lived for more than 2,500 years. Witnesses document their stories of positive memories, as well as human-rights abuses, displacement and integration in new societies.

As an outgrowth of that project, JIMENA and BGU launched a partnership in 2012 to ensure that the collection of testimonies is shared with scholars and preserved in perpetuity. Graduate students at the BGU Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism transcribed, catalogued and added the collection to the university's archives, where it now resides.

As part of Israel's 2014 legislation to advance the heritage of Jews from Arab countries and Iran, Israel's Ministry of Social Equality allocated \$2.6 million to launch a national initiative to collect video-recorded testimonies of Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews. JIMENA and MSE pledged resources and support to train BGU students to collect testimonies, to add to Israel's National Collection and JIMENA's oral-history collection at the university.

Dr. Adi Portugez, director of infrastructure information systems at BGU's Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism, notes that "this new collection will provide a new database" so that "scholars will be able to study Mizrahi communities from the ground up."

Part of the new legislation stipulates that the history and culture of these communities must be more broadly integrated into the Israeli education system. As a result, Beit



A Yemenite family walks through the desert to a reception camp set up by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee near Aden, Nov. 1, 1949. Photo: Zoltan Kluger/Wikimedia Commons.

Hatfutsot is working with the MSE's National Project for Documentation of the Heritage of Jewish Communities in Arab Countries and Iran to develop a mobile app for Israeli students to accumulate video-recorded testimonies of Sephardic and Mizrahi Jews. Each new testimony will be added to Israel's National Collection.

The new oral-history app will be translated to English so students in the United States can help gather and add testimonies to Israel's National Collection. JIMENA will integrate the app into its "Journey to the Mizrah" curriculum, which is being digitally distributed this summer to Jewish day schools throughout North America.

Sarah Levin, executive director of JIMENA, said "this innovative approach to oral history educates and enables a young, digitally connected generation of Jews to add the authentic voices of Jews from Arab countries and Iran to the historical record of Jewish life in the 20th century."

## Syrian Missiles Send Israelis to Shelters, David's Sling Activated for First Time

BY JNS.org

Two David's Sling interceptor missiles were fired at rockets launched from Syria on Monday morning, the first known operational use of the new state-of-the-art Israeli missile defense system.

Syrian rockets that appeared to be heading towards northern Israel triggered alarm systems, sending residents in the Upper Galilee—and then just minutes later in the Golan Heights—scrambling for bomb shelters.

Ultimately, the Syrian rockets did not reach Israeli airspace and were found to be part of internal fighting that is still ongoing in southern Syria.

Israeli fighter jets were also reportedly rushed to the area, though the reports were

unconfirmed by military officials.

Northern residents of the Jewish state reported seeing trails of smoke from the David's Sling missiles and said they heard explosions.



A David's Sling system test in December 2015. Photo: United States Missile Defense Agency.

U.S. News.

# Stanford University Residential Assistant Threatens to 'Physically Fight Zionists on Campus'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An undergraduate student at Stanford University in California has expressed a desire to assault peers who support the Jewish nation's right to self-determination, drawing criticism from some groups on campus.

Hamzeh Daoud, a rising junior, threatened in a Facebook post on Friday to "physically fight zionists on campus next year if someone comes at me with their 'israel is a democracy' bullshit. :)"

"[And] after i abolish your ass i'll go ahead and work every day for the rest of my life to abolish your petty ass ethnosupremacist settler-colonial state," he wrote.

Daoud — a member of Stanford Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) who will work as a residential assistant at the Norcliffe undergraduate dormitory this fall, and who served as a student senator during the 2017-18 academic year — also linked to an opinion piece published by the liberal Israeli daily Haaretz, claiming that recent legislation passed by the Knesset enshrining Israel as a Jewish nation-state discriminated against minorities.

Almost four hours after originally publishing his statement, Daoud amended it by replacing "physically" with "intellectually," and adding, "I edited this post because I realize intellectually beating zionists is the only way to go. Physical fighting is never an answer to when trying to prove people wrong."

His comments were nonetheless criticized on Saturday by the Stanford College Republicans (SCR), which said it was "disgusted" by Daoud's threat of violence "toward pro-Israel students."

"Threatening to assault other students who hold a different point of view is anathema to a free society and any kind of education, let alone the operation of the premier research university in the world," the group wrote on Facebook.

It urged Stanford administration to terminate Daoud's RA position, saying his "statements reveal him to be a danger to the safety of students on Stanford's campus, and such an individual should never be put in any position of authority over other students, particularly in a dormitory that includes freshmen."

SCR also called it "unsurprising that a member of SJP, an organization with financial ties to terrorist affiliates, would issue a call to violence against pro-Israel students."

The post drew both condemnation and defense of Daoud, with Courtney Cooperman — a member of the Jewish Students Association board — saying she was "disgusted, although unsurprised, by [SCR's] petty bullshit."

"Pro-Israel students don't need you picking on and calling out other members of the Stanford community," she argued. "Please message me if you'd like some ideas for productively advancing the campus conversation on Israel in a way that does not involve slandering my friends."

In a separate comment, SJP President Jordi Arnau accused SCR of lacking sensitivity, noting that Daoud "changed the post before your publication because he found a better way to word his thoughts, but you deliberately ignored his correction to 'intellectually fight' because all you want is for him to get harassed."

He suggested that Daoud's "unfortunate wording" was likely prompted by "the uncontainable anger" he felt in response to news of Israel's nation-state bill.

Another user, Chris Cashion, asserted that it was important to hold anyone — "especially one holding a position of campus authority" — accountable when they make physical threats.

"If I were a Jewish parent and knew my child was in the dorm under Mr. Daoud's responsibility I would have a hard time trusting that his extreme bias would not undermine his judgment," he wrote. "I believe this post is accurate in calling for disciplinary action, if not expulsion."

The Stanford Israel Association likewise chimed in on Sunday by denouncing Daoud's "threat of violence against all members of our organization and a significant portion of the Stanford community."

"We call on the University to take appropriate action to ensure that they are creating a safe environment in which all students are free to pursue their education and express their opinions without the threat of physical assault," the group stated.

Daoud told the student-run Stanford Daily that he "took to Facebook to share my pain" over the new Israeli

law. "I apologize if I made anyone feel unsafe," he wrote in a second email. "That was not the intent and will never be an intent of mine at all."

Despite expressing regret for his initial comments, he said he should not be subject to penalties.

"Having consequences [for] a Muslim, third-generation Palestinian refugee [who] has been constantly called a terrorist by multiple members of SCR, guests of SCR on campus and other students, is rather shameful," Daoud argued.

A spokesperson for the university told the Daily that the administration was aware of and "following up" on the post.



The main quadrangle at Stanford University. Photo: King of Hearts / Wikimedia Commons.

"Stanford is committed to free expression of ideas and a culture of inclusion where all members of the university community can feel safe," the spokesperson said.

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## Opinion.

## Natalie Portman and the Holocaust

SHMULEY BOTEACH  
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This past Friday, my family and I traveled to the small French town of Izieu. Here, on April 6, 1944, the Gestapo — under the command of Klaus Barbie, the Butcher of Lyon — raided an orphanage where 44 Jewish children had found refuge. The terrified children were deported to Auschwitz, where they were gassed immediately upon arrival. The place is sacred to our family as two of the children, Paula and Marcel Mermelstein, aged 10 and 7, were the children of my wife's great uncle Max.

The horror of being at the site of such a brutal mass murder shook us to our core.

Enter Natalie Portman, who last week was back in Jewish headlines. She made a video for PETA in which she compared the human slaughter of animals to the Nazi annihilation of human beings. To be fair to Portman, she was quoting Isaac Bashevis

Singer, the Nobel Laureate, who once wrote, "We do to God's creatures what the Nazis did to us." Singer escaped the Holocaust, which in some circles gives credence to his statements. Still, Portman's presumption that she, who unlike Singer never faced Hitler's henchmen, could make such a comparison is disgusting and shocking.

By now, I have to ask, "What is Natalie Portman really up to?" Her attacks on Israel are bad enough. But Portman's trivialization of the Holocaust is an entirely new phase in her increasingly bizarre career.

To be sure, she has every right to be a vegan or vegetarian. Indeed, in the Torah, God did not originally allow Adam and Eve to consume animal flesh or take animal life. It was a concession given to Noah and his descendants.

Some commentaries say that because Noah saved the lives of animals, he was therefore allowed to take the lives of those same animals. Moreover, with the decimation of all vegetation after the flood, there was nothing left to eat. So Noah's family had no choice but to eat animal flesh, and God's concession has remained in force, albeit with strong laws that

govern which animals we are allowed to eat and in what way. But these Biblical commentaries maintain that vegetarianism and veganism is a holier way to live than being an omnivore, and that when the Messiah comes, we will all return to a vegetable diet.

But what does any of this have to do with the Holocaust? Why is Portman making the argument that gassing 1.5 million Jewish children is the same as slaughtering chickens?

And hiding behind Isaac Bashevis Singer won't cut it. There is a certain latitude granted to those who suffered through and survived the Holocaust that the rest of us do not possess. Singer lost two brothers during the war. He was angry at God for the terrible suffering that his family endured. We do not know if he ever forgave God.

Portman knows that what she's doing is provocative. She also likely knows that her comparison to the Holocaust will completely overshadow any message about animal rights, thereby sabotaging her stated purpose. This brings us back to my question — what does Natalie Portman want?

Natalie Portman is now assuming a level of entitlement as a Jewish celebrity that is undermining Jewish interests. Because she



The entrance to Auschwitz-Birkenau in Poland. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

was born in Israel, she feels that she has the right to dismiss a prominent Jewish prize that she was awarded and to attack Israeli policies, as well as Israeli soldiers. Now, because she is Jewish, Portman feels that she can compare the eating of animals to the incineration of Jewish bodies at Treblinka.

It is time for the Jewish community to make it clear to Portman that while we are proud of her achievements and love her acting, her Jewishness is not carte blanche for her to blur moral lines that would be closed off to those outside the faith.

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## Why We Must Uncover the True Number of Palestinian Refugees

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On a desk in the US State Department lies a report that has the power to upend the seemingly endless zero-sum game of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

It's a short report, no more than five pages. Its contents were considered so threatening by some that Congress fought for years to write a special bill, known as the Kirk Amendment, that ordered the State Department to produce it. And once the report had been completed in 2015, it was deemed so incendiary that the Obama administration classified it.

Today, in spite of a FOIA request, a lawsuit, and a letter from 51 members of Congress to Donald Trump asking him to declassify the report, it is still being kept under lock and key.

But in a sudden development late last week, it appears that one side might have emerged victorious and the report could soon be released. According to two well-placed sources, a high-level State Department official said, "It is no longer a matter of 'if,' but 'when.'"

And what might be the subject of this controversial document? A simple count of the actual number of Palestinian refugees.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) maintains that it cares for 5.3 million people. It receives hundreds of millions of dollars every year from the US and Europe to pay for their food, health care, and education. US taxpayers alone have donated a total of \$4.8 billion to UNRWA since 1950.

But according to those who have seen the report, the actual number of refugees is closer to 30,000.

The significance of the number is far-ranging, both politically and economically. Daniel Pipes, the president of Middle East Forum, maintains that the fiction of five million refugees is the "dark heart" of the war against Israel. Because Palestinian leaders insist that all "refugees" have the right to "return" to the homes their grandparents left in 1948 — in areas that are now in Israel proper — the issue constitutes one of the central stumbling blocks to a peace deal.

Israeli officials maintain that allowing five million Palestinians into a country of six million Jews will end its Jewish character and effectively destroy the Jewish state. Absorbing a few tens of thousands is another story, however.

UNRWA was established in December 1949 to care for the Palestinian Arabs who fled or were forced from conflict areas during the establishment of the State of Israel. Beginning in May 1950, services, mostly in the form of food rations and shelter, were extended to "people whose normal place of residence was Palestine between June 1946 and May 1948, who lost both their homes and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict." UNRWA's work was expected to be completed in one year, after which the Palestinians would be settled into the countries to which they escaped: Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria.

Around the same time that Palestinian Arabs fled to neighboring countries, 800,000 Jews were expelled from their homes in Arab lands. In some of these countries, the Jewish communities predated the advent of Islam. They were promptly settled in Israel and other countries without the benefit of an international refugee agency.

History shows that UNRWA did not wrap up its work in one year, but rather expanded its scope of responsibility, growing from a group to provide emergency relief to one that provided "governmental and developmental services in areas such as education, health, welfare, micro-finance, and urban planning," according to James G. Lindsey, who served as legal adviser and general counsel of UNRWA from 2002-2009.

Most importantly, UNRWA expanded its definition of "refugee" to include the children and grandchildren of the original refugees — contrary to the designations of most other refugee agencies — as well as Palestinians who had citizenship or residency in other countries. UNRWA refugees include Palestinians who live in the West Bank and Gaza, the location of a future Palestinian state. In one of Lindsey's reports published by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, these changes constituted an "incomplete shift from status-based aid to need-based aid" — in other words, shifting from a focus on actual refugees to poor people in need.

Though UNRWA's original directive was to resettle the refugees in host countries so as to "strengthen the economy of the host countries while providing employment to refugees, and thus make them self-sufficient to a point where their names could be deleted from the relief rolls," UNRWA never carried out this objective.

Instead, UNRWA almost immediately became a permanent welfare agency run by Palestinians for Palestinians (UNRWA has 30,000 Palestinian employees). And it has succeeded in maintaining massive funding from Western countries, even after abandoning the goal of resettlement. It has become so entrenched that UNRWA recipients receive six times the benefits given to refugees under the care of UNHCR, which is in charge of the 65 million other refugees worldwide.

Because it insists on permanent impermanence for the Palestinians, UNRWA has hampered the development of Palestinian civil structures and economic opportunities. Eventually entwining itself in a symbiotic relationship with the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, UNRWA now runs a highly politicized educational system that does not conform with UNESCO standards of peace

and tolerance and respect for the other. It has also taken sides in Palestinian politics, campaigning in June 2007 to "convince the West, particularly Europe, to 'encourage' and 'engage with' Hamas," even after Hamas had murdered or maimed prominent Fatah leaders in a bloody coup, according to former counsel Lindsey.

Richard Goldberg, a senior advisor for the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, stated:

*The PA and now Hamas work the same way as the PLO did under Arafat. They maintain wealth and power for the elite and not for the people. They cannot change the system for fear they're going to lose money and power. The idea of the "Right of Return" is the core way they subjugate millions of their own people: encouraging them to accept their fate because one day, they will rise up and conquer the State of Israel. The PA depends on UNRWA to inculcate its narrative, and for its system of continuous incitement, through its educational system and political indoctrination, to motivate the people despite their poverty and hopelessness. It is their means for assigning blame on Israel for all the problems they have created on their own.*

The US Congress has tried for years to rein in UNRWA, whether by trying to keep terrorists from becoming UNRWA employees, changing UNRWA textbooks, or simply trying to force the agency to provide a proper accounting of its spending. According to Goldberg, who served as deputy chief of staff and senior foreign policy adviser to former Sen. Mark Kirk (R-IL), "These attempts have always failed, because the State Department has a little bureau that protects UNRWA to the hilt and fights back on Congressional attempts to do anything that will actually threaten the aid. That is the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM)."

"The American people deserve to see the numbers inside the State Department assessment," Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) told this writer through a spokesman, "so Congress and the Administration can have a transparent and productive debate about America's role in the organization."

According to insiders, the PRM bureau

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## Opinion.

# France's Reputation Is at Stake Again Over the Murder of Sarah Halimi



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For the second time in 20 years, France basked in the accomplishment of winning the World Cup with a team whose diverse backgrounds were as much a symbol of national unity as the creative brand of soccer they played. By any reckoning, a team made up of names like Mbappe, Pavard, Hernandez and Pogba is a near-perfect representation of the inclusive republican ideal that France's leaders say they aspire to.

But when it comes to actual results, politics is rarely as definitive and inspiring as sports.

Since he took office last year, French President Emmanuel Macron has pledged to combat the antisemitism that, all too often in France, underlies acts of violence against Jews that are bestial in nature.

Other French politicians, such as Macron's predecessors Nicolas Sarkozy and Francois Hollande, as well as former Prime Minister Manuel Valls, have all made similar promises, arguing with genuine conviction that hatred of Jews is a direct threat to France's republican and democratic traditions. All of them have uttered, and repeatedly, some variation of the sentence that "France without its Jews is not France." And yet, not only does the violence continue, French Jews can't be sure of justice even when the perpetrators are caught.

On July 11, lawyers for the family of Sarah Halimi, a 65-year-old Jewish pensioner viciously murdered in her Paris public housing apartment in April 2017, were informed of a new development by the city magistrate investigating the case. A panel of psychiatrists had compiled a second report on the mental health of 27-year-old Kobil Traore, Halimi's killer. The report concluded that Traore's supposed lack of discernment — essentially, mental awareness of his own situation — means that he is unfit to stand trial on a charge of murder aggravated by antisemitic prejudice.

Before examining this shocking twist in the Halimi case, some sense of the wider context is in order. France's 450,000 Jews, the largest Jewish community in Europe, have for two decades lived with levels of antisemitism that are alarming both in themselves and when compared with the rest of the continent. Since the 2006 ordeal of Ilan Halimi — a young French Jew who was kidnapped, brutally tortured and left for dead by a gang who seized him out of the belief that all Jewish families are wealthy and willing to pay ransom demands — France has seen four presidents come and go. And yet, the year 2017-18 was one of the worst on record, with 92 incidents of violent antisemitism reported — a 20 percent increase on the previous year.

Alongside Halimi's murder, and that of Holocaust survivor Mireille Knoll in March this year, we have seen the phenomenon of "home invasions," largely Muslim gangs targeting Jewish homes for robbery while taking the inhabitants hostage. In one case, the non-Jewish girlfriend of a young Jewish man was raped as a gang roamed through his family home, screaming about their "brothers in Palestine" as they searched for the horde of cash they just knew the Jews were hiding. In another case, a young Jewish man was overpowered and his elderly parents badly beaten by a gang convinced that the Jews



*Murdered French Jewish pensioner Sarah Halimi. Photo: Halimi family.*

were hiding diamonds and bundles of cash somewhere in their abode. All this has crystallized into what French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, called in February a "new type" of antisemitism in France: "violent and brutal."

And no more so than in the case of Dr. Halimi. On the night of April 4, 2017, Traore broke into Halimi's apartment via the apartment of her neighbors, a Malian family who were cowering behind a locked door as he embarked on a violent rampage punctuated by prayers and Islamic religious slogans. It was not the first time that he had encountered the kind, deeply religious widow who lived by herself; on previous occasions, he had called Dr. Halimi and her visiting daughter "dirty Jewesses" when passing them in the corridors their apartment building. For nearly an hour, Traore subjected Halimi to a frenzied beating. The blows and his angry cries of "Satan" were loud enough to alert neighbors, who called the police. Convinced that they were dealing with a terrorist attack, the officers dithered for nearly half an hour, by which time Traore had thrown Halimi to her death from a third-floor window.

In the ensuing weeks, the Halimi family had to deal not only with the trauma of this horrific killing, but with the indifference of a national media worried that exposing the Halimi case and its antisemitic foundations would strengthen far-right presidential candidate Marine Le Pen at the expense of Macron, the eventual victor.

Since Macron assumed office, the media has woken up to the Halimi case, and it treated the murder of Mireille Knoll one year later as an example of antisemitic savagery in the same vein. Towards the end of last year, it seemed certain that Traore would face trial after all. This was in part due to the testimony of psychiatric expert Dr. Daniel Zagury, who noted that however intoxicated the killer was, he harbored a conscious antisemitism that was unleashed on Halimi. By his own account to the police, Traore confessed to feeling angered by the sight of Shabbat candlesticks and a Torah scroll in Halimi's home.

Yet on the basis of this new report, we are now supposed to believe that Traore — a petty drug-dealer with a long police record — is so deluded that he cannot understand the facts of the crime he committed, let alone its hateful nature. We are supposed to believe, as one of Halimi's lawyers pointed out incredulously this week, that smoking cannabis (a drug Traore had been using for 10 years and one hardly known for causing psychotic episodes) was a more decisive factor in his rage than his loathing of the woman to whom he'd previously aimed antisemitic barbs.

We are supposed to believe all this and more about a killer who had the presence of mind to tell the police, when they finally arrested him, that Halimi had committed suicide.

Under French law, a murderer who is deemed sufficiently insane can avoid a trial. If the third psychiatric evaluation of Traore that has now been ordered by the investigating magistrate echoes the conclusions of

# The Trump Team Is Wrong About Hamas



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Donald Trump's senior Mideast advisers are proposing to give Hamas billions of dollars if it will recognize Israel and suspend terrorist attacks. Bad idea. Getting rid of Hamas — not bribing it — is the only hope for peace in Gaza.

In a Washington Post op-ed on July 20, presidential advisers Jared Kushner and Jason Greenblatt, together with US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, noted that despite the international community's gifts of "billions of dollars" to Gaza over the past 70 years, unemployment is at 49 percent, and 53 percent of Gazans live below the poverty line.

The Trump team's solution? Give Gaza many billions more in exchange for some paper promises by Hamas. Talk about throwing good money after bad.

If Hamas "acknowledges that the existence of Israel is a permanent reality," "abides by previous diplomatic agreements," and "renounces violence," the US officials wrote, then "all manner of new opportunities becomes possible" — because "engaged, interested parties with resources" will start pumping in foreign aid. Gaza will "enjoy economic success and integrate into a thriving regional economy — if they let us help," they said.

In other words, the Trump administration is willing to provide US taxpayers' money in exchange for Hamas' promises.

And that's all they would be — promises. Exactly like the worthless promises that Yasser Arafat made in exchange for billions of dollars in American and international aid in previous decades. Arafat went along with the carefully choreographed steps arranged by the Clinton administration to qualify for US aid. He mouthed the words that the State Department wrote for him, which supposedly "proved" that

he recognized Israel and renounced violence. He took the aid, continued the violence, and then assured the Palestinian public that he didn't really recognize Israel.

That charade went on, year after year. Arafat kept sponsoring terrorism against Israel. The State Department kept certifying that he was fulfilling his obligations under the Oslo Accords. Congress and American Jewish leaders kept looking the other way. And the money kept flowing.

Now the Trump team wants to repeat those tragic mistakes.

Oh yes, there's one additional promise that the Trump administration wants Hamas to make — that it will stop launching violent attacks "on infrastructure projects sponsored by donor nations and organizations." Isn't that a joke? The Trump team is pleading with Hamas to stop destroying the stuff that various countries are sending to Gaza, so those countries can send them more stuff.

In their op-ed, Messrs. Kushner, Greenblatt, and Friedman acknowledge that Gaza is ruled by a "corrupt and hateful leadership." They admit that previous donations for humanitarian purposes "have been diverted for weapons and other malign uses." They accuse Hamas of "holding the Palestinians of Gaza captive."

Well, the best way to deal with corrupt, hateful hostage-holders is not to give them billions of dollars and leave them in power in exchange for promises that they will soon break. The way to deal with them is to get rid of them.

The Allies didn't leave the Nazis in power in Germany at the end of World War II. They completely destroyed the Hitler regime, and forcibly de-Nazified the German educational system and public culture. That's the real way to peace in Gaza.

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is now losing its battle to keep the numbers secret. On the winning side is a team that reportedly includes Nikki Haley at the UN and the State Department's Bureau of International Organization Affairs.

Donald Trump, as is his wont, threw a wrench into the State Department push-pull in January when he announced that the US would not provide more than an initial payment of \$65 million to UNRWA pending a comprehensive reevaluation. Trump's action brought to light an unfortunate truth that Lindsey pointed out in his Washington Institute for Near East Policy report: that despite being the largest single donor, the US has repeatedly failed to bring UNRWA in line with its own foreign policy objectives.

Progress on peace requires defining the status of Palestinian refugees in line with the definition used by the US and other devel-

oped nations: "a person outside of his or her country of nationality who is unable or unwilling to return because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution."

"UNRWA adds numbers of descendants to its rolls every day. The academic journal Refugee Survey Quarterly projected that if that definition remains intact, there will be 11 million Palestinian refugees by 2040, and 20 million by 2060. How can the US taxpayer support such an absurdity that runs counter to our national security interests in promoting peace in the region?" asks E.J. Kimball, director of the Israel Victory Project at the Middle East Forum. "Either UNRWA brings its definition in alignment with US law or the US should direct its money elsewhere."

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the second, then he will be excused a trial, protected indefinitely by a scientifically dubious assessment of his mental health.

That's why France's leaders should expect to undergo the trial of international public scrutiny if this sadistic, antisemitic killer is sent to a psychiatric hospital instead of answering for his crimes. France's ability to secure elemental justice for its most vulner-

able citizens is being tested — and nothing less than the reputation of a nation is at stake.

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## Impressions.

# Pursuing Justice for the AMIA Bombing Victims, 24 Years On

BY SHIMON SAMUELS

In the aftermath of the Six Day War in 1967, my new Argentine wife and I flew to Buenos Aires to meet her family. This began an intimate relationship with the country and its Jewish community.

On a working trip during the late '70s when Argentina was under a military dictatorship, I visited news editor and journalist Jacobo Timerman in his jail cell to discuss his eventual release to Israel, thus establishing a difficult relationship with his son Hector, who was destined to become Foreign Minister and play a disturbing role in the AMIA case.

In February 1992, I was invited by then President Menem to examine the newly opened "Nazi files" on war criminal fugitives in Argentina.

A month later came the attack on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, killing 29 and wounding 242. Credit was claimed by Islamic Jihad, linked to Iran, and Argentine investigators believe it was planned by Hezbollah in the Triple Frontier region between Argentina, Paraguay, and Brazil. That was followed in July 1994 by the AMIA Jewish Center bombing, with 85 dead and over 300 wounded.

The late Simon Wiesenthal worked with INTERPOL on several of his investigations. He relished the irony that its wartime predecessor the ICPC had as its president a high-ranking Nazi, Reinhard Heydrich.

It was thus natural for the Wiesenthal Center to support the INTERPOL "Red Notice" arrest warrants issued for one Lebanese and five Iranian officials implicated in the AMIA atrocity.

Most of the INTERPOL-sought accused have scaled the ranks since 1994. They include:

- Senior Iranian officials, such as Mohsen Rezaei (then-IRGC Commander in Chief) and cleric Ali Fallahijan (then-Minister of Intelligence), who met and allegedly planned the attack.
- Diplomats who fled Buenos Aires days before the bombing, namely Ahmad Reza Asghari (then-chief of clandestine networks in Argentina) and cleric Mohsen Rabbani (then-Iranian Embassy Cultural Attaché).
- Former Defense Minister Ahmad Vahidi (then-IRGC Chief of the Al-Quds External Operations Brigade) and Lebanese International terrorist Imad Mughniyeh (founder of Islamic Jihad and Hezbollah's number two leader) killed by a car bomb in Damascus in 2008.

In addition to INTERPOL warrants, several countries — among them Belgium, Israel, Spain, and the United Kingdom — evoke universal jurisdiction over accused persons, regardless of nationality, residence, or wherever the crime was committed. Britain's renewal of diplomatic relations with Iran made it an interesting test case.

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American States Secretary-General Luis Almagro. Argentine Ambassador to the UK Carlos Sersale di Cerisano read a message from his Foreign Minister, Jorge Marcelo Faurie.

Anita Weinstein, an AMIA official and survivor of the bombing, presented a moving testimony: "The explosion left me on an open ledge above the carnage below. ... I had become



A display in Buenos Aires of pictures and names of victims of the 1994 AMIA bombing, in which 85 people died and hundreds more wounded. Photo: Reuters/Marcos Brindicci.

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present. It was dedicated to the memory of the "86th victim," Prosecutor Alberto Nisman, who was assassinated in January 2015 on the morning he was due to present a report to an Argentine Congress committee that accused then President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, Foreign Minister Timerman, and other officials of conspiring with Iran to cover up its role in the AMIA bombing.

Our session was chaired by Lord Trimble, who received the Nobel Peace Prize for crafting the "Good Friday Agreement" for Northern Ireland. Messages were read from current AMIA President Agustin Zbar and Organization of

the target of hate, I, the daughter of Holocaust survivors. ...Nevertheless, in the face of so much hate, violence, and murder, I chose life!"

Terrorism expert Tom Wilson noted how "British soldiers were killed in both Afghanistan and Iraq with weapons provided by Iran. ... Al-Qaeda operatives sheltered in Iran guided low-tech, lone-wolf stabbings and car rammings in the UK."

Dr. Ariel Gelblung, Advocate and Wiesenthal Centre Latin America Representative agreed with Michael Caplan QC, a British expert on extradition, that "if any of the Iranian suspects were to land on British soil, in view of the INTERPOL Red Notices, they must be stopped and detained. The British Police would then inform Argentina, whereupon Buenos Aires would issue a request for arrest and extradition hearings."

In closing, I referred to the commitment of the Argentine Foreign Minister in his message to act immediately. I feel confident that our House of Lords event was an important step in the pursuit of justice for the families of the AMIA victims and survivors. If the guilty are apprehended in the UK, an arrest warrant issued by an Argentine judge would bring those affected hope for closure and serve as a catalyst for extradition.

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ments thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11221. (Block: 3284 and Lot: 39) Approximate amount of lien \$639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907/2013. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: June 8, 2018 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff -against-Rockie Ojomu-Kayoes a/k/a Rockie Ojomu Kayoes, City of New York Department of Transportation Parking Violations Bureau, Leroy Williams Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on May 11, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 1050 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8037 Lot: 172 Approximate amount of lien \$731,132.32 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 505895/2015 Joel E. Abramson, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: June 25, 2018 FILE #: BAYVIEW 68274 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P, Plaintiff AGAINST Winston Rose; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 26, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 9, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 664 New Jersey Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3840 Lot: 37. Approximate amount of judgment \$545,094.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6131/2013. Stuart Adler, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 18, 2018 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

Notice of Qualification of CONEY ISLAND ASSOCIATES PHASE 2 LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/18. Office location: Kings County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 06/13/17. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o BFC Partners, 150 Myrtle Ave., Ste. 2, Brooklyn, NY 11201. DE addr. of LLC: Corporation Service Co., 251 Little

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Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, Div. of Corps., John G. Townsend Bldg., 401 Federal St., Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3/10

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-MX1, Plaintiff -against- CECIL HAYNES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 2, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 pm premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue, distant 43 feet westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side of Clarkson Avenue with westerly side of East 51st Street; being a plot 19 feet by 100 feet by 19 feet by 100 feet. Block: 4637 Lot: 8. Said premises known as 846 CLARKSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$553,021.02 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 6018/2013. SIMON SHAMOUN, ESQ., Referee Dorf & Nelson LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 555 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, NY 10580 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

File No.: 2017-3525/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Edwin Braunstein, Steven Braunstein, Edwin Helitzer, Office of Victim Services, Office of the Attorney General, Barbara A. Pasternak, Matthew J. O'Keefe, Esq., Jean C. Wesh, Esq. Attorney General of the State of New York, Lois A. Bladykas, Esq. The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MURRAY GOLD, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of MURRAY GOLD, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 50 Nunnawauk Road, Newton, CT 06470, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of MURRAY GOLD, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 16th day of August, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of

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\$13,500.00 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the petitioner should not be authorized to retain the sum of \$10,000.00 to satisfy the contingent and possible claim of Jean C. Wesh, Esq., for a period of 6 months from the date of the decree to be settled hereon; and why, upon service on the petitioner of an Order from the New York Supreme Court fixing the legal fees and commissions of Jean C. Wesh, Esq. for services rendered to the decedent, petitioner should not be further authorized to pay Jean C. Wesh, Esq. said amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and why if Jean C. Wesh, Esq. should fail to obtain an order from the New York Supreme Court fixing his legal fee and commissions for services rendered to the decedent within six months from the Notice of Entry of the Decree to be settled hereon, the amount retained by the petitioner shall be distributed as set forth in the petition; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship. Dated, Attested and Sealed 7th day of June, 2018 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County JAMES LIM BECKER Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PAPER RAIDERS LLC .Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/12/2018. 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: Paper Raiders LLC 165 Clinton Ave., Apt. 6 A Brooklyn, NY 11205.purpose : all lawful activity AJ; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Plaintiff against AUGUSTINE TEKA, 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 April 6, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at

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the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 261, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1172 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11212. Block 3508 Lot 31. 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 and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$779,011.55 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 503503/2014. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee YGRMC310 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff against REGINA WILLIAMS, 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 August 9, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 587 Schroeders Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11239. Block 4586 Lot 898. 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 \$185,859.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 505226/2013. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee MTC080 AJ; 7/6/13/20/27;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: BEKOR LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/22/2018. 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: BEKOR P.O.Box 21895 Brooklyn, NY 11202.Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 7/6/13/20/27; 8/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2008-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Joel Milord, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Dolly Thomas, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/21/2018 and entered on 3/23/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 16, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 4608 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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: 7871, LOT: 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$563,432.42 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501159/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 7/13/20/27; 8/3/

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## Tradition.

## Making Love Last



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

Over the past few months I've been having conversations with leading thinkers, intellectuals, innovators and philanthropists for a BBC series on moral challenges of the 21st century. Among those I spoke to was David Brooks, one of the most insightful moralists of our time. His conversation is always scintillating, but one remark of his



was particularly beautiful. It is a key that helps us unlock the entire project outlined by Moses in Sefer Devarim, the fifth and final book of the Torah.

We had been talking about covenants and commitments. I suggested that many people in the West today are commitment-averse, reluctant to bind themselves unconditionally and open-endedly to something or someone. The market mindset that predominates today encourages us to try this, sample that, experiment and keep our options open for the latest version or the better deal. Pledges of loyalty are few and far between.

Brooks agreed and noted that nowadays freedom is usually understood as freedom-from, meaning the absence of restraint. We don't like to be tied down. But the real freedom worth having, in his view, is freedom-to, meaning the ability to do something that's difficult and requires effort and expertise. So, for example, if you want to have the freedom to play the piano, you have to chain yourself to it and practise every day.

Freedom in this sense does not mean the absence of restraint, but rather, *choosing the right restraint*. That involves commitment, which involves a choice to forego certain choices. Then he said: "My favourite definition of commitment is *falling in love with something and then building a structure of behaviour around it for the moment when love falters*."

That struck me as a beautiful way into one of the fundamental features of Sefer Devarim specifically, and Judaism generally. The book of Deuteronomy is more than simply Moses' speeches in the last

months of his life, his *tzava'ah* or ethical will to the future generations. It is more, also, than *Mishneh Torah*, a recapitulation of the rest of the Torah, a restatement of the laws and history of the people since their time in Egypt.

It is a fundamental theological statement of what Judaism is about. It is an attempt to integrate law and narrative into a single coherent vision of what it would be like to create a society of law-governed liberty under the sovereignty of God: a society of justice, compassion, respect for human dignity and the sanctity of human life. And it is built around an act of mutual commitment, by God to a people and by the people to God.

The commitment itself is an act of love. At the heart of it are the famous words from the Shema in this week's parsha: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deut. 6:5). The Torah is the foundational narrative of the fraught, sometimes tempestuous, marriage between God and an often obstinate people. It is a story of love.

We can see how central love is to the book of Deuteronomy by noting how often the root *a-h-v*, "to love," appears in each of the five books of the Torah. It occurs 15 times in Genesis, but none of these is about the relationship between God and a human being. They are about the feelings of husbands for wives or parents for children. This is how often the verb appears in the other 4 books:

Exodus	2
Leviticus	2
Numbers	0
Deuteronomy	23

Again and again we hear of love, in both directions, from the Israelites to God and from God to the Israelites. It is the latter that are particularly striking. Here are some examples:

*The Lord did not set His affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the Lord loved you ...* (Deut. 7:7-8)

*To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the Lord set His affection on your ancestors and loved them, and He chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today.* (Deut. 10:14-15)

*The Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you.* (Deut. 23:5)

The real question is how this vision is connected to the legal, halakhic content of much of Devarim. On the one hand we have

this passionate declaration of love by God for a people; on the other we have a detailed code of law covering most aspects of life for individuals and the nation as a whole once it enters the land. Law and love are not two things that go obviously together. What has the one to do with the other?

That is what David Brooks' remark suggests: commitment is falling in love with something and then building a structure of behaviour around it to sustain that love over time. Law, the mitzvot, halakhah, is that structure of behaviour. Love is a passion, an emotion, a heightened state, a peak experience. But an emotional state cannot be guaranteed forever. We wed in poetry but we stay married in prose.

Which is why we need laws, rituals, habits of deed. Rituals are the framework that keeps love alive. I once knew a wonderfully happy married couple. The husband, with great devotion, brought his wife breakfast in bed every morning. I am not entirely sure she needed or even wanted breakfast in bed every morning, but she graciously accepted it because she knew it was the homage he wished to pay her, and it did indeed keep their love alive. After decades of marriage, they still seemed to be on their honeymoon.

Without intending any precise comparison, that is what the vast multiplicity of rituals in Judaism, many of them spelled out in the book of Deuteronomy, actually achieved. They sustained the love between God and a people. You hear the cadences of that love throughout the generations. It is there in the book of Psalms: "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water" (Ps. 63:1). It is there in Isaiah: "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed" (Is. 54:10). It is there in the siddur, in the blessing before the Shema: "You have loved us with great love / with everlasting love." It is there, passionately, in the song, Yedid Nefesh, composed in the sixteenth century by Safed kabbalist Elazar Azikri. It remains there in the songs composed year after year in present-day Israel. Whether they speak of God's love for us or ours for Him, the love remains strong after 33 centuries. That is a long time for love to last, and we believe it will do so forever.

Could it have done so without the rituals, the 613 commands, that fill our days with reminders of God's presence? I think not. Whenever Jews abandoned the life of the commands, within a few generations they lost their identity. Without the rituals, eventually love dies. With them, the glowing embers remain, and still have the power to burst into flame. Not every day in a long and happy marriage feels like a wedding, but even love grown old will still be strong, if the choreography of fond devotion, the ritual courtesies and kindnesses,

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Notice of formation of 174 TARGEE ST LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 07/02/2018. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 174 TARGEE ST LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 7/13/20/27; 8/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Shimon Elkouby; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated May 31, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on August 23, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1234 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. 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 7618 Lot 60. Approximate amount of judgment \$319,150.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 504847/2014. James Caffrey, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 12, 2018 55777 AJ; 7/20/27; 8/3/10

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- MARIA POSNER A/K/A M. POSNER A/K/A MARIA POSNET, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ALLIANCE MORTGAGE BANKING CORP, CHEMICAL BANK, THE FIRE COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, GEORGE BRYANT, HENRY CLARK, SHAWN CAMPBELL, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on September 20, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

are sustained.

In the vast literature of halakhah we find the 'how' and 'what' of Jewish life, but not always the 'why.' The special place of Sefer Devarim in Judaism as a whole is that here, more clearly than almost anywhere else, we find the 'why.' Jewish law is the structure of behaviour built around the love between God and His people, so that the love remains long after the first feelings of passion have grown old.

Hence the life-change idea: if you seek to make love undying, *build around it a structure of rituals* – small acts of kindness, little gestures of self-sacrifice for the sake of the beloved – and you will be rewarded with a quiet joy, an inner light, that will last a lifetime.

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11201 on August 23, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 309 ARLINGTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. ALL that certain plot, piece of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS, City and State of New York. Block: 3927 Lot: 61 Approximate amount of lien \$479,903.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 501183/2015 JEFFREY R. MILLER, ESQ., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: October 20, 2017 FILE #: WELLS 66757 AJ; 7/20/27; 8/3/10

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: NECAL SENIOR LIVING, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 06/25/2018. NY office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him/her is Bentley Zhao, 4918 3rd Ave Brooklyn, NY, 11220. Purpose/character of LLC: Any Lawful Purpose. AJ; 7/20/27; 8/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. JOSHUA SPEARS A/K/A JOSHUA J. SPEARS; TAMMY D. PATE-SPEARS A/K/A TAMMY PATE-SPEARS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on June 08, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on August 23, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1372 East 59th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 7883 and Lot 75. Approximate amount of judgment is \$452,313.35 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 2756/2013. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Ste. 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted. AJ; 7/20/27; 8/3/10/17/24

Benessere Capital LLC, App for Auth filed with SSNY on 05/21/18. Cert. of Frmn filed in DE on 10/02/12. Office Location: Kings County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 154 Calyer St, Brooklyn, NY 11222. The address of the office required to be maintained in the jurisdiction of its frmn is: 1201 N. Orange St, Ste 600, Wilmington, DE 19801. The name and add of the Secretary of State in its jurisdiction of organization where a copy of its articles of organization is filed is Secretary of the State of DE, 401 Federal St, Ste 4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. AJ; 7/27; 8/3/10/17/24/31

## Social.



A flyer for Comic-Con International: San Diego. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Holocaust Survivor Leads Panel Discussion at Comic-Con About Art During World War II

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

A survivor of three Nazi concentration camps led a panel discussion about art and the Holocaust on Thursday at the Comic-Con International convention in San Diego, the Times of San Diego reported.

Many people were forced to wait outside the already packed room as Ruth Goldschmiedova Sax, 90, her daughter Sandra Scheller, and three others talked about comics used as German propaganda against Jews, art made by victims of the Holocaust and the Jewish connection to superheroes.

The hourlong panel discussion began with Sax describing her personal experiences in the Holocaust, and how she once saw Nazi leader Adolf Hitler from the window of her home in Czechoslovakia. Nazis stormed and raided her house when she was 11 years old.

Sax, an only child, was sent by train to the Theresienstadt concentration camp, where she was separated from her parents, and then to the Oederan concentration camp, where she worked in a munitions factory and disobeyedly added sand to the guns so they would not fire. During her time at Auschwitz, she was forced to stand naked before the notorious Nazi, Dr. Josef Mengele, six times as he decided whether people should live or be sent to the gas chambers.

Sax recalled being “shocked and surprised” by the horrific Nazi art works that ridiculed Jews, and during the panel discussion a slide was shown of a caricature published in the Nazi publication *Der Sturmer* that depicted a Jew begging a German, whom he once used to bully, to now help him. Sax said about the propaganda art, “I remember being scared, wondering: How could this be? It was something we could not run away from.”

Before being sent to the Nazi camps, Sax thought about becoming an artist or a fashion designer, she told the audience, according to the Times of San Diego. She

explained, however, that if caught drawing what she saw in the camps, she would have been put to death. After she was liberated, Sax became a clothing designer. Scheller — who authored her mother’s memoir, *Try to Remember, Never Forget* — called Sax “a super-hero without a cape.”

Fellow panelist Esther Finder, president and founder of the organization Generations of the Shoah, discussed how “Nazi racial propaganda” may have “played a role in the genesis of Superman,” which was created and published by two American Jewish teenagers shortly before the outbreak of World War II. She drew parallels between Superman as an infant and Moses as a baby, and said in another comparison, “Jews are taught do good for its own sake and to heal the world, which is what Superman ultimately tries to do.”

Finder added that the Superman created by the Nazis was evil and a bully, while the American Superman “represented strength, morality, justice both legal and social, and the belief that everything would work out right.”

Panelist Igor Goldkind, a comic writer and author of *Is She Available?*, talked about people using comics as a way to cope with and make sense of their suffering, and said Jewish humor stemmed from the Holocaust “because gallows humor is what people do to make sense of extreme suffering. You make art and you make jokes and try to stay sane.” Scheller chimed in and said about battling the despair of the Holocaust, “we tried many medicines; The ones that worked the most were humor and hope.”

Also discussed were artists of the Holocaust, both that did and did not survive, according to the San Diego Jewish World. Scheller showed her cousin’s drawing that she left under her pillow before she was killed at Auschwitz. She also shared never-before-seen drawings by American soldiers of Jewish partisans killed in a

## Alibaba Co-Founder in Israel for First Time, for Lacrosse Competition

BY JNS.org

Joseph Tsai, the Taiwanese-Canadian billionaire co-founder of the Alibaba company, is in Israel for the first time on a 10-day visit.

While Tsai will reportedly meet with Israel business leaders while in country, his arrival is due to his avid love for the sport of lacrosse, as the 2018 World Lacrosse Championship takes place in the coastal city of Netanya. Tsai is the owner of the San Diego Seals lacrosse team and played lacrosse for Yale as a student. He is now involved in lacrosse’s international governing body.

Tsai’s trip comes just three months after Alibaba executive chairman Jack Ma’s visit to Israel, where he met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli tech pioneers.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with chairman of Alibaba, Jack Ma, on March 20, 2017. Photo: Haim Zach/GPO.

Alibaba is worth \$500 billion and employs 50,000 workers. Last year, the company acquired the assets of Israel-based QR codes startup Visualead Ltd. It has also invested in Israel’s Infinity Augmented Reality, augmented-reality hardware company Lumus, auto-computer vision startup Nexar, and the e-commerce search engine Twigggle.

cave, and spoke of her mother’s art teacher whose fingers were cut off before he was killed in Auschwitz. Another artist of that time period of Dina Babbitt, who drew Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs on a back wall of the children’s barracks, according to the San Diego Jewish World.

Other superheroes, such as Captain America and most of the Marvel heroes, were created by Jews. The final panelist, Robert Scott, the Jewish owner of the ComicKaze bookstore, discussed the irony of people from struggling Jewish families creating some of the most popular superheroes of today.

He explained, “[Superman co-creator] Joe Schuster’s parents couldn’t afford paper. He would go from store to store to get paper” and even drew on unused wall paper. He added that comic books are a medium available to everyone, all you need is “the ability to tell your story, unedited, unaltered, and put it out there for anyone else.”

# Attention Not-For-Profit Organizations

## Be part of the Tribul Merchant Services Charity Ventures Program

For over 10 years Tribul Merchant Services have been working with **Not-For-Profit Organizations** across the country, now we invite you to join our **Charity Ventures Program**.

All you need to do in order to enter the program is to refer us to any business that currently accepts credit cards — tell them to expect a phone call from Tribul Merchant Services.



**We keep it simple:** Leave it to us to take care of all the necessary paperwork and details.

For each approved application you will receive a check from us for \$180.

We will also send you a residual check **every month** for as long as the account processes with Tribul.

**Earn a monthly residual,  
PLUS \$180 for every  
approved referral**

**Over \$1,000,000 paid out  
in less than 3 years via the  
Charity Ventures Program**



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