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Trump Says He's Willing to Talk to Iran Without Preconditions



President Donald Trump. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst / File.

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US President Donald Trump said on Monday he would be willing to meet Iranian leaders without preconditions to discuss how to improve ties after he pulled the United States out of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, saying, "If they want to meet, we'll meet."

Asked at a White House news

conference whether he was willing to meet with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, Trump said: "I'd meet with anybody. I believe in meetings," especially in cases where war is at stake.

On July 22, Trump said in a tweet directed at Rouhani: "Never, ever threaten the United States again or you will suffer consequences the likes of which few throughout history have ever suffered before. We are no longer

a country that will stand for your demented words of violence & death. Be cautious!"

A few hours earlier, Rouhani had addressed Trump in a speech, saying that hostile US policies could lead to "the mother of all wars."

On Monday, Trump, speaking at a news conference with visiting Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte, said: "I would certainly

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Family of Killer of Israeli Father Expected to Receive Monthly Stipend

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A Palestinian terrorist who murdered a 31-year-old Israeli man near Jerusalem last week has been designated as a "martyr" by the Palestinian Authority, suggesting that his family will be financially rewarded for the attack.

Muhammad Tareq Dar Yusuf, 17, killed Yotam Ovadia — a father of two young children — after sneaking into the West Bank community of Adam on Thursday evening. A 58-year-old man was also seriously wounded during the incident, as was a third victim who sustained light injuries before fatally shooting Yusuf.



The late Yotam Ovadia, with his wife and children. Photo: Facebook.

The following day, an article in the official PA newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* claimed Yusuf "died as a Martyr," according to a translation by Palestinian Media Watch, an Israeli research and advocacy organization. The same description was used in a Facebook post published that day by the Bethlehem branch of Fatah, the party of PA President Mahmoud Abbas.

Under PA policy, the families of Palestinians who die as "martyrs" — a designation largely given to those killed

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Opinion.

How the US Could Provide Some Reality Therapy on the Golan Heights

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As I write these words, ISIS has launched a major attack in Syria, targeting a town occupied by Druze on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, killing 100 innocent civilians. Additionally, Israel shot down a Syrian fighter jet last week that entered Israeli airspace, and two mortar shells launched from the Syrian side of the Golan landed near the Sea of Galilee (miraculously resulting in no injuries).

And that was in just 24 hours.

After a seven-year war, Syria is a failed state. It has been given oxygen to survive only by Iran and Russia.

And Syria's inherent instability provides fertile ground for an array of terrorist groups: from Jabhat al Nusra and ISIS on the Sunni side to Hezbollah, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), and the Al Quds Force on the Shiite side.

Syria depicts the Hobbesian state of war of man against man. The tragic events there have led to at least half a million casualties, approximately six million refugees, and at least that many internally displaced people.

Iran, with its hegemonic aspirations, has taken advantage of the situation as a pretext

for entrenching its military infrastructure into Syria. Syrian President Bashar Assad has enabled this by giving the Iranian terrorist proxies Syrian military uniforms. Iran is determined to build a land bridge stretching from Tehran to Beirut to Damascus, all the way to the Mediterranean Coast.

Earlier this month, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei repeated his ominous exhortation that Israel is "a cancerous tumor that must be removed." And Hossein Salami, the Deputy Commander of the IRGC in Syria, said that he is "awaiting orders to eradicate the evil regime of Israel" and that Israel has "no strategic depth" — therefore, "this can easily be achieved."

Contrast this with the Israeli side of the Golan Heights, which provides an island of stability in a sea of chaos.

The Golan Heights — an area that Israel captured during its defensive 1967 Six Day War and then retained from invading Syrian forces again in its defensive war of 1973 — affords Israel a unique topographical and intelligence advantage, giving it the eyes and ears to stare down into Syria and Lebanon. And all of this intelligence is shared readily with the United States.

There is a 1974 agreement mandating the separation of Syrian and Israel forces, which thins out the forces on both sides of the disengagement line. In 1981, the Israeli government formally annexed the region. The annexation

of the Golan Heights is a consensus issue that almost every Israeli, whether politically on the left, right, or center agrees with.

As Major Gen. (ret.) Giora Eiland of the IDF has recently written, "Israel does not possess a plausible solution to its security needs without the Golan Heights."

The demarcation line of the Golan Heights represents the demarcation of freedom against tyranny — of a failed authoritarian regime against a vibrant, healthy state based on Western democratic values.

That is why tens of thousands of Syrians would love to flee into Israel if given the opportunity. That is why 422 Syrians who are part of the White Helmet Groups, a humanitarian volunteer organization, were rescued by the Israelis and given safe passage into Jordan. That is why the IDF was able to provide tons of truckloads of supplies to Syrian refugees, including medicines, baby formula, food, and shoes. And that is what enabled the IDF to clandestinely arrange for approximately 4,000 Syrians wounded in Syria's protracted civil war to be treated in Israeli hospitals without asking which side they were fighting for or why. When they were healed, they were clandestinely delivered back to the Syrian side of the border.

It is in America's best national security interests to recognize the annexation of the Golan Heights as part of Israel's sovereign territory. Israel provides an island of tranquility in the chaotic world of the Middle



IDF soldiers look on toward people standing next to the Israel-Syria border fence in the Golan Heights, July 17, 2018.
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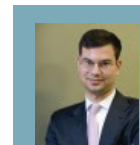
East, and the line between chaos and stability cuts right through the demarcation line. After all, following Friday prayers throughout Tehran, the chant is not only "Death to Israel" but also "Death to America."

By keeping the Golan Heights as part of the lexicon of "occupied territories," the international community simply perpetuates the conflict and the Syrian-Iranian-Russian axis' pernicious delusion that this area is still in play.

American recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights would finally put an end to these dangerous delusions. In an age when Iran constitutes the greatest menace to the region and one of the greatest to the world, it would constitute an effective and potent form of "reality therapy."

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The New York Times Slaps 'Apartheid' Label on Israel



IRA STOLL
BOSTON

After two (one, two) negative front-page articles about Israel's new nation-state law, *The New York Times* is escalating its offensive by publishing an op-ed piece claiming that the Israeli parliament endorsed "apartheid methods" by approving the law.

The op-ed appears under the headline "Did Israel Just Stop Trying to Be a Democracy?" The usual rule is that when a headline is phrased as a question, the answer is "no," but in this case the author seems to answer in the affirmative.

"The effort to guarantee equal rights for non-Jews has at *times* seemed like trying to square a circle. Last week, Israel gave up on even trying," the *Times* op-ed says.

The article concludes, "Israel's policy of promoting Jewish settlements has created de facto apartheid in the occupied territories of the West Bank. The nation-state law now formally endorses the use of similar apartheid methods within Israel's recognized borders. What was long suspected has finally been made brutally clear: Israel cannot be both a Jewish state and a liberal democracy."

The article is by Omri Boehm. The *Times* describes him as both "an Israeli philosopher" and "associate professor of philosophy at the New School for Social Research."

One interesting thing about Professor Boehm is that he was sharply critical of Israel even before the passage of the nation-state law. In December 2016, he attracted *The Algemeiner's* attention for a barely comprehensible *Times* column about what he called "the alliance that's beginning to form between Zionist leadership and politicians with anti-Semitic tendencies." That column claimed "it is natural for Zionist and anti-Semitic politicians to find common ideas and interests."

Given that Boehm was sharply critical of Israel both before and after the passage of the nation-state law, one might wonder whether his stance is really about the law at all. And one might wonder why the *Times* turned to him, of all people, for an outside-the-paper perspective on the issue.

Apartheid, after all, was the South African system in which the small white minority

denied the much larger black majority the right to vote and imposed other laws mandating racial segregation. In Israel, Jews are the majority of citizens, and non-Jewish citizens have the right to vote and serve in government. The new nation-state law does not change that, so throwing the term "apartheid" around doesn't really provide anything useful in terms of analysis. It's just another way for the *Times* to insult and attack Israel.

As groundless as the Israel-apartheid connection is, it is nonetheless a recurring theme at *The New York Times*. Earlier coverage at *The Algemeiner* pointed out previous cases in the *Times'* "T" magazine and the *Times* op-ed page.

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World News.

IDF on the Hunt for Gaza Sniper Who Shot Two Soldiers on Border in Recent Weeks

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The IDF believes that the same sniper shot two of its soldiers in separate incidents this month on the border with the Gaza Strip.

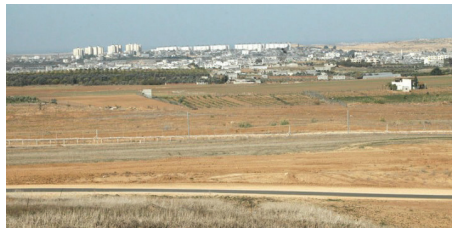
The Hebrew news site Walla quoted IDF officials as saying on Monday that the assumption is that a highly-skilled shooter both killed Staff Sergeant Aviv Levi of the Givati Brigade on July 20 and critically wounded another officer five days later under cover of the ongoing riots on the Israel-Gaza border.

In the second case, a group of children was used to draw the IDF into the line of fire.

Both soldiers were wearing protective gear, but the high-powered rounds fired by the sniper succeeded in penetrating their body armor. It is believed that the weapon used was of Iranian origin.

"We are not talking about a coincidence," said an IDF official.

It is thought that sniper was supported by Hamas forces on the ground. A official in the IDF's Southern Command stated, "It is unlikely that the sniper acted on Palestinian



The Israel-Gaza Strip border. Photo: Mary Madigan via Wikimedia Commons.

territory under Hamas' nose without support from additional professional entities. The assessment is that he received support and approval from the unit he is working in with the goal of exacting a price from the IDF — a Hamas fighter for an IDF soldier."

The IDF is taking precautions against further attacks. Walla quoted a soldier stationed on the border saying, "The commanders believe that the sniper will use the chaotic atmosphere on the border in order to attack again. We need to be professional enough not to play into his hands. To be exposed as little as possible."

US Ambassador Pays Condolence Visit to Family of Israeli Terror Victim

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman paid a condolence visit on Sunday to the family of Yotam Ovadia, the 31-year-old Israeli man who was murdered in a Palestinian stabbing attack last week.

"My heart was broken upon seeing the tragic consequence of the killing of Yotam Ovadia," Friedman said after meeting with Ovadia's family in the West Bank community of Adam, northeast of Jerusalem. "A young mother left alone to care for two toddlers, parents mourning their only son. There are no words that can describe the evil and barbarity

of this act of terror."

Ovadia was laid to rest in Jerusalem on Friday.



David M. Friedman @USAmbIsrael

Shocked to hear of the brutal terror attack in Adam that left 31 year-old Yotam Ovadia dead and two others injured. My heartfelt prayers for all the families. All life is sacred, but premeditated murder cries out for condemnation. Not hearing it from Palestinian leadership.

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On Sunday, Ovadia's cousin hailed his late relative for saving the lives of others by fighting with the terrorist.

those convicted of the most severe crimes.

Thousands of Palestinian families in the West Bank, where the average monthly salary is less than \$600, have benefited from what critics have dubbed the PA's "pay-to-slay" policy. Among them are Omar Al-Abed al-Jalil from Kobar — the same town Yusuf resided in — who massacred three members of the Solomon family last July as they were celebrating the birth of a new grandson. Yusuf received four life sentences for the crime, making him eligible for the PA's highest monthly salary.

In total, the PA allocated more than 1.2 billion shekels (about \$327 million) to payments for Palestinian prisoners and the families of "martyrs" in its 2017 budget,

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while attacking Israeli targets — are entitled to a one-time payment of 6,000 shekels (about \$1,600), as well as monthly salaries starting at 1,400 shekels (about \$380). The monthly allowance increases based on several variables, including the number of wives and children a "martyr" had, as well as whether he was a resident of Jerusalem and/or Israel.

The PA also pays salaries to Palestinians who are incarcerated in Israel, with the monthly allowances — which range from 1,400 shekels (about \$380) for sentences under three years, to 12,000 shekels (about \$3,300) for sentences over 30 years — affording the greatest financial reward to

New Poll Shows Majority of Israelis Support the New Nationality Law



People watch the military airshow during Israel's 70th Independence Day celebrations in Saker Park in Jerusalem, April 19, 2018. Photo: Yonatan Sindel/Flash90

BY JNS.org

A new poll by the Walla news website shows that most Israelis support the Nationality Law, with 58 percent agreeing with the current language and 34 percent opposed to it.

While 85 percent of those who call themselves right-wing voters support the law, so do 19 percent of left-wing voters and 49 percent of centrist voters.

While in political parties Bayit Yehudi, Likud, Shas, United Torah Judaism, Kulanu, and Yesh Atid, the law is met primarily with support, a whopping 71 percent of Zionist

Union voters, 89 percent of Meretz voters, and 100 percent of Joint List (Arab parties) voters oppose the law.

The poll also showed that even more Israeli voters would choose Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's Likud Party than prior to the controversy over the new law.

According to the July 30 results, Likud, which currently has 30 seats, would rise to 33. Yair Lapid's Yesh Atid Party would rise by the most seats, from 11 seats to 19. Yet the most dramatic change would occur for the Zionist Union Party, which would plummet from 24 seats down to 12.

Israeli Police Catch Two Arab Teens With Guns

BY JNS.org

Two Arab teenagers from Shechem in Samaria who were caught by Israeli Border Police on Saturday afternoon were found to be carrying a pair of homemade machine guns.

Troops were performing a routine patrol of areas bordering between Israeli-controlled and Palestinian Authority-controlled Samaria when they noticed the two suspects trying

to sneak into Israeli territory near the Jewish town of Oranit.

Police chased and caught the men, who were found to be carrying two Carlo-style submachine guns and bullet magazines.

The men were apprehended just two days after a young Arab man infiltrated the Jewish town of Adam and stabbed to death a 31-year-old father of two, Yotam Ovadia, and wounding two others.

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Iran meet with Iran if they wanted to meet. I don't know that they're ready yet. I ended the Iran deal. It was a ridiculous deal. I do believe that they will probably end up wanting to meet and I'm ready to meet any time that they want to."

Trump said he had "no preconditions" for a meeting with the Iranians, adding: "If they want to meet, I'll meet."

"If we could work something out that's meaningful, not the waste of paper that the other deal was, I would certainly be willing to

meet," he added, noting that it would be good for the United States, Iran and the world.

In May, Trump withdrew the United States from the 2015 international agreement designed to deny Tehran the ability to build nuclear weapons.

Since then Iran and other signatories have been working to find a way to salvage the deal, even as the United States has begun reimposing some sanctions on Iran.

World powers and Iran have been working on an economic package to compensate for US sanctions that begin taking effect in August.

according to a report by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs think tank.

The US Congress sought to pressure the PA to end the payments by passing the Taylor Force Act in March. The legislation, which cuts US aid to the PA until Ramallah stops granting salaries to terrorists and their families, was named after a US Army veteran

and Vanderbilt University graduate student killed by a Palestinian in Tel Aviv in 2016.

While a similar bill was enacted by the Israeli Knesset earlier this month, PA leaders have rebuffed efforts to stop the practice, with Abbas saying last week, "Even if we only have a penny left, we are going to first put it toward these payments."

World News.



A young Israeli chess player takes part in a special chess tournament in Jerusalem marking Israel's 70th anniversary, April 30, 2018. Photo: Yonatan Sindel/Flash90.

Banning Israeli 7-Year-Old, Tunisia May Lose Right to Host World Chess Tournaments

BY JNS.org

Tunisia may lose the right to host world chess championships after refusing to grant a visa to Israel's 7-year-old chess champion for the 2019 World Schools Chess Championship.

Tunisia has no diplomatic ties with Israel and will not make an exception to authorize a young Israeli girl, Liel Levitan—the European School Individual Chess champion in her age group—to enter the country for the upcoming World Chess Federation (FIDE) tournament.

If Levitan does not attend the tournament, she and the other Israeli contestants

will be disqualified from the tournament.

The FIDE is reportedly attempting to pressure Tunisia to allow entry of the Israeli participants.

FIDE secretary Poline Tsedenova told The Jerusalem Post that the organization has requested “an urgent explanation from the Tunisian Chess Federation” and demanded guarantees that the 2019 World Schools Championship would include Israelis—or else Tunisia would not be hosting the event.

The FIDE code of ethics states that the organization “attaches the greatest importance to fair play and good sportsmanship.”

Expert Warns of Negative Consequences for Israel From Assad's Takeover of Border Area

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad's successful takeover of the area adjacent to border with Israel marks a “very painful strategic failure” for the Jewish state, an Israeli expert told *The Algemeiner* on Tuesday.

The Assad regime — backed by Russia and Iran — launched a massive offensive in recent weeks against rebel strongholds in southwestern Syria near the Golan Heights border with Israel. In the past few days, the last pockets of resistance have been defeated and Assad's forces have essentially declared victory.

Veteran Israeli journalist Ehud Yaari believes that this is bad news for Israel for several reasons, mainly due to its failure to exploit the opportunity to topple the Assad regime and thus deal a blow to Iran's imperial ambitions in the region.

“Israel has suffered in my opinion a very painful strategic failure in Syria,” he said in an exclusive interview with *The Algemeiner*, “because the government and the army were over-cautious, and didn't take the measures necessary over the past seven years of the civil war in order to assure that Assad is removed.”

“The failure to get Assad removed means that he was saved by the Iranians and, of course, the Russians,” Yaari continued. “And the Iranians are the main players. I personally consider it a very grave mistake on our part.

And there will be consequences.”

Iran, Yaari said, is by now burrowed deep into the Syrian military. “Assad doesn't have an army,” he explained. “When people speak about the Syrian army, Assad's army, there is no army. There are remnants of the once-huge army that he had. And mainly what you have is an array, a myriad of all sorts of militias. Many of them affiliated in one way or another with the Iranians, with Hezbollah. So when the Syrian army is going to retake the positions along the Golan line, that means that we will see these type of forces positioned there.”

Nonetheless, Yaari feels that war is unlikely in the short term. “I think that the Syrians and Iranians are not interested in any flare-up along the border,” he stated. “I think because they have different priorities. They have to stabilize Assad's hold on Syria. It's a country which is destroyed to a great extent. They have to rebuild an army. They have to do a lot of stuff before they are seeking to engage the IDF. Therefore, I believe that we will see the Syrians, whether from this myriad of remnants of the army and militias, they will take the old positions that they had, as long as they don't shoot fire at us, the Israelis will remain calm.”

In the long term, however, Iran will entrench its control in Syria, something Israel has pledged to prevent.

“The Iranians will increase, slowly but steadily, to get themselves not just entrenched in Syria but entrenched within the Syrian

Report: Israel Warns Assad Not to Massacre Civilians in Southern Syria

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

Israel has reportedly cautioned Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad not to harm civilians living on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights.

According to Israel's Channel Two, the message was conveyed to Assad by Russian officials, and included a warning that Israel was prepared to take action on the ground to prevent the potential slaughter of border area residents.

Assad's forces, with support from Iran and Russia, have undertaken a major military operation to retake the southern territories near the border with Israel from rebel groups. The campaign is nearing its climax, and most of the rebel redoubts in the area have already been captured or been voluntarily surrendered.

Until now, Israel has observed a strict policy of non-interference in Syria's seven-year civil war, in which approximately 500,000 people have been killed and millions displaced.

The Jewish state has limited itself to retali-



IDF soldiers look on toward people standing next to the Israel-Syria border fence in the Golan Heights, July 17, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

ating against any cross-border fire and aerial incursions, conducting air strikes on Iranian assets in Syria, and giving humanitarian aid to refugees and others who reach the border.

Recently, Israel participated in the successful evacuation of hundreds of members of the White Helmets emergency response group from Syria to Jordan.

Catholic Church in Israel Calls on Christians to Protest Nationality Law

BY JNS.org

The Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem, which represents the Roman Catholic Church in Israel, issued a statement on Monday blasting Israel's new Nationality Law and called upon followers to protest it.

The Church seemed to take particular issue with the lack of mention of Arab Israelis—only referring to “Palestinian citizens of Israel”—saying they “are flagrantly excluded from the law.”

“The Christian citizens of Israel have the same concerns as any other non-Jewish communities with respect to this law,” the organization said in a statement. “They call upon all citizens of the State of Israel who still believe in the basic concept of equality among citizens of the same nation, to voice their objection to this law and the dangers emanating thereof to the future of this country.”

The Nationality Law makes Arabic a “special status” language, but not the official language of Israel, which is Hebrew. It also recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel,

codifies the Jewish calendar as the state's official calendar, and recognizes Independence Day and Jewish holidays as official national holidays, but does not impinge on the rights of minorities to use their own languages, calendars, or celebrate their own holidays.

The Roman Catholic Church is based in Vatican City, the smallest country in Europe, in which Roman Catholicism is the country's official religion, and the pope its sovereign ruler.



Portrait of Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Apostolic Administrator Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem on Feb. 21, 2016. Photo by Sebi Berens/Flash90.

army, and this is what they are doing,” Yaari assessed.

“So all in all, if we are trying to look ahead a few years from now, what I see is the emergence of growing Iranian proxies within the Syrian army,” he predicted. “They will pursue the effort to upgrade the arsenal of missiles and get them much more accurate, will pursue their efforts to establish intelligence facilities, etc., etc.”

Israel's current response to this, in Yaari's view, is effective only in the short term.

“I think that what Israel is doing is Israel is sending the air force,” he said. “When you identify an Iranian target, an Iranian convoy, a shipment, etc., Israel sends the air force in.

It disrupts. The Iranians don't have a good answer to that. It disrupts the Iranian effort, it stalls it, it doesn't stop it.”

The future, however, is far more worrisome, Yaari cautioned.

“What will come next is, I believe, sooner or later, the few American troops east of the Euphrates River, close to the borders of Jordan, Iraq, and Syria, when the Americans are no longer there, the Iranians will have the possibility whenever they want to use the corridor to move militiamen from Iran, from wherever, shipments, anything they want, along the road into Syria instead of relying exclusively as they do now on sending cargo planes to Syria,” he said. “Not a good picture.”

U.S. News.

US Appeals Court: California Museum Can Keep Cranachs Looted by Nazis

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

A federal appeals court on Monday said the Norton Simon Museum can keep two 16th-century masterpieces depicting Adam and Eve by the German Renaissance painter Lucas Cranach the Elder, which had been looted by the Nazis during World War Two.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 3-0 against Marei von Saher, who has been suing the Pasadena, California-based museum for 11 years to reclaim the paintings, taken by the Nazis in a forced sale after her father-in-law, Jewish art dealer Jacques Goudstikker, fled the Netherlands in 1940.

Circuit Judge Margaret McKeown said the "act of state" doctrine validated the 1966 sale of the paintings by the Dutch government, which by then owned them, to George Stroganoff-Scherbatoff, a onetime US Navy commander and descendant of Russian aristocracy.

He sold them in 1971 to the museum, which has displayed them ever since.

Lawrence Kaye, a lawyer for von Saher, said he was "obviously disappointed" and would review the decision with his client.

"Today's decision should finally put this matter to rest," the museum said in a statement.

Many lawsuits seek to reclaim art taken or sold after Adolf Hitler took power in Germany in 1933.

This includes the 6-1/4 foot (1.9 meters) tall Cranach panels, which had been purchased by Nazi Reichsmarschall Hermann Göring at a fraction of their value.

In August 2016, US District Judge John Walter in Los Angeles ruled that the paintings belonged to the museum.

He said that under Dutch law, the Cranachs had been "enemy" property belonging to Göring, and that title had passed to the Dutch government, which had a right to sell them to Stroganoff.

Upholding that ruling, McKeown instead invoked the act of state doctrine, where US courts typically defer to foreign governments' sovereign actions, and avoid interfering with the executive branch's ability to conduct foreign policy.

She said ruling for von Saher would require nullifying three "official" Dutch government actions: the 1966 sale to Stroganoff, a 1999 decision not to restore von Saher's rights, and a 2006 decision that her claim had been "settled."

"Without question, the Nazi plunder of artwork was a moral atrocity that compels an appropriate governmental response," McKeown wrote for the Pasadena-based appeals court.



The outdoor sculpture and strolling garden at the Norton Simon Museum. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

"But the record ... reveals an official conveyance from the Dutch government to Stroganoff thrice 'settled' by Dutch authorities. For all the reasons the doctrine exists, we decline the invitation to invalidate the official actions of the Netherlands."

The case is von Saher v Norton Simon Museum of Art at Pasadena et al, 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals, No. 16-58308.

US Terror Victims Sue European Bank for Financial Ties to Iran

BY JNS.org

American victims of terrorism have filed a civil-court case against the European Investment Bank (EIB) for maintaining financial ties with Iran, a country accused of providing financial support for terror acts around the world.

The families are being represented by the Shurat HaDin Israeli legal advocacy organization.

"Iran is a state that finances and carries out terrorism," Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, the president and founder of Shurat HaDin, said in a statement. "No bank in the Western world can carry on business with Iran as long as Iran continues to support murderous terrorist attacks, and as long as the Iranian regime refuses to pay out the judgments awarded against it on behalf of victims of terror."

According to Shurat HaDin, there are more than \$43 billion in unresolved legal verdicts that the Iranian regime refuses to pay to terror victims, though at the same time it pays a steady stream of funds to terrorists. The organization is asking the court to turn over Iranian funds held by EIB to pay the court-ordered judgements.

"If the European Investment Bank continues to do business with Iran, funds sent to Iran through the EIB will also be used to directly finance terrorism," said Darshan-Leitner. "We will pursue the Iranian regime until it takes responsibility for its horrific actions and compensates the victims of its terrorism as ordered by the US courts."



Nitsana Darshan-Leitner, president of Shurat HaDin, Israel Law Center, speaks during the conference "Towards a New Law of War" at the Dan Hotel Jerusalem on May 5, 2015. Photo: Hadas Parush/Flash90.

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Opinion.

Facebook Must Ban Holocaust Denial

SHMULEY BOTEACH
ENGELWOOD

I came here to see some of the historical sites related to French complicity in the Holocaust. There is a plaque on the Opera House, where the parliament met during World War II; it mentions only the 80 people who voted against creating a new government under the collaborator Maréchal Pétain. It omits the 569 who voted in favor.

The city completely whitewashes its role in the Holocaust. There is no museum, only a small plaque on the wall of a hard-to-find synagogue in an alley bearing the names of a fraction of the Jews who were deported from France. French Nazi-hunter Serge Klarsfeld placed his own plaque inside the Hôtel du Parc in 1990, the location of the Vichy government's ministry of propaganda and other ministries. The plaque was defaced. In 2001, Klarsfeld got permission from the municipality to place a stone memorial facing Le Parc to memorialize 6,500 Jews deported from France to Auschwitz.

France is not unique among European collaborators seeking to erase their role in the greatest crime in history. But there can be no compromise when it comes to Holocaust memory. And that is why Mark Zuckerberg and Facebook's attitude towards Holocaust denial is so disturbing.

Social media has many useful and valuable qualities, but it also is used for nefarious purposes. Facebook, in particular, has become the home of antisemites, racists, and other vile individuals who promote hatred. We depend on the people who run Facebook and other platforms to police them. However, it is clear that they are failing. Consequently, I was happy to hear Mark Zuckerberg say that Facebook would ban posts calling for violence. Unfortunately, he followed that up by saying that Facebook would not ban Holocaust denial.

I can understand how difficult it is

to monitor more than two billion users of Facebook, and to determine what is offensive without constraining free speech. However, certain cases are no-brainers — such as using the “N word” in racist posts, or homophobic posts attacking gay people. Holocaust denial falls under the same category.

Zuckerberg, however, said in an interview with Recode's Kara Swisher that while he finds Holocaust denial “deeply offensive,” he doesn't believe its proponents should be banned from Facebook. “At the end of the day,” he said, “I don't believe that our platform should take that down because I think there are things that different people get wrong. I don't think that they're intentionally getting it wrong.”

Really?

Surely Zuckerberg does not believe that users should be allowed to spread the most disgusting and dangerous lies. The Holocaust is not up for debate. It is not someone's opinion. It is not an unproven theory. It is an incontrovertible historical fact.

In the case of Holocaust denial, the lies are an insult to the memory of six million Jewish martyrs. They also promote the antisemitic notion that Jews invented the story to serve their interests. They also feed the delusions of neo-Nazis.

The founder of Facebook, who is obviously a brilliant man, expressed the shockingly naïve idea that Holocaust deniers do not “intentionally” get it wrong.

Yes, they do.

Holocaust deniers know exactly what they are doing. They are trying to convince people that the Holocaust was a hoax, or that there were no gas chambers, or that the number of Jews who were murdered is exaggerated. These are intentional lies meant to offend and, while they may not advocate it, their Jew-hatred can incite violence. It is also designed to delegitimize Israel, as if the Jews invented the lie of their annihilation in order to steal the land of the Palestinians. This is why Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas specifically chose Holocaust denial for his doctoral thesis.

It is hard to imagine Zuckerberg defending KKK pages on Facebook because some of the Klansmen might not intend to be racists.

Anyone in a position of responsibility must know better. Zuckerberg is, of course, Jewish and an impressive young man. Surely he knows that the Nazis, who deniers say did not commit genocide, would have killed his entire family if given the opportunity. He might not have been born if the Allies had not defeated Hitler to prevent the Final Solution from becoming truly final for the entire Jewish people.

Holocaust denial is not new. It is also not a topic that was suddenly brought to Facebook's attention by the interviewer who elicited his comments. Representatives of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, for example, have been raising the issue for years. Rabbi Abraham Cooper, Associate Dean of the Center, said that they did win a victory when Facebook agreed to remove Holocaust denial sponsored by a state such as Iran, because it was considered propaganda. “But postings by individuals remained on Facebook,” Cooper related, “in the name of free speech.”

I spent the two past summers visiting the sites where the Holocaust was planned and implemented. I went to the Wannsee house. I visited towns throughout Eastern Europe where entire Jewish communities were wiped out. And I walked in the footsteps of the men, women, and children who were sent to the gas chambers in Auschwitz-Birkenau, Mauthausen, and Sobibor.

Zuckerberg is simply wrong in saying that people who deny any of this happened are unaware of the truth. And he should not be granting them the use of the social media platform that he founded for positive change to promote their wretched lies.

Zuckerberg's sister Randi, a Jewish activist who once worked for Facebook, issued a statement that put the onus on the US government:

As much as I disagree with Holocaust deniers having a voice at all, the reality is that it is not currently considered a crime in the United States, and if we want our social networks to remove this hateful speech and follow the lead of many countries in Europe who denounce it as criminal, we need to expand the conversation more broadly and legislate at a national level.

I know Randi. She is an extremely proud

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.
Photo: Reuters / Leah Millis.

and accomplished Jewish woman who is also extraordinarily dedicated to Israel. But it is too easy for Facebook to retreat behind the First Amendment, just as many academics use “academic freedom” to shield themselves from censure for their antisemitic statements.

The truth is that Facebook already bans some speech. The company issued a statement that said, “There are certain forms of misinformation that have contributed to physical harm, and we are making a policy change which will enable us to take that type of content down.”

Maya Kosoff — writing in Vanity Fair — noted the inconsistency and arbitrariness of the policy: “It says, in short, that the company is unwilling to be an arbiter of truth, unless that truth begets violence.”

It is illegal to deny the Holocaust in Germany and the government has told Facebook that such posts must be deleted. There is no reason why Facebook should limit this policy to one country.

At a time when antisemitism is growing around the world, Holocaust denial is on the rise, and Jews are being attacked not just verbally but physically, it is outrageous for Facebook to shield Holocaust deniers. The company has no excuse for allowing them to spread their lies and venom to the global community that uses Facebook.

You're an amazing man, Mark. You've united the world on a single platform. Now do justice to the sacred memory of the six million by not allowing that platform to deny that they were murdered.

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Jeremy Corbyn's
'Existential Threat'BEN COHEN
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On the evening of Monday, July 23, the parliamentary group of the British Labour Party held what Sky News called an “emotionally charged meeting” during which they endorsed the definition of antisemitism used by hundreds of government departments, law-enforcement agencies, municipal authorities, and community associations around the world.

The Labour MPs' decision was a slap in the face to both their party executive and their party leader, Jeremy Corbyn — yet again the main culprit in this latest episode of antisemitism in a party that has been plagued by it since

Corbyn took Labour's helm in 2015. This time, as has been widely reported, it took the form of Labour's refusal to endorse the full definition of antisemitism formulated by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) because of its inclusion of many of the rhetorical devices — Jews choose Israel above their own countries, Israel is born from a racist endeavor, and so on — that are invoked by Palestinian solidarity activists when they attack the relationship between the Jewish state and Jewish communities abroad.

Corbyn, however, was not in the room to feel the sting of MP anger on Monday. In a twist worthy of an Elizabethan court drama, the leader of Her Majesty's Opposition was instead meeting with a “foreign prince” — and not minor royalty, mind you, but the Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani.

A handful of bloggers commented

British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn.
Photo: Reuters / Pierre Albouy.

acidly on the leader of a party that is rooted in the labor movement posing happily with the ruler of a Gulf emirate whose population ratio — five disenfranchised, non-unionized, starvation-waged migrant workers for each full citizen — sounds rather like something we used to call “apartheid.” Still, choosing to bow to protocol on this one occasion, Corbyn did not raise the plight of Qatar's migrant workers during his audience with the Emir.

Had he done so — had, say, Corbyn publicly told Al-Thani that Qatar risked a Labour-movement boycott because of its systemic abuse of the mainly South Asian construction workers building stadiums for

the 2022 World Cup — then even some of the Labour leader's most devoted critics would have been momentarily stumped by such a display of principle. But in that moment of truth, Corbyn showed that he can be just as much of an establishment figure as the ruling Conservatives he loathes.

In fact, if, as many people inside and outside the British Jewish community fear, Corbyn does become prime minister in what would be the United Kingdom's second general election in the crisis caused by the Brexit referendum in June 2016, he would probably be wise not to alienate the Qataris. Or the Russians. Or, indeed, any of the foreign powers that will seek political and financial leverage over the UK should its voters choose a government committed to the most radical policies since World War II. These include a mass house-building program, nationalization of key industries, an end to limits on pay for public-sector employees, the abandonment of the UK's nuclear deterrent, and the potential closure of the UK's nuclear power stations, with Brexit itself yet to be resolved.

In a week when three of Britain's Jewish newspapers have united in a joint front

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Opinion.

US Peace Plans: A Long History of Failure



YORAM ETTINGER
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Over the years, the various US initiatives for the Middle East have always been about two things: promoting peace and upgrading America's status.

They have always failed on both fronts.

American peace plans are bound for failure because they tend to discount the complexities of the violent Arab-Muslim reality and because they are wedded to oversimplified solutions, wishful thinking and quick fixes.

The plans have been plagued by a never-ending clash between the West's desire for short-term agreements for the sake of convenience and the need for arrangements that serve real national security interests over the long haul.

The plans have been undone by the volcanic eruptions in the Arab-Muslim world since the seventh century: a violent tribal-religious-ideological fragmentation, intolerance, a lack of regional and local coexistence,

minority-led regimes that deny human rights, unstable governments and flawed agreements.

Other factors that doomed those plans include misguided insights that frame the Arab-Israeli conflict as a Middle Eastern conflict, and trace the regional terrorist activities to the Palestinians issue because it is "the root of the conflict."

The so-called Arab Spring, which had nothing to do with the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian issue, led to the collapse of these insights. The focus on the Palestinian issues, when the US and its allies face much greater threats, has eroded America's deterrence, as well as its regional and global status.

US peace plans have always tried to make Israel make far-reaching concessions that undermine its very existence while

rewarding systematic violence. This is why they only further encouraged terrorism. They have always drawn an immoral equivalency between the Arab/Palestinian aggressor and the Israeli victim; between Islamic terrorism and the Israeli counterterrorism measures; between America's most reliable ally and the Palestinians, who have consistently allied themselves with America's enemies and adversaries (Nazi Germany, the Soviet bloc, Iran, Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, North Korea, Cuba and Venezuela).

All of the peace plans have made the Palestinians become even more radicalized, making peace even harder to achieve and only hurting the United States and turning it into a preferred target for Islamic terrorism, despite the heavy American pressure on Israel.

William Rogers, Henry Kissinger, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and Barack Obama, as well



From left: US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Special Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt, White House adviser Jared Kushner, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer, meeting in Jerusalem on June 22, 2018. Photo: US Embassy in Israel.

as others, all tried and failed. But despite the serial failure on this front, the United States has played a vital role in the peace agreements with Jordan and Egypt, and in promoting cooperation between Israel and pro-American Arab states in the Persian Gulf.

America must learn the lessons of its failures. It must not present another version of its past plans. It would be well-served by leveraging its game-changing influence and capabilities in a way that promotes strategic initiatives for direct ties between Israel and its neighbors, which would help counter the regional turbulence and bolster Israel's national security.

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had its political uses. Chávez asserted himself as the lynchpin of the global alliance against imperialism with repeated attacks on Israel's treatment of the Palestinians, deploying the imagery of the Jews as "crucifiers" that he calculated would resonate in the deeply Catholic country. Taking that position did not advance the Palestinian cause, nor did it alter Israel's strategic advantage, but it did contribute to the majority of Venezuela's Jewish community of 20,000 fleeing Chávez and his successor Nicolas Maduro for safety abroad.

I am not saying that exactly the same process will unfold in Britain should Corbyn come to power. But it is notable that there has been, once again, a rise in discussion among British Jews about whether they have a future under a government led by Corbyn.

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page that warns of the "existential risk" of a Corbyn government to British Jews, some might answer that the existential risk applies to Britain as a whole. One doesn't have to share this apocalyptic viewpoint to see that the underlying concern revolves around how, precisely, a Corbyn government would behave towards those opposed to its program.

As resilient as the structures of British democracy are, Corbyn might well try to borrow from the political playbook of his hero: the late Venezuelan socialist dictator Hugo Chávez. In times of both boom and bust in this oil-rich, historically stable nation, Chávez found that antisemitism — a phenomenon that was virtually unknown in Venezuela —

The 'Games' Palestinian Children Play



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We're always being told that there is a significant difference between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas. Supposedly, the PA is "moderate" while Hamas is "extremist." But the PA's public endorsement this week of the Gaza kite terrorists makes it clear that there is no meaningful difference between it and Hamas at all.

Here is the text of the statement by PA Government Spokesman Yusuf Al-Mahmoud, as published in the official PA daily newspaper *Al-Hayat Al-Jadida* on July 22 and made available by the invaluable Palestinian Media Watch:

The occupation's escalation, to which the Gaza Strip — which is under siege — has been witness in recent hours, constitutes part of the occupation government's policy towards our residents and the heroic members of our people. ... The occupation is striving to create equivalence in which there is a parallel between the newest and most lethal fighter jets and a children's game such as kites used by peaceful protesters as one of the means of protest against the siege and the occupation.

Let's take a careful look at the PA spokesman's words, starting with the way he refers to Israel. Notice that he doesn't say the word "Israel" at all. The Jewish state is "the occupation" or "the occupation government." Al-Mahmoud is so consumed with hatred of Israel that he can't even bring himself to utter its name.

Some 25 years after the Oslo accords, 25 years after the Palestinians pledged to live in peace and coexistence with Israel, 25 years after the media and peace activists insisted that the Palestinians had really changed, they still can't even say the word "Israel."

Now let's consider the spokesman's description of the recent Gaza terrorism. In recent weeks, Palestinian teenagers have launched more than 1,000 flaming kites and balloons into Israel, two weeks ago hitting a kindergarten play area. They have started more than 500 fires, which have burned more than four square miles of nature reserves and more than three square miles of natural forests, and killed thousands of animals.

If it were any other country in the world that was suffering this kind of environmental damage, "Green" activists all over the world would be up in arms. But Palestinians who damage Israel's environment get a pass.

So how does the official PA spokesman characterize this wave of arson terror? "A children's game such as kites used by peaceful



Palestinian rioters in Gaza prepare to set a kite on fire to be flown across the border into Israel, May 11, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

protesters as one of the means of protest against the siege and the occupation."

It's chilling to hear vicious, destructive violence described as "a children's game." And yet, in Palestinian society, that's exactly what it is.

From the day they enter school, whether in the PA-controlled parts of Judea-Samaria or the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, Palestinian children are taught their own particular types of games. We've seen glimpses of this thanks to groups like Palestinian Media Watch and MEMRI; such as the summer camps where children stage skits about murdering Jews and the crossword puzzles where the answer to "Museum of Lies" is "Yad Vashem."

Were we really surprised when the savage who butchered Mrs. Dafna Meir with a 20-centimeter knife — right in front of her children — turned out to be a 16-year-old?

Were we really surprised when the beast who broke into the bedroom of 13-year-old Hallel Yaffa Ariel and viciously stabbed her to death likewise turned out to be a teenager?

Were we really surprised when one of the firebomb-throwers who severely burned 11-year-old Ayelet Shapiro near Ma'ale Shomron turned out to be just 16?

On July 26, just last week, a Palestinian teen jumped a security fence and stabbed three people in the Jewish settlement of Adam, a few miles north of Jerusalem.

We shouldn't be surprised by any of this. The Palestinian Authority and Hamas both raise their children to play the same "games" — the games of bombing, shooting, stabbing, and burning.

This is why the Trump administration's approach to Gaza is so utterly mistaken. Last week, three administration officials offered Hamas large amounts of aid if it will just stop shooting at Israel for a while. Other officials have been quoted as saying the solution to Gaza is for the PA to move in and take it over.

But whether Gaza is run by Hamas or the PA, Israel will continue to be saddled with neighbors who raise their children to be murderers and arsonists.

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The fear that he has normalized antisemitism in the Labour Party, coupled with unwavering loyalty to the Palestine solidarity activists who have dragged Labour into the mire of Jew-baiting, leads many to conclude that what has already happened in the party will unfold next in the country.

My own view is that it is too soon to draw such a conclusion, although I certainly understand why others do. The possibility remains that the scandal of Labour antisemitism will backfire badly on Corbyn, as a growing number of Britons express disbelief at the

amount of time he spends on the job fighting with a community of 300,000 souls, when they know that an opposition leader serious about securing power would be focused on sweeping away the most divided and unstable British government this century. On this front, Corbyn has yet to convince.

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Impressions.

Wine and Racism

BY JEREMY ROSEN

Last month, there was a huge fuss in Israel over wine. It was known as the Barkan Affair. Barkan Wines, one of many relatively recent Israeli expansions into the quality wine trade, was seeking certification from the most Orthodox of religious supervisory agencies, the Edah Haredis, which incidentally is known for its very anti-Zionist positions. But hey, money is money. Their standards are pretty strict, even in a business known for its excesses. Because they only drink wine untouched by non-Jewish hands, they insisted that all persons involved in the actual process of winemaking should be bona fide Jews. Therefore, according to them, Ethiopian Jews must be excluded from the winemaking process (but not other parts of the industry), because their religious status as Jews is open to question.

There was an outcry condemning this as another example of Haredi, ultra-Orthodox racism. If they were racist, then of course I would condemn them unreservedly and aggressively, as much as I condemn those members of the Haredi community who see fit to demonstrate publicly in support of enemies of the Jewish state who are trying to destroy it. But the Beth Din of the Edah Haredis was not racist, whatever else it may be. Anyone familiar with the community will know that there are quite a few black members who have gone through a very strict conversion process and are well integrated into the community.

The facts: When the Ethiopian Beta Israel community started arriving in Israel from Ethiopia in the 1970s, there was a tremendous debate about their status. They had been cut off from Jewish life for 2,000 years. Their holy books were not in Hebrew, but a local dialect. They had no knowledge of rabbinic developments, laws, and customs after the first century. Their existence was well known to Jewish communities in medieval times. Eldad HaDani, the well known Jewish traveler and writer of the ninth century claimed he was one of them. Some Jewish travelers speculated they were lost tribes of Israel. Others thought that they had been converted by early Christians who were still loyal to the Old Testament, because their Judaism was clearly of a biblical nature.

Another claim was that they were Jews captured and sold into slavery. The question was asked whether these Ethiopians were really Jews. The Radbaz (1479-1589), a longtime chief rabbi of Egypt, ruled in his Responsa (vol. 2 no. 219, vol. 7) that they were Jews from the tribe of Dan and tinokot she-nishbu — Jewish children captured when they were too young to know about mainstream Judaism; a technical Talmudic term that exonerates them for failing to keep Jewish law.

It was following his precedent that the greatest Sephardi Torah giant of the previous generation, Haham Ovadia Yosef, declared that they were indeed Jewish. Israeli government and rabbinical officials formally decided on March 14, 1977 that the Law of Return applied to the Beta Israel, and

they were regarded as fully Jewish.

But as we know, Jews cannot agree on anything, and the Ashkenazi Haredi community still insisted on conversion. But this is a complex issue, and can't be dismissed simply as a matter of prejudice.

Sadly, Israel, being a country like any other, does have racist elements in it. Every new immigrant community since the beginnings of modern settlement has experienced prejudice and

The answer is that on some issues the Edah, like all halachic authorities, decides when not to make a fuss, to turn a blind eye, for very good social reasons. Technically, all Orthodox synagogues ought to deny honors to Jews who defy Jewish law in public. But as we well know, they do not. So why not just bend the rules by omission here as they do elsewhere? This is not an issue of ingredients. It is an added refinement, and a debatable one at that.

This insistence does seem, prima facie, to



Bottles from the Derech Eretz winery at the Sommelier 2018 exhibition in Tel Aviv.
Photo: Eliana Rudee.

discrimination, regardless of where they have come from or the color of their skin. Ask any Russian Jew about prejudice. And the Haredi world has indeed been guilty of making oriental communities (and others) feel like second-class citizens. Eventually they learned that this is not a very practical or

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indeed reasonable attitude. In general, Ethiopian Jews have been welcomed into Israeli society. After initial pains of integration, they have done remarkably well in every sphere of Israeli life. Most, like me, regard them as invaluable jewels in our crown.

Unfortunately, those who defend the Edah are ignoring a different point. Exactly the same laws regarding touching wine that apply to non-Jews also apply to Jews who publicly disregard Jewish law — the Mumar. Why didn't the Edah also insist that Barkan guarantee secular or non-religious Jews be removed from contact with the wine?

point to prejudice. But the reality is not so malevolent. It is rather carelessness, insensitivity born out of isolation and a narrow context. In my view, they simply did not realize the impact that it might have. This inability is a failing of many people who have been brought up in narrow, confined societies, regardless of where or who. Sometimes with great scholars its a certain innocence, naiveté. But this does not mean that it should be allowed to pass without comment.

And it is not just the Haredi rabbinate. Look at the recent case in which the Israeli Rabbinate chose to have a non-Orthodox rabbi arrested for performing a marriage not sanctioned by Orthodox Jewish law.

This is what worries me about all dogmatic orthodoxies — religious, political, and ideological — and all bureaucracies and authorities. They have a tendency to become so fixated on the letter of the law, that they often end up forgetting its spirit.

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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.
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. 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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony I. Omisore a/k/a Anthony Omisore; Ibeth Omisore; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 24, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn,

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NY 11201 on September 6, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1247 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. 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 5296 Lot 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$650,403.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 42891/2007. Michael Korsinsky, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 21, 2018
AJ; 8/3/10/17/24/31

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against MICHAEL HALBERSTAM A/K/A MICHAEL B. HALBERSTAM; ESTHER HALBERSTAM, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on June 1, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY. on the 6th day of September, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements therein erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1562 East 28th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11229. (Block: 7688, Lot: 81). Approximate amount of lien \$ 51,331.88 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 507674-13. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344
AJ; 8/3/10/17/24/31

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff -against- JAAKOV WINKLER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated May 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on September 6, 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 52nd Street, distant 360 feet 6 inches Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Southerly side of 52nd Street with the Westerly side of 20th Avenue; being a plot 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches by 100 feet 2 inches by 18 feet 3 inches. Block 5475 and Lot 23. Said premises known as 1940 52ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$554,292.43 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 19421/2013. M. RANDOLF JACKSON, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First

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Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 9026.01
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff against KARN PARFAIT, 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 June 29, 2018 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 6, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1682 East 49th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7873 Lot 72. 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, of the City of New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$535,908.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 501421/2016. Jeffrey E Dinowitz, Esq., Referee CARC235
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, Trustee of the SRP 2013-9 Funding Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Jason Dorset a/k/a Jason H. Dorset; Louisa Dorset; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on September 6, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 374 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. 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 4670 Lot 156. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,897.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502684/2015. Jeffrey R Miller, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 20, 2018 55205
AJ; 8/3/10/17/24/31

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., CSMC Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Mohammad Khan a/k/a Mohammad Shafi Khan a/k/a Mohammad S. Khan; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated July 7, 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 September 6, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 749 East 10th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11230. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the

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Greatness and Humility



JONATHAN SACKS LONDON

A sequence of verses in this week's sedra gave rise to a beautiful Talmudic passage - one that has found a place in the siddur. It is among the readings we say after the Evening Service on Saturday night as Shabbat comes to an end. Here is the text on which it is based:

"For the Lord your G-d is G-d of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty and awe-inspiring G-d, who shows no favoritism and accepts

"Father of the fatherless and judge of widows, is G-d in His holy habitation."

It is this passage that found its way into the (Ashkenazi) service at the end of Shabbat. Its presence there is to remind that that, as the day of rest ends and we return to our weekday concerns, we should not be so caught up in our own interests that we forget others less favourably situated. To care only for ourselves and those immediately dependant on us is not "the way of G-d".

One of the more unusual aspects of being a Chief Rabbi is that one comes to know people one otherwise might not. These were three moments that made a deep impression on me.



no bribe. He upholds the cause of the orphan and widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing." (Deut. 10: 17-18)

The juxtaposition of the two verses - the first about G-d's supremacy, the second about His care for the low and lonely - could not be more striking. The Power of powers cares for the powerless. The infinitely great shows concern for the small. The Being at the heart of being listens to those at the margins: the orphan, the widow, the stranger, the poor, the outcast, the neglected. On this idea, the third century teacher Rabbi Yochanan built the following homily (Babylonian Talmud, Megillah 31a):

Rabbi Yochanan said, Wherever you find the greatness of the Holy One, blessed be He, there you find His humility. This is written in the Torah, repeated in the Prophets, and stated a third time in the Writings. It is written in the Torah: "For the Lord your G-d is G-d of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty and awe-inspiring G-d, who shows no favoritism and accepts no bribe." Immediately afterwards it is written, "He upholds the cause of the orphan and widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing." It is repeated in the Prophets, as it says: "So says the High and Exalted One, who lives for ever and whose name is Holy: I live in a high and holy place, but also with the contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite." It is stated a third time in the Writings: "Sing to G-d, make music for His name, extol Him who rides the clouds - G-d is His name - and exult before Him." Immediately afterwards it is written:

From time to time Elaine and I gave dinner parties for people within, and also outside, the Jewish community. Usually, at the end, the guests thank the hosts. Only once, though, did a guest not only thank us but also asked to be allowed to go into the kitchen to thank those who had made and served the meal. It was a fine act of sensitivity. No less interesting was who it was who did so. It was John Major, a British Prime Minister. Greatness is humility.

The oldest synagogue in Britain is Bevis Marks, in the heart of the City of London. Built in 1701, it was the first purpose-built synagogue in London, created by the Spanish and Portuguese Jews who were the first to return to England (or practice their Judaism in public: some had been marranos) after Oliver Cromwell gave permission in 1656 for Jews to return after their expulsion by Edward I in 1290.

Modelled on the Great Synagogue in Amsterdam, it has stayed almost unchanged ever since. Only the addition of electric lights has marked the passing of time - and even so, on special occasions, services are candle-lit as they were in those early days.

For the tercentenary service in 2001, Prince Charles came to the synagogue. There he met members of the community as well as leaders of Anglo-Jewry. What was impressive is that he spent as much time talking to the young men and women who were doing security duty as he did to the great and good of British Jewry. For security reasons, people volunteer to stand guard at communal events - part of the work of one of our

finest organizations, the Community Security Trust. Often, people walk past them, hardly noticing their presence. But Prince Charles did notice them, and made them feel as important as anyone else on that glittering occasion. Greatness is humility.

Sarah Levene (not her real name) died tragically young. She and her husband had been blessed by G-d with great success. They were wealthy; but they did not spend their money on themselves. They gave tzedakah on a massive scale - within and beyond the Jewish community, in Britain, Israel and elsewhere. They were among the greatest philanthropists of our time.

When she died, among those who felt most bereaved were the waiters and waitresses of a well-known hotel in Israel where they often stayed. It transpired that she had come to know all of them - where they came from, what their family situation was, the difficulties they were going through, the problems they faced. She remembered not only their names but also the names of their spouses and children. Whenever any of them needed help, she made sure it came, quietly, unobtrusively. It was a habit she had wherever she went.

After her death I discovered how she and her husband came to be married. He was older than she was, a friend of her parents. She had some weeks free in the summer before the start of the academic year, and Mr Levene (not his real name) gave her a holiday job. One evening after work they were about to join her parents for a meal. In the street they passed a beggar. Mr Levene, punctilious about the mitzvah of tzedakah, reached into his pocket and gave the man a coin. As they were walking on, Sarah asked him to lend her some money - a fairly large sum, which she promised she would repay at the end of the week when he paid her wages.

He did so. She then ran back to the beggar and gave him the money. "Why did you do that?" he asked, "I had already given him some money." "What you gave him," she said, "was enough to help him for today but not enough to make a difference to his life."

At the end of the week, Mr Levene gave her her wages. She handed him back most of the money, to repay him for the sum he had lent her. "I will accept the money," he told her, "because I do not want to rob you of your mitzvah." But - as he himself told me after her death, "It was then that I decided to ask her to marry me - because her heart was bigger than mine."

Throughout their marriage they spent as much time and energy on giving their money to charitable causes as they did on earning it. They were responsible for many of the most outstanding educational, medical and environmental projects of our time. I have had the privilege of knowing other philanthropists - but none who knew the names of the children of the waiters at the hotel where they stayed; none who cared more for those others hardly noticed or who gave help more quietly, more effectively, more humanly. Greatness is humility.

This idea - counter-intuitive, unexpected, life-changing - is one of the great contributions of the Torah to

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Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 6498 Lot: 76. Approximate amount of judgment \$772,721.56 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511248/2015. Joel Abramson, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: July 13, 2018 55981 AJ; 8/3/10/17/24

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Edan Levi; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 11, 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 September 6, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1904 East 26th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229-2440. 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 7304 Lot 8. Approximate amount of judgment \$873,647.87 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511928/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 759-1835 Dated: June 25, 2018 55449 AJ; 8/3/10/17/24

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: HOME FRITE DEKALB LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/19/2018. 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: Ian Vernon 50 Howard Ave. unit 3L Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/3/10/17/24/31; 9/7

Notice of Formation of 673 ANN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/19/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 271 3rd Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11215. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 8/3/10/17/24/31; 9/7

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).Name: The Locals Food Holdings LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 01/22/2018. 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: The Locals Food Group 332 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11205. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 8/3/10/17/24/31; 9/7

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS UMB BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS LEGAL TITLE TRUSTEE FOR MART LEGAL TITLE TRUST 2015-NPL1, Plaintiff(s), Against Index No.: 006140/2013 DANIEL P. JONES, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered in the Kings County Clerk's Office on 5/31/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 9/6/2018 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1322 East 70th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, and City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Section 25 Block 8369 Lot 383. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$771,281.68 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 006140/2013. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagees attorney. Jageshwam Sharma, Esq., Referee. Leopold & Associates, PLLC (Attorneys for the Plaintiff), 80 Business Park Drive, Suite 110, Armonk, NY 10504 Dated: 7/12/2018 JLL/TKS AJ; 8/3/10/17/24

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff -against- GISELE CADET AKA GISELE NICHOLAS ADA GISELE NICOLAS CADET AS HEIR AT LAW AND NEXT OF KIN OF THE ESTATE OF GERARD CADET; ETC..., et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated September 11, 2017 and entered on September 26, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on September 6, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 57th Street, distant 300 feet southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 57th Street with the southerly side of Linden Avenue; being a plot 100 feet by 30 feet by 100 feet by 30 feet. Block: 4682 Lot: 22 Said premises known as 116 EAST 57TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$621,435.76 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. Index Number 7244/2011. AARON D. MASLOW, ESQ., Referee Westerman Ball Ederer Miller Zucker & Sharfstein, LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 1201 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556 AJ; 8/3/10/17/24

Western civilization and it is set out in the words of our sedra, when Moses told the people about the "G-d of gods and Lord of lords, the great, mighty and awe-inspiring G-d" whose greatness lay not just in the fact that He was

Creator of the universe and shaper of history, but that "He upholds the cause of the orphan and widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing." Those who do this are the true men and women of G-d.

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View from the scorched Be'eri forest in southern Israel, caused by the many airborne firebombs launched by Gazans, many of them children and teens, into Israel. July 20, 2018. Photo: Yaniv Nadav/Flash90.

UN Exhibit in New York Shows Fire Damage in Israel From Incendiary Kites and Balloons

BY JNS.org

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The collection was curated by photographer Udi Israel, and displayed for ambassadors and diplomats

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Israeli Eurovision Winner Netta Barzilai Laments Her Country's 'Bad PR'

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Shabbat-Observant Israeli Model Stars in New Kim Kardashian Makeup Ad

BY SHIRYN SOLNY

An Israeli model is featured in a new advertisement for Kim Kardashian's latest makeup collection, which launched on Friday.

Nahariya native Yael Shelbia is one of three models starring in an ad for the "Classic Collection" from Kardashian's KKW Beauty line.

The 17-year-old posted the image on Instagram on Thursday. She tagged Kardashian and KKW Beauty and wrote in the photo's caption, "Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of something so amazing."



Yael Shelbia. Photo: Instagram.

The official Instagram account for KKW Beauty features the same image along with another solo picture of Shelbia modeling new lipstick shades from the "Classic Collection."

Shelbia told an Israeli talk show last month that she attends a religious girls school in Israel and refuses to work on Saturday because of Shabbat, according to The Jerusalem Post. She said, "I call myself religious, since I observe Shabbat, and I very much believe."

Shelbia added that she dreams to advance her modeling career abroad, but she might be slowed down by her enlistment next year in the Israel Defense Forces.

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