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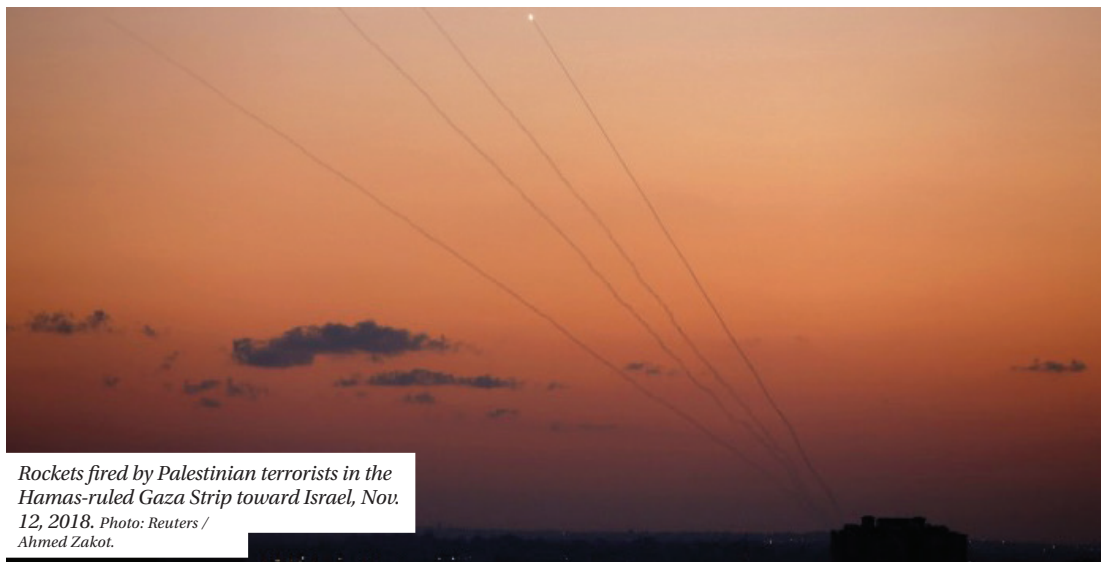
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Rockets fired by Palestinian terrorists in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip toward Israel, Nov. 12, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ahmed Zakot.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

One person was killed and at least 20 others were wounded in a massive Palestinian rocket barrage targeting southern Israel on Monday.

More than 400 projectiles were fired by terrorists in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip into the Jewish state in a coordinated

assault that began at around 4:30 p.m. local time.

Homes in the southern cities of Sderot, Netivot and Ashkelon were hit by rockets.

In Ashkelon, a man — a Palestinian in his 40s from the Hebron area — was killed and a woman was critically wounded.

Air raid sirens sounded as far away from Gaza as communities near the Dead Sea.

There was also an anti-tank

missile strike on an Israeli bus near the Gaza border, in which an IDF soldier was seriously wounded.

The Israeli military said it was responding to the attacks with strikes throughout Gaza. At least three Palestinian terrorists have been killed in these strikes so far.

On Monday evening, the IDF announced it had bombed more than 70 Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad terror targets.

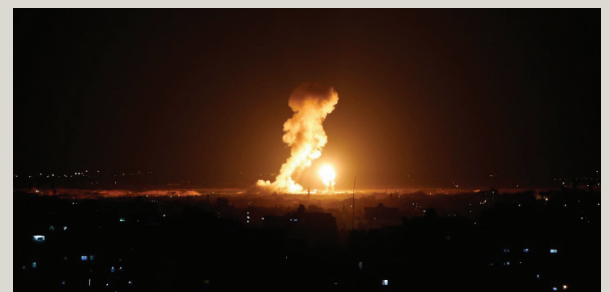
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US Groups Stand in Solidarity With Israel Amid Gaza Rocket Assault

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Top US Jewish groups have reacted with concern to the massive Gaza rocket attack on southern Israel on Monday in which more than a dozen Israelis were wounded.

"We condemn in the strongest terms the attack by Hamas, firing rockets, mortars, and anti-tank missiles from Gaza against the towns and residents of the south of Israel," Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations (CoP) Chairman Arthur Stark and Executive Vice Chairman and CEO Malcolm Hoenlein said in a statement.



Smoke and fire rise from the site of an Israeli air strike in Gaza, Nov. 12, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ahmed Zakot.

"Hundreds of rockets have been fired indiscriminately towards population centers in the last hours. These attacks specifically target civilians, and a number of Israelis have been injured and property damaged."

"No country can or should have to tolerate such attacks across an internationally recognized border," they continued. "Israel must do whatever it deems appropriate to safeguard its citizens and borders, and the international community must not only denounce such attacks in unambiguous terms, but they also must help prevent the weapons flow, technical support, and assistance that enables these attacks

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Opinion.

Russia Will Only Respond to Military Pressure, Not Economic Measures



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The question of how Russia will evolve over the next few decades is one of the most perplexing and perhaps the most central question in modern geopolitics.

Russia has undergone fundamental changes since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. They range from demographic shifts to foreign policy changes, to rising domestic discontent and a troublesome economic situation.

The ongoing decline of Russia as a global power contains several interconnecting trends. Demographic trajectories indicate that the Russian population, which has been decreasing, is set to decline even further in the coming decades. In 2012, the Kremlin estimated that Russia's population will diminish from over 144 million people to 107 million by 2045-2050.

This demographic decline reflects several factors, such as a low birth rate and the HIV crisis. Moreover, the number of ethnic Russians is in decline relative to the size of the Muslim population. The Russian decline is also characterized by technological under-

development, a process that began in the last decades of the Soviet Union and accelerated in the 1990s.

The situation within the country seems quiet, but it is tense in the outer regions. Ethnic minorities might begin to raise their voices once the center of the country — Moscow — starts to experience deep economic troubles.

From a wider historical perspective, Russia has always been technologically and economically backwards. Even after the first two five-year plans under Josef Stalin in the 1930s, when the country experienced a near-doubling of industrial output in comparison with previous years, Soviet Russia still lagged far behind the European states. Farther back, in the Romanov era, Russia was backward in terms of economics and other crucial components of state development.

There are many other components to the modern "decline of Russia" model. Inter-elite fighting in the Kremlin has an effect, as do the huge expenditures on special security agencies and the state army.

However, while these trends are important, they are simplistic and don't take sufficient account of the Russian mindset. If political sovereignty in the West emanates from below, in Russia the government relies on coercive measures to control the vast country. Not only is this state of affairs not anathema to most Russians, but they expect their leaders to

be tough-minded and heavy-handed. Hence the Kremlin's lack of concern over the current anti-government demonstrations that, in contrast to their over-dramatization by the Western media, reflect the views of only a small fraction of the Russian population.

Respect for and obedience to authority are a key part of the sociopolitical ethos of Russian society, which is neither overly democratic nor fully European or despotically Asian.

However, it should be noted that while Russia has experienced consistent varieties of internal problems over centuries, it is foreign policy that tends to disrupt the politics of Russia and weaken the country.

War with Japan in 1904-05 ushered in the 1905 revolution, at which time deep internal problems arose. People were revolting, workers' soviets (councils) were created, and Russia's foreign policy decision-making process was affected. Twelve years later, defeats during World War I and subsequent economic troubles brought about the 1917 February and October revolutions. Russia experienced a dramatic change, in which imperial leadership was replaced by a nominal workers' government. During the period of the Soviet Union, the war in Afghanistan was a defining moment in the decline of the Communist state and a major cause of its eventual disintegration.

It is true that in all the above cases, Russia's



US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin shake hands as they meet in Helsinki, Finland, July 16, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Kevin Lamarque

internal economic and social troubles played an important role — but it was direct foreign military pressure that was instrumental in causing reverberations inside Russia. Although this kind of pattern might apply to most big geopolitical players, the Russian case is different. Throughout their history, Russians have tended to be loyal to their rulers. This is part of the Russian mindset.

This brings to mind current geopolitical conditions in and around Russia. The prevailing crisis between Russia and the West, which is the product of many fundamental geopolitical differences both within the former Soviet space and outside it, will not abate for the time being. Moreover, the successful Western expansion into what Moscow always considered the "Russian backyard" halted Moscow's projection of power and dimin-

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Pittsburgh and the Uniqueness of Antisemitism

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Antisemitism is frequently viewed as "the canary in the coal mine." It signals a more general climate of prejudice that manifests itself in an increasing hatred of Jews. In the wake of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, many articles have made this point. They focused on the extent of antisemitism in the US and its relationship to other forms of ethnic, religious, and even gender-based prejudice.

While the "canary in the coal mine" viewpoint is important, the questions about antisemitism are far broader. To address them, we need a clear understanding of antisemitism itself. I stand with those who think antisemitism is a distinct form of prejudice — not because the degree of its cruelty (for the damage done by other prejudices has been no less deadly), but because of its nature. By understanding antisemitism, we can defeat much more than hatred of Jews and other peoples.

Antisemitism is about power. It is distinct from other prejudices by its obsession with perceived malevolent Jewish power and by its pervasiveness among disparate societies, political and ideological groups, and eras. From Nazism and Communism, from most streams of Christianity until the last century, to present day Islamism; from the hallowed halls of Harvard University to backwater towns,

from an ancient Pharaoh to a current Malaysian prime minister, antisemites have accused the Jews of all manner of conspiracies to rule the world and destroy other peoples. This is not the case with racism against African peoples or Native Americans, for example, who are accused by racists of many heinous things, but not of world domination.

To understand antisemitism, we need to understand malevolent power more generally. The Bible continues to offer the most sophisticated intellectual and moral contribution on the nature of malevolent power we have through its discussion of idolatry. Unfortunately, most modern folk view idolatry as irrelevant. They think idolatry is about worshipping stones or spirits. This is a grave misunderstanding. While power is a natural phenomenon involving many facets, such as resources, strength, strategy, or information, the Bible defines idolatry as a set of lies about power and authority.

Idolatry is the process of attributing superior and inexplicable power and authority to finite people, animals, and natural processes. Since finite beings are limited by nature, which also limits all forms of power,

idolatry is by definition a lie. Yet this lie is the basis for much human injustice, just as the Bible explains. From Pharaoh in Egypt to Sennacherib in Assyria, idolaters built temples, ran pageants, and wrote poems and epics to exult their "supernatural" power and authority. These lies justified their selfish oppression of the masses and their greedy conquests of other peoples. Idolatry underpins all genuinely malevolent power.

The Bible also describes how idolatry is always vulnerable to the truth. Neither Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, or Sennacherib were the gods or demi-gods they pretended to be. They could all be, and were all, toppled. Not that this is easy, nor without many casualties, for they had natural powers — military might and resources. But their supposed supernatural power and authority was exposed as a lie.

As the Biblical texts describe, the only God worth worshipping is above nature and incorruptible. No person is or can ever be divine; no person can ever have power or authority beyond nature, even though, as the Bible explains, we all carry a spark of divinity in ourselves — a soul. Based on this fundamental axiom, the Bible mandates us to treat each other equally, for example, by loving our brothers and sisters in humanity as ourselves (Leviticus 19:17-18) or by not doing unto others what we don't wish done to ourselves (Talmud Shabbat 31a). These axioms are the root of justice and have come to be known as the Golden Rule. Justice is the opposite of malevolent power. Idolatry destroys the conceptual foundations of justice. You don't need to believe in God or in the soul to reject idolatry.

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Caskets are carried outside of Pittsburgh's Rodef Shalom Congregation. Photo: Screenshot.

World News.

Israel And Hamas Reach Ceasefire After Rocket Barrage

BY JNS.ORG

A senior Israeli official indicated that an Egyptian-mediated ceasefire has been reached between Israel and Hamas, and other Gaza terrorist groups, amid the latter launching more than 400 rockets into Israel since Monday.

Some 27 people have so far been injured in the violence, with one Palestinian worker in Ashkelon killed.

"Israel maintains its right to act. Requests from Hamas for a ceasefire came through four different mediators. Israel responded that the events on the ground will decide [if a ceasefire will go into effect]," the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Times of Israel.

However, apparently four top ministers are opposed to the reported ceasefire: Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, Justice Minister Ayelet Shaked, Environmental Protection Minister Ze'ev Elkin and Education Minister Naftali Bennett.

An unnamed minister, who attended the meeting on Tuesday, told the Times of Israel that no vote was held during a seven-hour meeting to decide the next steps.

This development comes as the group Islamic Jihad announced it launched fresh rockets into Ashkelon to "turn [it] into hell."

Previously, Israel rejected talks with Egypt and the United Nations over a ceasefire with Hamas.

Terrorist Who Stabbed French Soldiers Faces Special Court Trial

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Islamist terrorist who attacked three French soldiers standing guard outside a Jewish community center in the southern city of Nice in 2015 is one step closer to being tried in a special terrorism court, French media outlets reported on Monday.

Quoting a "judicial source" who spoke to the AFP news agency, the reports revealed that, on Oct. 26, the Paris prosecutor's had recommended that assailant Moussa Coulibaly be sent for trial in the French Assize Court — the only court in the French legal system that engages in jury trials. However, in Coulibaly's case, any trial would take place under a 1986 law that sends accused terrorists to a special tribunal of the Assize Court without a jury.

On Feb. 3, 2015, Coulibaly attacked a group of soldiers guarding the Consistoire de Nice, a major Jewish religious and educational center in the heart of the city. Brandishing a knife, Coulibaly stabbed two of the soldiers before being subdued by the third. While in custody, he spoke openly of his hatred of France, the French police and the Jewish community.

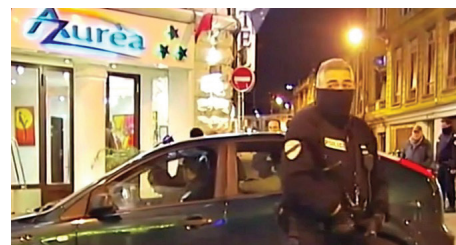
Coulibaly's attack took place just three weeks after the week of terror in Paris in January 2015 that witnessed murderous attacks on the offices *Charlie Hebdo*, a French satirical magazine, as well as a kosher "Hyper Cacher" supermarket in the north-east of the capital. Four Jews were murdered in the

"Hyper Cacher" attack, carried out by gunman Amedy Coulibaly — no relation to Moussa.

According to AFP's source, the Paris prosecutor's recommendation for a special terrorism trial will need to be approved by a separate group of investigative judges. The prosecutor is urging that Coulibaly be tried on the charges of "a criminal terrorist conspiracy" along with "attempted terrorist assassinations."

In common with many French jihadists, Coulibaly's career path began with a life of petty crime, with several convictions for assault, shoplifting and drug-dealing. Local police were aware of Coulibaly's embrace of radical Islamism in 2014, when they forcibly removed him from a gym which had earlier terminated his membership because of his "aggressive proselytizing."

In Jan. 2015, Coulibaly attempted to travel to Syria to join ISIS, but was turned back as he tried to cross the border from Turkey. He returned to France on Jan. 29 — five days before the attack in Nice — and was reportedly under police surveillance.



French police capture Islamist assailant Moussa Coulibaly on Feb. 3, 2015. Photo: Screenshot.

In a statement published on Monday after the funerals of the terrorists were held and as the rocket offensive commenced, Hamas' armed wing said, "In response to yesterday's crime, the joint command of Palestinian factions announce the beginning of bombardment of the enemy's settlements with scores of rockets."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cut short a visit to Paris, where he had participated

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Rocket Barrage

Later, IAF planes destroyed the building housing the studio of the Hamas-run Al-Aqsa TV station, knocking it off the air.

Monday's events followed a surge of violence the previous day that was sparked by a botched IDF special forces operation in Gaza.

A Hamas commander, six other Palestinian terrorists and an IDF officer were killed in Sunday's exchanges of fire.

At UN, Conference of Presidents Remembers 80th Anniversary of Kristallnacht



Malcolm Hoenlein (left), CEO and vice chair of the Conference of Presidents, presents a two-volume set of books titled "Pogrom Night 1938" to UN Secretary General António Guterres. Photo: Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

BY JNS.ORG

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations commemorated the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, or "Night of the Broken Glass," last week at the United Nations.

"Antisemitism is back, and it needs to be fought as the crime it is," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

He called on leaders and governments "to clearly denounce and make evident the real risk of antisemitism in our societies today."

Malcolm Hoenlein, CEO and vice chair of the Conference of Presidents, gave Guterres a two-volume set of books titled *Pogrom Night 1938*, published by Beit Ashkenaz. It presents

the history of German Jewish communities that were destroyed by Nazi pogroms.

"In the work are descriptions of every community, and many pictures of the synagogues before and after Nov. 9, 1938," according to a statement from the Conference of Presidents. "His research found more than 1,400 synagogues and prayer houses had been attacked—far more than many historians previously believed. He cited that eventful and tragic night as the end of the deniability for Germany."

Guterres acknowledged those words, saying, "everybody knew, everyone saw what happened in every village and city. Only the truth can allow humanity to progress. If we hide the past, we will never be able to overcome it."

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Solidarity
to continue."

"We support the government of Israel taking the measures necessary to end these countless assaults on and attempts to infiltrate Israeli borders, the terror tunnels into Israel, the incendiary devices that have destroyed thousands of acres of farmland and national reserves, and the thousands of rockets aimed at civilian centers," Stark and Hoenlein declared. "Israel has demonstrated patience and restraint far beyond any expectations to avoid an expanding conflict. We understand that now it must act to defend its citizens."

in World War I commemorations on Sunday, and returned home early Monday morning.

On Monday evening, Netanyahu held a security consultation at the Israeli military's headquarters in Tel Aviv with Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot and other top defense officials.

US President Donald Trump's Middle East envoy, Jason Greenblatt, weighed in on the situation, tweeting, "Terrorists in Gaza are again attacking Israel with tools of war. These rocket & mortar attacks on Israeli towns must be condemned by all. Israel is forced once again into military action to defend its citizens. We stand with Israel as it defends itself against these attacks."

"Hamas' activities continue to prove they don't really care about the Palestinians

World Jewish Congress (WJC) President Ronald Lauder stated, "In the last few hours, Hamas terrorists have fired more than 100 rockets at southern Israel, in a deliberate attempt to terrify residents and inflict maximum damage. These cowardly acts of terror must stop immediately. We call on the international community to unilaterally condemn these attacks and to urge Hamas to halt these hostilities before more lives are claimed."

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) tweeted, "AJC stands in solidarity with the residents of southern Israel as they come under rocket attack from Palestinian terrorists in Gaza."

of Gaza & their only interest is to use them for political purposes," Greenblatt continued. "Even Palestinian lives seem not to matter to Hamas."

"The world has grown tired of Hamas' violence and the violence of other bad actors in Gaza. This violence prevents any real help for the people of Gaza," he concluded.

Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz tweeted, "Rocket attacks against #Israel & its civilian population are certainly not the way to solve any of Gaza's problems & must stop immediately. It is of paramount importance that civilians are protected and violence is immediately stopped. AUT is fully committed to Israel's security."

Israel and Hamas have fought three wars in Gaza over the past decade, the latest taking place in the summer of 2014.

World News.



The Technion campus on Mount Carmel, Haifa. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Israel's Technion to Join Elite Alliance of European Universities

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The Technion — Israel Institute of Technology will join the EuroTech Universities Alliance in January, a strategic partnership of five leading European schools focused on science and technology.

Jan Mengelers, president of the alliance, called the Technion a “perfect match” in a statement announcing the decision last week. The Haifa-based school “is a striking example of how excellent fundamental science translates into impact,” boasting 84 European Research Council grants under the European Union’s Horizon 2020 and 7th Framework Program for research and development, as well as 90 spin-off companies, the alliance said.

Technion’s president, Prof. Peretz Lavie, said in the statement that his school will “bring the ‘Technion way’ of doing things to this partnership: reaching our goals faster and

with less resources.”

“The combination with the great strengths of the other members of the alliance, which comprises an elite group of European universities similar to Technion, will help us ensure we are at the forefront of scientific research, benefiting millions worldwide,” Lavie added.

The alliance was first formed in 2011 with the Technical University of Denmark, Technical University of Munich, Eindhoven University of Technology of the Netherlands, and Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne of Switzerland. France’s Ecole Polytechnique joined in June.

Founded in 1912, the Technion is Israel’s oldest university and offers degrees in science, engineering, and related fields. In 2018 it was ranked the 77th best university in the world by the prestigious Academic Ranking of World Universities, also known as the Shanghai Ranking, securing its spot as Israel’s top school for the third consecutive year.

US Designates Son of Hezbollah Leader a Terrorist

BY JNS.ORG

The US State Department on Tuesday designated Jawad Nasrallah, son of Lebanon’s Iran-backed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, a terrorist and accused him of carrying out attacks against Israel in the West Bank.

The department also blacklisted Al-Mujahidin Brigades (AMB), which it said had links to Hezbollah and had plotted a number of attacks against Israeli targets from a base in the Palestinian Territories.

“Today’s designations seek to deny Nasrallah and AMB the resources to plan and carry out terrorist attacks,” the State Department said in a statement. It said the actions denied Nasrallah and AMB access to the US financial system.

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Uniqueness

Sadly, the 20th century provided a catalog of idolaters who not only promoted their power, but tried to avoid being exposed. Dictators like Stalin, Mao, Pol Pot, and Kim Jung-il on the left; and Hitler and Saddam Hussein on the right; relied on idolatry. Whether they claimed to be atheistic or religious, they turned to Pharaoh’s playbook of building statues of themselves; they promoted songs, stories, and pageants about their greatness; and they demanded

complete obedience to their worldview. Stalin famously ordered the Soviet space agency to project his face into the sky.

Yet fearing they would be exposed, 20th century idolatrous leaders turned lies into the truth and evil into good. Idolaters called themselves the victims and their victims the perpetrators. While the Nazis raved up and murdered the Jews and conquered most of Europe, Hitler claimed that he was defending the world from “Jewish evil and world domination.” In the name of “progress,”

Alyssa Milano, Debra Messing Speak Against Anti-Semitic Ties to Women’s March

BY JNS.ORG

Actors Alyssa Milano and Debra Messing are being applauded for speaking out against anti-Semitism associated with the Women’s March movement, with the former announcing that she will not speak at next year’s march and the latter backing the decision.

The Zioness Movement, which attended the Women’s March in 2017, said it “applauds Alyssa Milano and Debra Messing for calling out the leaders of the Women’s March for their hateful rhetoric and their continued association with bigots and anti-Semites like Louis Farrakhan.”

Messing, who is Jewish, was raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., and attended New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts.

“Zioness rejects the divisive examples of Linda Sarsour, Tamika Mallory and others who claim to be ‘leaders’ of women, while they continue to support anti-Semitic, homophobic figures like Farrakhan and make consistent efforts to demonize the Jewish community in progressive spaces. We refuse to be intimidated by their attempts to exclude progressive Zionists from spaces like the Women’s March,” added the group.

Pol Pot murdered Cambodian citizens with eyeglasses because they might “mislead” others. This subversive dynamic of idolatry underpins all antisemitism.

Antisemitism is the projection of idolatry onto Jews. Antisemites are not people who criticize or debate specific Jewish viewpoints or communal decisions in a spirit of mutual respect. They are people who themselves harbor projects of domination and exploitation, but fearing exposure, project their own malevolent intentions onto Jews.

In Charlottesville, antisemitic marchers who genuinely seek white supremacy shouted, “Jews won’t replace us.” Ayatollah Khomeini, who wished to bring the entire world under Islamist control, regularly accused the Jews of seeking world domination. Hitler railed against a Jewish conspiracy to destroy Germany, when he wanted to destroy the Jews. Antisemites say that the Jews control the media, the Jews control the banks, the Jews control Congress, and so on, all for their own benefit — yet this is actually what they themselves wish to do. Still you might ask, why single out the Jews?

It is not the Jews’ success, nor their actual power that is the source of antisemitism. Antisemitism has often proliferated at times when the Jews were poor and powerless. Jews who tried returning to their home towns in Europe after surviving the concentration camps certainly could have attested to that. Rather, it is the Jews’ historic connection with monotheism that has made them the central target of this projected idolatry. This has been true even when many Jews are neither religious nor conversant in the texts. By accusing Jews of malevolent and demonic control over organs of power (media, Congress, banks, etc.), true idolaters (whatever their specific ideology) project their own idolatry onto the Jews and thereby maintain their own delusions.

Every idolater fears that their lies about power could be exposed. Yet since they refuse to reject their own injustice and lies, idolaters must eliminate the Jews, who are connected to a God that upholds universal justice. The fact that so many antisemitic attacks occur at synagogues or in Jewish community centers and cemeteries,



Actors Debra Messing and Alyssa Milano condemned the anti-Semitism in the Women’s March. Photo: Screenshot.

Milano told The Advocate a few weeks ago: “I would say no at this point. Unfortunately that none of them have come forward against him at this point. Or even given a really good reason why to support them.”

Regarding the leaders of the Women’s March who have refused to denounce Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan’s anti-Semitic and other bigoted remarks, Milano said that “any time that there is any bigotry or anti-Semitism in that respect, it needs to be called out and addressed. I’m disappointed in the leadership of the Women’s March that they haven’t done it adequately.”

rather than the other places Jews supposedly control, speaks to this connection.

This dynamic is also apparent in the antisemitic rants of a small minority of Christians or Muslims who supposedly worship the same omniscient and benevolent God. The Bible anticipates this problem. While the first two of the Ten Commandments prohibit idolatry, the third commandment (according to the Christian count, the second commandment), prohibits oppression under the false guise of acting as God’s sole spokesperson or attributing to God ideas that are not in the Scriptures. This third commandment is too often trivialized as merely prohibiting pronouncing God’s name in vain.

However, if that is all there is to this commandment, it would not have been in the top ten. It is, further, the only commandment for which there is no atonement. That tells the reader to take close notice. This commandment follows the first two on idolatry because it is simply another form of idolatry under the hijacked guise of monotheism. The Bible warns against this phenomenon of idolaters in monotheistic garb on multiple occasions. And for this reason, the Bible is accessible to everyone. Moreover, it was ordained to be read by everyone, as we are each responsible for understanding the dangers of idolatry.

Antisemitism is “the canary in the coal mine,” but not just for the rise of prejudice. Antisemitism is the sign of widespread idolatry, and when idolatry takes hold in a society, the real horrors begin. The greatest antisemites not only victimized other groups, but destroyed the moral fabric of their own societies. Nazis not only hated and murdered the Gypsies and Slavs, but they turned many ordinary Germans into liars, snitches, thieves, and murderers. By uniting to combat antisemitism, people of all stripes can join together in combating idolatry, which is the fundamental corrupting influence on society.

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U.S. News.

Wisconsin School District Launches Investigation After Students Appear to Make Nazi Salute in Prom Photo

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A school district in Wisconsin is launching an investigation after dozens of high school students were photographed making what appears to be a one-armed Nazi salute in a photograph taken last spring.

The image — which shows boys from the 2019 Baraboo High School class before their junior prom — was first shared in an album on the website of WheelMemories, a photography business run by Peter Gust. It was uploaded to Twitter on Sunday by the self-described “parody account” @GoBaraboo, with the caption, “We even got the black kid to throw it up #BarabooProud.”

WheelMemories has since removed the photos, explaining in a statement that this was “due malevolent behavior on the part of some in society.”

Lori Mueller, superintendent of the Baraboo School District, contacted parents on Monday morning after the photograph went viral and attracted significant criticism on social media.

Mueller confirmed that the image includes students from her school district “who appear to be making extremely inappropriate gestures,” yet said that it “was not taken on school property or at a school-sponsored event.”

She added that the district “is investigating this situation and is working with parents, staff and local authorities.”

“If the gesture is what it appears to be, the district will pursue any and all available and appropriate actions, including legal, to address the issue,” Mueller said. “With that, we want to be very clear: the Baraboo School District

Rabbi Grabs Torahs Before California Wildfires Reach Synagogue

BY JNS.org

A rabbi from California risked his life to save the Torah scrolls in his synagogue in Thousand Oaks, snatching them before they were burned in two massive wildfires that have claimed more than 6,800 homes and killed more than 40 people.

According to a JTA report, Rabbi Barry Diamond was awakened at 3 am on Friday by a neighbor who warned him that their Southern California neighborhood was under a voluntary evacuation order.

Instead of putting his personal effects together to escape, Diamond drove 20 minutes to Temple Adat Elohim in Thousand Oaks—one of the areas most threatened by the fires.

According to the rabbi, fire had already begun to engulf the hill next to the synagogue as he ran inside, setting off the alarm and grabbing the congregation’s two Torah scrolls—one that survived the Holocaust and another that was just six months old.

Along with synagogue president Sandy Greenstein, he then evacuated another two Torah scrolls and a Megillat Esther, the scroll used to tell the story of Esther on Purim.

Diamond said the vegetation behind the synagogue caught fire just as he loaded the Torahs into his car and fled the scene.

He noted that he would work to support the larger community, whose property sustained damage during the fire, and also to provide counseling to those members of his congregation who survived the mass shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill, also in Thousand Oaks, just two days prior to the eruption of the fire.

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Jordan Blue — one student who appears in the photograph but did not make the salute — told a reporter with *VICE News* that he felt “uncomfortable” with the situation as it took place.

“I couldn’t leave the photo as it was taken within 5 seconds,” Blue wrote in a message. “The photographer took the photos telling us to make the sign, I knew what my morals were and it was not to salute something I firmly didn’t believe in.”

He added that the same classmates have bullied him since entering middle school, saying, “I have struggled with it my entire life and nothing has changed.”

The image raised concern both locally



Student from Baraboo High School in Wisconsin. Photo: Twitter.

and internationally, with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum saying that it represented “why every single day we work hard to educate.”

“We need to explain what is the danger of hateful ideology rising,” the memorial wrote on social media. “Auschwitz with its gas chambers was at the very end of the long process of normalizing and accommodating hatred.”

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Opinion.

The Truth About American Jews and Israel's Borders



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More than three-quarters of American Jews want Israel to be reduced to just miles wide — narrower than Washington, DC or the Bronx. How can that be?

The answer, of course, is that it can't be. But left-wing lobbying group J Street is now making that claim anyway, and some media outlets this week fell for it.

J Street wants to see an independent Palestinian state established alongside the pre-1967 armistice lines, which means that Israel would be a mere nine miles wide. It would be very helpful to J Street's efforts if it could claim that most Jews support it. But most Jews don't. So, what's a J Streeter to do?

Simple. Conduct a poll in which the question about a Palestinian state is worded in such a way as to make it as appealing and non-threatening as possible. Don't say a word about it making Israel nine miles wide. Pretend that it will bring peace. And then — presto! — the J Streeters can get the "poll results" they want.

Sure, it's dishonest, disingenuous, and distasteful. But last week, that's exactly what J Street did.

The J Street poll question began with a list of six points that supposedly would be part

of any agreement creating a Palestinian state. The respondent was then asked whether he or she supports creating a Palestinian state. But the six points are all just figments of J Street's imagination. They have either been rejected outright by the Palestinian Authority or are simply wildly implausible.

"A demilitarized Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza."

Not only has the Palestinian Authority (PA) repeatedly refused this demand, but it is already building an army. The PA has the largest per capita security forces in the world. They are already the size of a de facto army. The PA will never dismantle them. And if those PA security forces decided that they needed to upgrade their "defensive" capabilities to include, say, armored vehicles or missiles, do you think the international community would do anything to stop them? Of course not.

"Internationally recognized borders based on the lines that existed in 1967, with mutually agreed land swaps that allow for most Jewish settlers in the West Bank to be inside Israel while the Palestinians get comparable land areas in return."

PA spokesmen have said time and again that they will not agree to any "swaps," and that every Jew must be evicted from Judea and Samaria.

"Palestinian neighborhoods in Jerusalem become part of the new Palestinian state while Israel retains control of Jewish neighborhoods and the Western Wall in Jerusalem."

The PA has said over and over that all of

the Old City of Jerusalem, including the Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall, is "occupied Palestinian territory." The PA has also said over and over that the Kotel is really the "Al Buraq Wall" and a Muslim religious site. So why pretend that they don't mean what they say?

"International forces to monitor the new Palestinian state and border crossings."

Israel has enough experience with international forces to know that they are a sad joke. The international forces now in southern Lebanon have allowed Hezbollah to set up 150,000 rockets along the border with Israel. In the lead up to the Six Day War, the international forces in the Sinai packed up and fled in 1967 as soon as Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser demanded they leave.

"Financial compensation for Palestinian refugees while allowing a limited number of refugees to return to Israel if they meet specific family reunification criteria, and the Israeli government approves."

"Limited number" is a clever way of making the number sound small without actually saying how many. 10,000? 100,000? 250,000? By the time the number is picked, Israel will have been so cowed by international pressure that it won't be able to say no.

"The Palestinians recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people, and Israel recognizes the Palestinian state as the nation-state of the Palestinian people."

How many times do PA leaders have to say that they will never recognize Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people before they are finally believed?



A Hamas military drill in the Gaza Strip in March 2018. Photo: Reuters/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

And, most important of all, notice what's missing from J Street's description of a Palestinian state: There's no mention of what Israel's actual borders would be. Because J Street doesn't want poll respondents, or anybody else, to know that what they are talking about is reducing Israel to borders so narrow that an Arab tank column could cut the country in half in a matter of minutes.

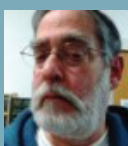
That's how they got 78 percent of respondents to say they "support creating a Palestinian state." Now imagine if they were asked a question along these lines:

"If a Palestinian state were established in the disputed territories, Israel would then be nine miles wide at its midsection, about as wide as Washington, DC or the Bronx. Do you support a peace agreement that would establish such a state?"

How many American Jews do you think would say "yes" to that? Maybe it's time some of our Jewish and Zionist organizations find out, so we can know the truth about American Jewish public opinion instead of relying on the blatantly biased polling of groups like J Street.

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Did Putin Pull the Trigger in Pittsburgh?



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America is under (cognitive) attack, almost certainly by Russia. The threat is very real, and has already done a great deal of damage. Americans have almost certainly already died as a result, and the 11 Jewish victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue massacre could be the latest.

The liberal media likes to suggest that Russia "intervened in US elections" to benefit Donald Trump. Conservatives tend to say that the whole thing is a story made up by liberals. Both are likely wrong.

Something else is going on, and has been for decades — something more dangerous than trying to influence an election (even Obama did that to Israel). There is a serious effort being made by Russian actors to influence the social and political atmosphere in the US. I have seen no evidence that the intent is primarily, or even at all, to elect a particular candidate or party. Rather, the objective of the campaign is to destabilize the country by encouraging extremism of both the Right and the Left; exacerbating racial, religious, and class conflict; stoking anger; increasing polarization; encouraging violence; and ultimately, bringing about the virtual or actual secession

of segments of the population from the US.

In other words, to make the country fly apart.

The Russians are the world's experts in cognitive warfare. The Soviets deployed it against the US starting in the 1930s, but their recent weaponization of social media has served to make it a hundred or a thousand times more effective. Eric Frank Russell's 1957 science fiction novel *Wasp*, which I described here, written long before social media was a gleam in anyone's eye, explains how it works.

Let me quote a recent *Reuters* report describing the campaign against the US being waged today. I have deleted some references to alleged intervention in elections, which make it harder to see the overall pattern:

One clear sign of the continued Russian commitment to disrupting American political life came out in charges unsealed last month against a Russian woman who serves as an accountant at a St. Petersburg company known as the Internet Research Agency. ...

The indictment said the Internet Research Agency used fake social media accounts to post on both sides of politically charged issues including race, gun control and immigration. The instructions were detailed, down to how to mock particular politicians during a specific news cycle. ...

If the goals of spreading divisive content have remained the same, the methods have evolved in multiple ways, researchers say. For one, there has been less reliance on pure fiction. People have been sensitized to look for completely false stories, and Facebook has

been using outside fact-checkers to at least slow their spread on its pages. ...

Instead, Russian accounts have been amplifying stories and internet "memes" that initially came from the U.S. far left or far right. Such postings seem more authentic, are harder to identify as foreign, and are easier to produce than made-up stories. ...

"They are baiting Americans to drive more polarizing and vitriolic content."

One of Russia's objectives is to widen the black/white divide. Blacks are sent the message that they are oppressed, and whites that blacks unfairly get special treatment. There is some truth in both of these contentions — there always is, in good propaganda — but the nature of the messaging is to create anger, indignation, and alienation on both sides.

Almost any controversy can provide an opportunity to fan the flames of anger and hatred. Automated Russian social media "bots" even targeted the debate about vaccinating children against disease.

Jew-hatred is another area that has received a great deal of attention by social media bots. One study indicated that almost 30 percent of antisemitic tweets in the past year came from bots. Were they Russian-operated? It's not known for sure, but Russia has been using Jew-hatred as part of its cognitive warfare arsenal since *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion* was promulgated as a tool to discredit the Bolsheviks around the turn of the 20th century.

Robert Bowers, the Pittsburgh terrorist, was furious about what he believed was a Jewish conspiracy to bring illegal immigrants into the US. His last social media post on Gab (a Twitter alternative that caters to racists, Jew-haters, and similar types who would likely have their Twitter accounts shut down) mentioned HIAS, a Jewish organization that aids the resettlement of immigrants in the US.

Another congregation that met in the Tree of Life synagogue building had hosted a HIAS event a few weeks prior to the attack. In a sense, the meme about a Jewish plot to dispossess the white race by flooding the country with immigrants provided the ideological impetus for the mass murder.

The meme is a continuation of a theme that may be as old as Jew-hatred itself: the Jew is seen as "mongrelizing" whatever racial or ethnic group the Jew-hater belongs to. Sometimes, as in Nazi Germany, it was the Jew himself that wanted to "pollute" the "pure" German race, and so laws needed to be passed to forbid intercourse between Jews and "Aryans." During the civil rights movement in America, "Jewish agitators" were accused of supporting integration because it would inevitably lead to interracial sex and marriage, which would be a tragedy for "Southern white womanhood." Today the alien elements are Hispanics from Central and South America, or Muslims from the Middle East or Africa, but the idea is the same. And its power to evoke violence is apparently undiminished from 1964, when it impelled Klan members in Neshoba County, Mississippi, to brutally murder civil rights workers Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner (the latter two, of course, being Jewish).

The idea of racial pollution did not need to be introduced by a Russian bot, but Bowers and like-minded friends spent a lot of time bouncing ideas like this off one another on social media, which has been turned into an echo chamber for extremists of all kinds — to a great extent by careful prodding from the cognitive warfare experts based at the Russian Internet Research Agency or similar institutions.

While Bowers ultimately bears responsibility for his act and may receive a well-deserved death sentence, there is a sense

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Opinion.

From Bosnia to the World: Bernard-Henri Lévy's Latest Jewish Reflections



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NEW YORK

In the summer of 1993, I found myself at one of the most unsettling dinner engagements that I have yet experienced. I was a young journalist writing about the war in Bosnia, and a friend of mine in London who was working as an aide to Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian foreign minister at the time, called one day with an invitation to sneak into a private dinner Silajdzic was attending in the British capital that same evening.

"Sure," I enthused. "Where?"

"South Kensington," my friend laughed. "The Iranian Embassy."

I went along. Under a huge portrait of Ayatollah Khomeini, I sat silently at the opposite end of the dinner table, glued to the rather stiff conversation between Silajdzic, who wore a perpetual frown, and his Iranian hosts. As a waiter served a hefty-looking sponge cake for dessert ("Look, they didn't even defrost the bloody thing!" my friend whispered to me) the ambassador began talking about the supposed commonalities between the war in Bosnia and the "struggle in Palestine."

I don't remember the precise words of Silajdzic's response, but I do remember being profoundly moved by what he said. Bosnia was the home of a "precious Jewish community that has been with us for 500 years," he reminded the Iranian regime's envoy. He then added that he was not prepared to alienate Bosnia's Jews by pronouncing on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; in any case, it was hardly the most pressing matter facing his ravaged country.

I recalled that particular evening after reading the script of "Looking for Europe," the one-man play performed in New York earlier this week by the well-known French-Jewish public intellectual Bernard-Henri Lévy. While the play is a sharply written reflection on the current state of politics in both America and Europe, the Bosnian war of two decades ago, which was a seminal experience for Europe as a whole, still looms large. Much as he is doing with the Kurds now, back in the 1990s Lévy

was an outspoken advocate of decisive action to stop the genocide in Bosnia, becoming a regular thorn in the side of a Franco-British-Russian alliance that effectively shored up the gains of the Serbian separatist militias.

Lévy is also known for his writings on Judaism's intellectual achievements down the ages, as well as his stalwart opposition to antisemitism and his deep love of Israel (if not its current government). So Judaism and the challenges faced by Jews globally also loom large in his play.

At various points in the play, Lévy speaks about the symbiosis between Bosnia — a resolutely multicultural society with a largely secular Muslim majority — and its Jewish community, who fled the Inquisition in Spain for a country that at the time was a province of the Ottoman Empire. (My maternal grandfather, incidentally, was born in Travnik, a city that served as the Ottoman regional capital for two centuries.) For anyone who was in besieged Sarajevo during the war, Lévy's emotional plea to heed "the bells ... the voices ... the prayers" of that great city, accompanied by the sounds of Christian, Jewish, and Muslim supplications, is extraordinarily haunting.

Echoing Haris Silajdzic's words at that monstrous dinner at the Iranian Embassy in London, in Act 3 of the play Lévy remarks wryly that "Sarajevo offers another non negligible advantage: You encounter fewer antisemites here than in France and in the United States."

Although that observation can be critically scrutinized — as my surviving relatives told me, Bosnian Jews feared the local "Ustase" and "Handzar" collaborators sometimes more than the Germans during the war, while the present-day community is tiny — Lévy is absolutely correct that hostility to Jews continues to plague the larger nations on both sides of the Atlantic.

It is at this juncture that Lévy attacks US President Donald Trump in terms that will outrage his supporters. "Baby Trump," as Lévy calls him, has "set loose" the demons of far-right antisemitism in America, and with it the devastating massacre of 11 Jews at prayer in Pittsburgh's Tree of Life*Or L'Simcha Synagogue on Oct. 27. The French philosopher is not the first person to have expressed

lost a great deal across the former Soviet space, and it continues to lag behind the West. But internal problems alone do not produce radical changes in Russia. Russian history shows that foreign military pressure is the fundamental source of change, and that is exactly what Russia is not facing at the moment.

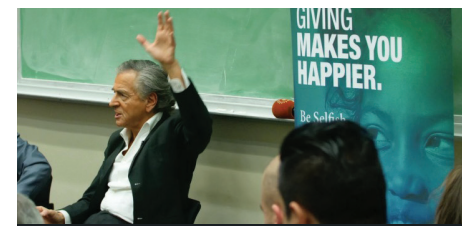
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that view, but in this case, he does so as a warning to his fellow Jews not to be seduced by Trump or by other populist politicians like the new Brazilian President, Jair Bolsonaro, a fervent supporter of Israel, but also a man who said that he would rather his own son died than come out as a gay man.

But Lévy is not someone who believes in ideological purity over pragmatism. If the Jews are to thrive, he says, they must absorb what he says are two "golden rules" crystallized by Jewish history. First, externally, "strategic prudence. ... To save his brothers, Joseph may forge an alliance with Pharaoh. But only if he does not forget that a new Pharaoh is always around the corner in Egypt." Second, looking inwards, "a metaphysical rule. ... We are the descendants of a people who survived across the centuries for a single reason. We held fast to a body of thought."

Faith in our political skills, confidence and pride in our intellectual and spiritual heritage, and cognizance that not every place



Beatles manager Brian Epstein. Photo: Wikipedia.

in the world can be a "Sarajevo" — this is Lévy's message to Jews and, by extension, non-Jews. At a time when many European intellectuals depict Israel as the reincarnation of Nazi Germany and dismiss accusations of antisemitism as a political smear whose goal is to further empower "the Zionists," the significance of that message cannot be overstated.

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New York Times Travel Section Writes Jerusalem Out of Israel



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Sunday's New York Times travel section features an article suggesting "Five Places To Go In Jerusalem." But readers curious about which country Jerusalem is in get no help from the Times: the article, strangely, doesn't mention the word "Israel."

Refusing to acknowledge the reality that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel is a departure from the way the Times treats other countries. The same Times Sunday travel section, for example, also includes an article about Oslo. A Times headline refers to it as "the Norwegian capital," and the article describes it as "this compact Norwegian city. ... Norway's forward-thinking capital." Earlier pieces in the Times' "Five Places To Go" series included articles about cities that the Times identified as "Düsseldorf, Germany," and "San José, Costa Rica."

If you are tempted to give the Times a pass on this on the basis that Jerusalem is so well known as Israel's capital that it goes without saying, think again. A Times travel section article about Ottawa begins with the two words "Canada's capital." A Times travel section article about Paris makes reference, in the opening paragraph, to "the French capital."

The snub of Israel is only the latest in a

series of missteps by the Times travel section. A year ago, the section added an editor's note to an article about a California bakery with a mural that glorified a Jew-killing Arab terrorist. In 2016, the Times touted the Islamic sultanate of Oman as a "carefree" travel destination. In 2012, the Times turned for a Jerusalem article in its travel section to a writer who proclaimed that "of the world's roughly 200 nations, there was only one — besides Afghanistan and Iraq (which my wife has deemed too dangerous) — that I had absolutely zero interest in ever visiting Israel." That was an article that the executive director of the American Jewish Committee, David Harris, later wrote left him "shaking my head in disbelief."

It's an experience that is all too frequent among Times readers who don't share the newspaper's apparent hostility to the Jewish state.

For a newspaper that has a whole marketing campaign about how "the truth can't be glossed over," "the truth has no agenda," "the truth pulls no punches," and "the truth requires taking a stand," trying to pretend that Jerusalem isn't the capital of Israel is an odd exercise in spineless self-deception. The Israeli parliament and Supreme Court are there, as is the prime minister's office and the American embassy. Maybe the Times is trying not to offend its anti-Israel readers, or trying to keep politics out of a travel story. But it winds up inserting politics by contorting itself in an attempt to deny the obvious.

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reality outside. That is a moment of transformation.

If we could only stop asking the question, "How does this affect me?" we would see that we are surrounded by miracles. There is the almost infinite complexity and beauty of the natural world. There is the divine word, our greatest legacy as Jews, the library of books we call the Bible. And there is the unparalleled drama, spreading over forty centuries, of the tragedies and triumphs that have befallen the Jewish people. Respectively, these represent the three dimensions of our knowledge of God: creation (God in nature), revelation (God in holy words) and redemption (God in history).

Sometimes it takes a great crisis to make us realize how self-centered we have been. The only question strong enough to endow

existence with meaning is not, "What do I need from life?" but "What does life need from me?" That is the question we hear when we truly pray. More than an act of speaking, prayer is an act of listening — to what God wants from us, here, now. What we discover — if we are able to create that silence in the soul — is that we are not alone. We are here because someone, the One, wanted us to be, and He has set us a task only we can do. We emerge strengthened, transformed.

More than prayer changes God, it changes us. It lets us see, feel, know that "God is in this place." How do we reach that awareness? By moving beyond the first person singular, so that for a moment, like Jacob, we can say, "I know not the I." In the silence of the "I," we meet the "Thou" of God.

Shabbat shalom

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ished its reach into northern Eurasia.

However, this might not be enough to dramatically influence Russia's state development. Direct military involvement in foreign countries is what Russians fear most. Westerners hoped that Russian troops would be bogged down in Syria, but this did not happen. Similarly, many thought Ukraine might turn into a major battleground, but this too has not transpired. NATO's expansion might seem to Moscow to be a fundamental threat, but it is unlikely that a major military confrontation will break out between the two.

Over the past several decades, Russia has

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in which the 11 Jews who were murdered in Pittsburgh were casualties of cognitive warfare directed at the US by a foreign enemy.

Unfortunately for Bowers, "the bots made me do it" is not recognized as a legitimate excuse in Federal court.

Impressions.

FDR Gets Credit for His Response to Kristallnacht — He Shouldn't

BY RAFAEL MEDOFF

This week marks the 80th anniversary of the Kristallnacht pogrom in Nazi Germany. How is it that even after eight decades, some new museum exhibits, history websites, and biographies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt continue to misrepresent his response to it?

On the night of November 9-10, 1938, the Nazis unleashed a nationwide hurricane of violence against German Jews. Hundreds of synagogues were torched, the windows of thousands of Jewish businesses and homes were smashed, about one hundred Jews were murdered, and 30,000 more were dragged off to concentration camps.

At his first press conference following the violence, on November 11, President Roosevelt was asked if he had “anything to say about the Nazi Government’s extended campaign against the Jews.” He replied: “No, I think not, Fred; you better handle that through the State Department.”

So how is it that Robert Dallek’s recent biography, Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Political Life, the website History.com, and the new “Americans and the Holocaust” exhibit at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, all claim that FDR “harshly denounced” the pogrom?

Simple: they brush past his November 11 conference, when the president refused to say anything about the pogrom, and skip ahead to his next one, when he finally did. Skipping past the parts you don’t like is not a particularly responsible — or accurate — way to write about history, needless to say.

In the face of international front-page news coverage and mounting public outrage over the Nazi atrocities, Roosevelt finally broke his silence nearly a week after the pogrom. At his November 15 press conference, the president read a four-sentence condemnation that, remarkably, did not specifically mention either the Hitler regime or its Jewish victims. He said, “The news of the past few days from Germany” had “shocked public opinion,” and he “could scarcely believe that such things could occur in a 20th century civilization.”

The Holocaust Museum’s exhibit portrays the president’s statement as a bold and extraordinary step. It asserts that “FDR made an exception to his practice of off-the-record press conferences by allowing newspapers to quote this statement [criticizing the pogrom] from his November 15, 1938 meeting with reporters.” The exhibit’s curators evidently believe Roosevelt deserves special praise for allowing himself to be quoted from a scripted statement that he himself had just read aloud to reporters.

Following the suggestion of Assistant Secretary of State George Messersmith, President Roosevelt also announced that the US ambassador in Germany was being instructed “to return at once for report and consultation.” History.com and the Dallek book state that FDR “recalled” the ambassador, erroneously implying that he severed diplomatic relations with Nazi Germany, which he did not do.

Neither the website, the book, nor the museum explain that FDR’s policy throughout the 1930s was to maintain friendly trade and diplomatic relations with the Hitler regime. Nor do they mention that Roosevelt even went so far as to personally delete anti-Hitler references from three speeches delivered by Interior Secretary Harold Ickes in 1935 and 1938.

Nor do these three sources acknowledge the president’s pointed refusal to say anything further about the pogrom. At the November 15 press conference, after the president announced that he would consult with the ambassador, a reporter asked: “Would you elaborate on that, sir?” FDR declined the opportunity to speak further on the subject, saying his statement “speaks for itself.” Another reporter asked, “Have you made any protest to Germany?” The president responded: “Nothing has gone that I know of.”

With regard to the ambassador, the Holocaust museum exhibit emphasizes that the US “was the only nation” to take such action. Curiously, however, when it comes to US immigration policy in the wake of Kristallnacht, the exhibit does not compare Roosevelt’s response to that of other world leaders.

Perhaps that’s because such a comparison would reveal that Roosevelt’s response was far less generous than that of, for example, the British. Even though Great Britain is less than one-fortieth the size of the United States and was directly threatened by Nazi Germany, the British admitted 10,000 German-Jewish children on the kindertransports, as well as 15,000 young German-Jewish women as nannies and housekeepers.

The museum’s exhibit goes on to report that in response to Kristallnacht, Roosevelt “allowed 12,000 Germans on visitor’s visas to stay” in the United States six months longer, after the expiration of their visas. (The idea of extending those visas actually was proposed by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, but for some reason the museum gives the president all the credit for it.)

At his November 15 press conference, President Roosevelt said he was not certain of the number of refugees whose visas would be extended. He suggested to reporters that they check with the Secretary of Labor regarding the number, and then said he was “inclined to think that they run as high as twelve to fifteen thousand.” That figure was widely reported at the time, and repeated in many subsequent histories of the period as evidence of Roosevelt’s determination to find ways to assist Jewish refugees despite legal restrictions.

In reality, however, the gesture was considerably less magnanimous than it seemed. The Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, James Houghteling, soon afterwards reported that the actual number of German citizens (not all of them Jews) who received extensions on their tourist visas was no more than 5,000.

It is not clear why the Holocaust Museum’s exhibit omits Houghteling’s correction of FDR’s estimate. This omission is particularly glaring because the first historian to publish Houghteling’s statement was none other than Barbara McDonald Stewart (1926-2015), who enjoyed a close relationship with the US Holocaust Museum for many years. Her family gave the museum the diaries of her late father, refugee advocate James G. McDonald, and she co-edited three volumes of the diaries, which were co-published by the Museum.

Yet for some reason, the designers of the new exhibit skipped over Dr. Stewart’s important contribu-

tion to the historiography of America’s response to Kristallnacht. (Astonishingly, the exhibit also omits any mention of James McDonald.)

History.com and the Dallek bio are also misleading — each in their own way — concerning the question of refugee immigration in the wake of Kristallnacht. The website claims that part of the reason more refugees were not allowed into the US following the pogrom was the influence of Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long. There’s just one problem with this theory: Long did not join the State Department until 14 months after Kristallnacht.

Prof. Dallek, for his part, ticks off a list of circumstances which, he says, “combined to discourage



Storefronts of Jewish-owned businesses damaged during the Kristallnacht, the “Night of Broken Glass,” in Berlin, Germany, on Nov. 10, 1938. Photo: United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Roosevelt’s humanitarian impulses” following Kristallnacht, from “his defeat in the Court packing fight” to anti-immigration sentiment in Latin America. Besides, Dallek says, “He had to honor the quotas allowed under the [existing US immigration law].”

In fact, there were a number of ways that the president could have provided a haven to German-Jewish refugees without challenging the immigration quotas or battling Congress.

For example, the governor and legislative assembly of the Virgin Islands offered to open their territory to refugees following Kristallnacht. But FDR refused to authorize it. He opposed settling any substantial number of Jewish refugees in regions that were in close proximity to the US mainland. Neither History.com, the Dallek book, or the US Holocaust museum’s new exhibit make any mention of the Virgin Islands opportunity.

Under ordinary circumstances, historical documents become accessible with the passage of time, shedding fresh light on the past. But when the chroniclers of history are biased or careless, distortions of the historical record can persist for many decades. The portrayal of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s response to Kristallnacht as forceful and impressive is a glaring example of this unfortunate phenomenon.

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: Enjoy My Kakes & Katering,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 04/25/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it maybe Served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to : The LLC 106 marcy place apartment 2C bronx, NY 10452. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2/9/16

Notice of formation of 101 Mersereau LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY, SSNY on 09/19/2018. Office located in Richmond County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 101 Mersereau LLC, 421 Home Ave, Staten Island, NY 10305. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 10/12/19/26; 11/2/9/16

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SUPERNAL LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail copy of the process to: The LLC 22 N6th Street,APT 4I Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

MANHATTAN AVENUE VENTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 132 Greenpoint Avenue, Suite B-1, Brooklyn, NY 11222. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC).NAME: REQUIRED SAFETY LLC .Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 10/09/2018. Office location: Richmond 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: Required Safety LLC 229 Colony Ave., Staten Island, NY 10306. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/19/26; 11/2/9/16/23

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SH1 ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION TRUST 2006-HE2, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-HE2, Plaintiff AGAINST YVEROSE LAMOUR SEVERE INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATRIX TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, MITCHELL SEVERE, HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, SHEILA SEVERE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, WANDA SEVERE AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF JEAN SEVERE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated September

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04, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 804 EAST 40TH, 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 New York, BLOCK 5014, LOT 62. Approximate amount of judgment \$786,570.66 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 500864/2015. STEVEN NAIMAN, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58003
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST JOSEPH CAMPISI, RYAN SARACO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 06, 2016 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1934 PROSPECT PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1465, LOT 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$524,555.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 5843/13. EDWARD MARK RAPPAPORT, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57876
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

BERGER FINK LLP filed Cert. of Registration with the SSNY on 8/14/18. Office location: Kings County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLP, 26 Court St., Penthouse, Brooklyn, NY 11242. Purpose: Law.
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, LP, Plaintiff against RODNEY LIVINGSTONE A/K/A RODNEY LIVINGSTON A/K/A LIVINGSTONE RODNEY A/K/A LIVINGSTONE A/RODNEY, 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 May 9, 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 November 29, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1092 East 54th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Block 7757 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$725,267.19 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 21583/10. Shmuel Taub, Esq., Referee RSHC106
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs. GLEN R. EDMONDS, ROCHELLE JOHN-EDMONDS, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on August 21, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 429 Decatur Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1677 and Lot 48. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1597/15. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, PC., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff against WILLIAM A. STALLONE, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on November 29, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 29th day of November, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, together with any improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City and State of New York, designated on the Tax Map of the City of New York, for the Borough of Brooklyn, as said Tax Map was on May 27, 1981, for Block 7949, Lot 235, being more particularly bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Preston Court distant 527.85 feet Westerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Northerly side of Preston Court with the Westerly side of East 56th Street; RUNNING thence Northerly at right angles to Preston Court and part of the distance through a party wall 165.73 to land now or formerly of the right of way of the Long Island Railroad Company; THENCE Westerly along said land of the Long Island Rail Road Company 20.01 feet to a point; THENCE Southerly at right angles to Preston Court 165.34 feet to the Northerly side of Preston Court; THENCE Easterly to the Northerly side of Preston Court 20 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 21 Preston Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11234. (Block: 7949, Lot: 235). Approximate amount of lien \$ 303,103.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500904-14. Steven Z. Naiman, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite - 700 White Plains, NY. 10606 (914) 949-2574
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY PNC BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO NATIONAL CITY BANK, Plaintiff against FIVEL SOFER, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614

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Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale Entered June 8, 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 November 29, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 715 East 5th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. Block 5399 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, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$428,191.23 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6496/13. Joel Eliot Abramson, Esq., Referee PNCC039
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC). Name: LEMON NAILS & SPA,LLC . Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/23/20018. 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: Jessica C Alulema 90-23 149th St., Apt. 5 K Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

STATEWIDE FUNERAL SERVICE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/05/18. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1814 East 22nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff, -against- ELIECER TORRES; ARTURO TORRES; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SCHAEFFER LANDING NORTH CONDOMINIUM; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; MIKE BLACK; MRS. BLACK (FIRST NAME REFUSED), Index No. 20760/2013. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, September 20, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on September 26, 2018, Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 440 Kent Avenue, Unit 14A, Brooklyn, New York 11211 A/K/A Two Schaefer Landing, Brooklyn, New York 11211 at public auction at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on November 29, 2018 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 2134; Lot: 1272 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 20760/2013. The approximate amount of judgment is \$999,811.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16

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of New York(SSNY) on 10/05/2018. Office location: Kings county. LLC formed in Nevada on 09/17/2018. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served SSNY shall Mail copy of process to: Registered Agents inc. 90 State St. STE 700 office 40 Albany, NY 12207. Address of the LLC 515 E. 7th St., Apt. 2 K Brooklyn, NY 11218. Certificates of form on file with Nevada secretary of state 101 North Carson St. suite #3 Carson City, NV 89701. Purpose: all lawful activity
AJ; 10/26; 11/2/9/16/23/30

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8F, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 8F, Plaintiff AGAINST ETTY SALAMON, YEHUDA SALAMON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 14, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 06, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1152 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 5668, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$996,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 514510/2015. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58403
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR GSSAA HOME EQUITY TRUST 2006-8 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST HAZEL-ANNRODERIQUE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 16, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 06, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1384 EAST 55TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 7852, LOT 65. Approximate amount of judgment \$298,030.13 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 505116/2017. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57563
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff against MARIE C. JEAN-LOUIS, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 12, 2018, I,

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When the “I” is Silent



JONATHAN SACKS
LONDON

This week’s parsha relates a powerful, primal vision of prayer: Jacob, alone and far from home, lies down for the night, with only stones for a pillow, and dreams of a ladder, with angels ascending and descending. This is the initial encounter with the “house of God” that would one day become the synagogue, the first dream of a “gate of heaven” that would allow access to a God that stands above, letting us know finally that “God is truly in this place.”

There is, though, one nuance in the text that is lost in translation, and it took the Hassidic masters to remind us of it. Hebrew verbs carry with them, in their declensions, an indication of their subject. Thus the word yadati means “I knew,” and lo



yadati, “I did not know.” When Jacob wakes from his sleep, however, he says, “Surely the Lord is in this place ve’anokhi lo yadati.” Anokhi means “I,” which in this sentence is superfluous. To translate it literally we would have to say, “And I, I knew it not.” Why the double “I”?

To this, Rabbi Pinchas Horowitz (Panim Yafot) gave a magnificent answer. How, he asks, do we come to know that “God is in this place”? “By ve’anokhi lo yadati – not knowing the I.” We know God when we forget the self. We sense the “Thou” of the Divine Presence when we move beyond the “I” of egocentricity.

Only when we stop thinking about ourselves do we become truly open to the world and the Creator. In this insight lies an answer to some of the great questions about prayer: What difference does it make? Does it really change God? Surely God does not change. Besides which, does not prayer contradict the most fundamental principle of faith, which is that we are called on to do God’s will rather than ask God to do ours? What really happens when we pray?

Prayer has two dimensions, one mysterious, the other not. There are simply too many cases of prayers being answered for us to deny that it makes a difference to our fate. It does. I once heard the following story. A man in a Nazi concentration camp lost the will to live – and in the death camps, if you lost the will to live, you died. That night he poured out his heart in prayer. The next morning, he was transferred to work in the camp kitchen. There he was able, when the guards were not looking, to steal some potato peelings. It was these peelings that kept him alive. I heard this story from his son.

Perhaps each of us has some such story. In times of crisis we cry out from the depths of our soul, and something happens. Sometimes we only realize it later, looking back. Prayer makes a difference to the world – but how it does so is mysterious.

There is, however, a second dimension which is non-mysterious. Less than prayer changes the world, it changes us. The Hebrew verb lehitpalel, meaning “to pray,” is reflexive, implying an action done to one-self. Literally, it means “to judge oneself.” It means, to escape from the prison of the self and see the world, including ourselves, from the outside. Prayer is where the relentless first person singular, the “I,” falls silent for a moment and we become aware that we are not the centre of the universe. There is a

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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 December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1120 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11212. (Block: 4650, Lot: 10). Approximate amount of lien \$ 932,105.81 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 511267-15. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 *For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-8, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE- BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8, V. JOSEPH C. FERRIS; ET. AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 17, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE CSFB MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP., ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-8, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE- BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-8 is the Plaintiff and JOSEPH C. FERRIS; ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS

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STREET, ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on December 6, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 94 CELESTE COURT, BROOKLYN, NY 11229; Block 8946, Lot 922: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504524/2014. Philip Kamaras, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: SAMP RESTAURANT LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 09/18/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Henrique Stangorlini 226 montrose Ave Apt 1A # 1A Kings #047 Brooklyn, NY 11206 . Purpose all lawful activity
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23/30; 12/7

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against MARLAN ALLEN, 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 May 23, 2017 I will sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on December 6, 2018 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 863 Dumont Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. Block 4060 Lot 41. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$713,136.24 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 507895/2013. Jaime Lathrop, Esq, Referee XCHJC005 AJ; 11/2/9/16/23

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR VENTURES TRUST 2013-IH-R, Plaintiff AGAINST Kirk Gibson, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated August 06, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 06, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 729 MACON STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 66, LOT 1493. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,065,650.42 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2427/2008. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57696
AJ; 11/2/9/16/23**

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File No.: 2016-4626/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Peggi Cohen, Avraham Cohen, Rena Cohen, Albert Pokras, Beatrice Brown, Peter David Halper, Barbara Shroyer, Fern Collier, Sherry Collier, Estate of Seymour Collier, HRA-OLALRLU, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of ALAN HALPER, 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 ALAN HALPER, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 63-47 76th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379, 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 ALAN HALPER, 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 6th day of December, 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 \$38,763.37 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 claim from NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$455,086.22 should not be paid; 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 29th day of October, 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

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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; 11/2/9/16/23

**NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS US Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-2, Adjustable Rate Mortgage Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2006-2, Plaintiff AGAINST Edward Vaysman; Malka Lowensohn a/k/a Malka Vaysman; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 4, 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 December 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1137 East 5th 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 Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 5495 Lot 883. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,175,926.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511754/2014. Aaron Maslow, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: October 18, 2018 58354
AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;**

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings 399 Broadway Holdings LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Constance Anastasio, Saverio Anastasio, Peter Anastasio, Anthony Anastasio, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/2018 and entered on 9/20/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1112 40th 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 5588, LOT: 12. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,321,559.13 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502336/2014. Jack Segal, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Kepler Balde, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/18/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 12421 Flatlands Avenue Unit 6B, Brooklyn, NY 11208. 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: 4423, LOT: 1412. Approximate amount of judgment is \$280,351.29 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504331/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call

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Stan Lee gestures as he poses at the premiere of "Iron Man 3" at El Capitan theater in Hollywood, California, April 24, 2013. Photo: Reuters / Mario Anzuoni / File.

Stan Lee, Jewish Creator of Spider-Man and Other Marvel Superheroes, Dead at 95

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Stan Lee, who dreamed up Spider-Man, Iron Man, the Hulk and a cavalcade of other Marvel Comics superheroes that became mythic figures in pop culture with soaring success at the movie box office, died at the age of 95, his daughter said on Monday.

As a writer and editor, Lee was key to the ascension of Marvel into a comic book titan in the 1960s when, in collaboration with artists such as Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko, he created superheroes who would enthrall generations of young readers.

"He felt an obligation to his fans to keep creating," his daughter J.C. Lee said in a statement to Reuters. "He loved his life and he loved what he did for a living. His family loved him and his fans loved him. He was irreplaceable."

She did not mention Lee's cause of death but the TMZ celebrity news website said an ambulance was called to Lee's Hollywood Hills home early Monday and that he died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center.

Americans were familiar with superheroes before Lee, in part thanks to the 1938 launch of Superman by Detective Comics, the company that would become DC Comics, Marvel's archrival.

Lee was widely credited with adding a new layer of complexity and humanity to superheroes. His characters were not made of stone – even if they appeared to have been chiseled from granite. They had love and money worries and endured tragic flaws or feelings of insecurity.

"I felt it would be fun to learn a little about their private lives, about their personalities and show that they are human as well as super," Leetold NPR News in 2010.

He had help in designing the superheroes but he took full ownership of promoting them.

His creations included web-slinging teenager Spider-Man, the muscle-bound Hulk, mutant outsiders The X-Men, the close-knit Fantastic Four and the

playboy-inventor Tony Stark, better known as Iron Man.

Dozens of Marvel Comics movies, with nearly all the major characters Lee created, were produced in the first decades of the 21st century, grossing over \$20 billion at theaters worldwide, according to box office analysts.

Spider-Man is one of the most successfully licensed characters ever and he has soared through the New York skyline as a giant inflatable in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Lee, as a hired hand at Marvel, received limited payback on the windfall from his characters.

In a 1998 contract, he wrestled a clause for 10 percent of profits from movies and TV shows with Marvel characters. In 2002, he sued to claim his share, months after "Spider-Man" conquered movie theaters. In a legal settlement three years later, he received a \$10 million one-time payment.

Hollywood studios made superheroes the cornerstone of their strategy of producing fewer films and relying on big profits from blockbusters. Some people assumed that, as a result, Lee's wealth had soared. He disputed that.

"I don't have \$200 million. I don't have \$150 million. I don't have \$100 million or anywhere near that," Lee told Playboy magazine in 2014. Having grown up in the Great Depression, Lee added that he was "happy enough to get a nice paycheck and be treated well."

In 2008, Lee was awarded the National Medal of Arts, the highest government award for creative artists.

Uncle's help

Lee was born as Stanley Martin Lieber in New York on Dec. 28, 1922, the son of Jewish immigrants from Romania. At age 17, he became an errand boy at Timely Comics, the company that would evolve into Marvel. He got the job with help from an inside connection, his uncle, according to Lee's autobiography "Excelsior!"

Lee soon earned writing duties and promotions. He penned Western stories and romances, as well as superhero tales, and often wrotestanding on the porch of the Long Island, New York, home he shared with his

wife, actress Joan Lee, whom he married in 1947 and who died in 2017.

The couple had two children, Joan Celia born in 1950 and Jan Lee who died within three days of her birth in 1953.

In 1961 Lee's boss saw a rival publisher's success with caped crusaders and told Lee to dream up a superhero team.

Lee at the time felt comics were a dead-end career. But his wife urged him to give it one more shot and create the complex characters he wanted to, even if it led to his firing.

The result was the Fantastic Four. There was stretchable Mr. Fantastic, his future wife Invisible Woman, her brother the Human Torch and strongman The Thing. They were like a devoted but dysfunctional family.

"Stan's characters were always superheroes that had a certain amount of humanity about them or a flaw," said Shirrel Rhoades, a former executive vice president of Marvel and its publisher in the mid-1990s.

"As iconic as Superman may be, he's considered a Boy Scout. He doesn't have any real flaws," Rhoades said. "Whereas you take a Spider-Man, kids identify with him because he had his problems like they did. He suffered from great angst."

Lee involved his artists in the process of creating the story and even the characters themselves, in what would come to be known as the "Marvel Method." It sometimes led critics to fault Lee for taking credit for ideas not entirely his own.

He described his creative process to Reuters in outlining how he came up with his character Thor, the god of thunder borrowed from Norse mythology.

"I was trying to think of something that would be totally different," he said. "What could be bigger and even more powerful than the Hulk? And I figured why not a legendary god?"

To give Thor more rhetorical punch, Lee gave him dialogue styled after the Bible and Shakespeare.

As for Tony Stark-Iron Man, he was based on industrialist Howard Hughes, Lee told interviewers.

The Soapbox

Lee became Marvel's publisher in 1972. He went on the lecture circuit, moved to Los Angeles in 1980 and pursued opportunities for his characters in movies and television.

Through it all, he kept connected with fans, writing a column called "Stan's Soapbox" in which he often slipped in his catchphrase "Nuff Said" or the sign-off "Excelsior!" In his later years, he gave constant updates via Twitter.

"Stan was a character. He was a character as much as any he ever created," Rhoades said. "He created himself, in a way."

He also made cameos in most Marvel films, pulling a girl away from falling debris in 2002's "Spider-Man" and serving as an emcee at a strip club in 2016's "Deadpool."

The Walt Disney Co bought Marvel Entertainment in 2009 for \$4 billion in a deal to expand Disney's roster of characters, with the most iconic ones having been Lee's handiwork.

By that point, Lee had all but parted ways with Marvel after being made a chairman emeritus of the company. But even in his 80s and 90s, Lee was a wellspring of new projects, running a company called POW! Entertainment.

"His greatest legacy will be not only the co-creation of his characters but the way he helped to build the culture that comics have become, which is a pretty significant one," said Robert Thompson, a pop culture expert at Syracuse University.

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(800) 280-2832. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS GRAND BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against MARIE GLEASON, Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 24, 2017. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 13th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 2850 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11229. (Block: 8914, Lot: 279). Approximate amount of lien \$ 445,747.49 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501000-14. Mark A. Longo, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garnes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/18/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc. sbm ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Carmelle Telemaque, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/22/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1220 East 102nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. 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: 8266, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$385,921.01 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508306/2013.

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Randolph Jackson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff against LOUIS L. FESTAGALLO A/K/A LOUIS FESTAGALLO AND CATHERINE FESTAGALLO, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 18, 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 13th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of Avenue M, distant eighty feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of Troy Avenue with the northerly side of Avenue M; RUNNING THENCE northerly and parallel with Troy Avenue 100 feet; THENCE westerly and parallel with Avenue M, 20 feet; THENCE southerly and again parallel with Troy Avenue, and part distance through a party wall 100 feet to the northerly side of Avenue M; THENCE easterly along the northerly side of Avenue M, 20 feet to a point or place of the BEGINNING. TOGETHER with the easement and right of way for the purpose of a driveway in, to and over a strip of land 3 feet 6 inches in width fronting on Avenue M immediately adjoining the premises herein described on the easterly side thereof, and running northerly to garage, erected or to be erected. SUBJECT, however, to a similar easement and right of way for the purpose of a driveway, in and to and over a strip of land 3 feet 6 inches in width fronting on the northerly side of Avenue M, being the easterly 3 feet 6 inches in width on the premises herein described, as running northerly to the garage, erected or to be erected. Said premises known as 4311 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY. 11234. (Block: 7841, Lot: 5). Approximate amount of lien \$ 299,408.58 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 510166-17. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. DeRose & Surico Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 213-44 38th Avenue Bayside, NY. 11361 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

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 December 13, 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

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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; 11/9/16/23/30;

Notice of formation of a limited liability company(LLC).Name: MINDSPRING YOGA LLC.Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York on: 10/03/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY Shall mail copy of the process to:Mindspring Yoga LLC 404 Kosciuszko Street Brooklyn, NY 11221. Purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 11/9/16/23/30; 12/7/14

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH MORTGAGE INVESTORS TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FM1, Plaintiff AGAINST SHERYLL MIZELL, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 287 EMPIRE BLVD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1308, LOT 61. Approximate amount of judgment \$830,653.03 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 508980/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 57311 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST RICARDO JACKSON, ASTRID ARMORER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated June 26, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on December 13, 2018 at 2:30PM, premises known as 530 JEFFERSON AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1654, LOT 22. Approximate amount of judgment \$922,617.75 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 2924/2013. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ.,

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Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58508 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHERE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 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 13th day of December, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 *For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832 AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH ALONZIA A/K/A DEBORAH R. ALONZIA, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on December 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 931 East 88th Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 8025 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1365/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoeh, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 11/9/16/23/30;

Notice of formation of 1236 Halsey LLC, Art. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/18/2018. Office located in Kings County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail process to 1236 Halsey LLC, 1202 Halsey Street Brooklyn NY 11207. Purpose: any lawful purpose. AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21

Notice of Formation of VANDERBILT 331 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 47 S. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. 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; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank,

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N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, Plaintiff -against- Yehoshua C. Rubin a/k/a Y.C. Rubin a/k/a Yehoshua Chaim Rubin, Yenty Rubin, Blima Rubin, City of New York Environmental Control Board, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, John Smith (name refused), Jane Smith (name refused), Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 22, 2018 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 December 20, 2018 at 2:30 PM premises known as 4922 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. 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. Block: 5639 Lot: 59 Approximate amount of lien \$278,518.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 511161/2016 Steven Naiman, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: November 06, 2018 FILE #: SAN CONSUMER 71222 AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.; Plaintiff -against- NUCHEM SCHWARTZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated April 11, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY on December 20, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the northerly side of Neptune Avenue with the westerly side of Highland Avenue; being a plot 50 feet by 60 feet by 50 feet by 60 feet. Block: 6998 Lot: 25 Said premises known as 4000 HIGHLAND AVENUE A/K/A 3901 NEPTUNE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY Approximate amount of lien \$695,627.66 plus interest & costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Index Number 7004/2014. MORRIS MATZA, ESQ., Referee David A. Gallo & Associates LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 99 Powerhouse Road, First Floor, Roslyn Heights, NY 11577 File# 7254.698 AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: PINKREBEL FITNESS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 06/11/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: Pinkrebel Fitness LLC 950 Underhill Ave., Apt.8C Bronx, NY 10473. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21