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## Report: Majority of European Jews Perceive Hatred of Israel as Antisemitic



Demonstrators in Paris gather in memory of Mireille Knoll, a Holocaust survivor brutally murdered in an antisemitic assault earlier this year. Photo: Reuters / Gonzalo Fuentes.

BY BEN COHEN

That the overwhelming majority of European Jews considered anti-Zionism to be a form of antisemitism was among the key findings of a report issued on Monday by a leading European Union agency on the continuing surge of Jew-hatred on the continent.

The 86-page report published by the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) — "Experiences

and Perceptions of Antisemitism" — surveyed over 16,000 Jewish respondents in 12 of the EU's 28 member states. Described by the FRA as "the biggest survey of Jewish people ever conducted worldwide," the results showed that nearly 90 percent of European Jews believed antisemitism in their country was a growing threat; that 28 percent have personally experienced some form of antisemitic harassment over the past

year; and that 38 percent have considered emigrating because of the persistence of antisemitism around them.

Nearly 50 percent of respondents who said that they had personally experienced antisemitism fell into the 16-29 age group.

In unveiling the report, the FRA did not seek to sugarcoat its conclusions, declaring that the survey underscored "that

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## Ohio Man Arrested Over Plot to Conduct Pittsburgh Style Shooting at Synagogue

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

A Ohio man was arrested on Friday for allegedly plotting to conduct a shooting attack at a synagogue in the Toledo area.

The suspect, 21-year-old Damon M. Joseph, has been charged in a federal court with one count of attempting to provide material support to ISIS.



Police tape lines a sidewalk in front of the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh after the Oct. 27 shooting attack there. Photo: Reuters / Alan Freed.

He was brought into custody after taking possession of two AR-15 rifles.

According to the US Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Ohio, Joseph spoke in admiration of the October massacre of 11 Jewish worshipers at a Pittsburgh synagogue — carried out by a white supremacist — in a conversation with an undercover FBI agent.

"I can see myself carrying out this type of operation inshallah," Joseph was quoted as saying. "They wouldn't even expect [an attack] in my area."

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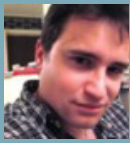


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## Opinion.

## Michelle Goldberg, Anti-Zionism, and Ahavat Yisrael

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Michelle Goldberg's December 7 New York Times oped denying the connection between antisemitism and anti-Zionism has aroused some controversy, though perhaps less than expected, as the Times' hostility to any form of Jewish particularism is now so ancient that it is practically a ritualistic cliché.

In this sense, any point by point response to Goldberg is bound to be something of a bore. It is nonetheless worth looking at her claims if only because they represent, to a remarkable degree, a segment of the American Jewish establishment that dissents from the beliefs of the vast majority of the world's Jews, in the sense that this majority is at least nominally and often passionately Zionist, and does indeed consider anti-Zionism a form of antisemitism.

In a stunningly unoriginal claim, Goldberg states, "The conflation of anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism is a bit of rhetorical sleight-of-hand that depends on treating Israel as the embodiment of the Jewish people everywhere."

Citing Jewish criticism of BDS, she admits that the movement "calls for the right of Palestinian refugees and millions of their descendants to return to Israel, which could end Israel as a majority-Jewish state.

(Many B.D.S. supporters champion a single, binational state for both peoples.)"

This is irrelevant to her, however, because while "some criticism of Israel is anti-Semitic, it's entirely possible to oppose Jewish ethno-nationalism without being a bigot."

Goldberg's arguments, as already noted, are so archaic as to make refutation almost superfluous. We have heard these claims repeated endlessly since Zionism was first conceived, and in recent years they have simply become a mantra among Israel's detractors. They are worth considering, however, not in terms of what they say about Israel, but what they say about Goldberg and the small but highly vocal minority of American Jews she represents.

First, it is clear that Goldberg simply doesn't know what she's talking about. Her claim that the BDS movement and anti-Zionists need not be bigots is perhaps accurate in principle, but it is completely irrelevant in practice. The truth is that today's anti-Zionists and the BDS movement do not criticize or oppose Israel: they hate Israel. Hate it with a relentless, obsessive, passionate, violent, and sometimes murderous loathing.

Quite literally anyone who pays any attention to what they say and do is well aware of this. Anti-Zionists have kidnapped, tortured, assaulted, and murdered Jews across Western Europe. Pogroms have broken out in which synagogues have been attacked by mobs of Israel-hating rioters. The anti-Zionist leader of the main British opposition party is now believed by the overwhelming majority

of British Jews to be an antisemite, and quite reasonably so. Some 40% of European Jews are reportedly considering emigration as a result, most of them considering Israel their likely destination. In America, anti-Zionists have slandered, disrupted, demonized, and physically assaulted Jews and pro-Israel activists, largely with impunity.

Given all this, it is simply absurd to claim that anti-Zionism is not, objectively if not subjectively — though it is usually that as well — a form of antisemitism. Theoretically, there may be a difference between anti-Zionism and antisemitism. It is possible. But in practical terms, there is none whatsoever, because the anti-Zionists have made it so.

What then, does this tell us about Goldberg and the sub-culture of American Jews she does indeed represent?

Most notably, it is clear that Goldberg is deeply sheltered, both as a Jew and a human being. Indeed, the most likely explanation for why she does not contend with the violence and racism of anti-Zionist antisemites is because, at best, she does not know about them or, at worst, chooses to ignore them. This is, perhaps, only possible from within a specific subset, a bubble, of American Jewry that has rarely experienced antisemitism, would not recognize it if they saw it, and in fact have little interest in it. Confronted with the suffering of their fellow Jews, they feel no solidarity, kinship, or even the basic sympathy they tend to grant all other minorities. Indeed, I doubt Goldberg has ever written a word about the brutal anti-Zionist persecution of Europe's



Journalist Michelle Goldberg. Photo: www.michellegoldberg.net.

Jews, or given much thought to the possibility that claiming the conflation of anti-Zionism and antisemitism is merely a "rhetorical sleight of hand" is simply impossible when the anti-Zionists themselves conflate them. They do not differentiate between Zionist or non-Zionist Jews, Israel or the Diaspora, when they set out to do murder. To ignore this is, at best, wishful thinking born of privilege and willful ignorance.

Second, Goldberg's failure in this regard recalls Gershom Scholem's criticism of Hannah Arendt — that she lacked "ahavat yisrael," a love of the people Israel. Perhaps more to the point is the statement of the wicked son: "What does this mean to you?" That is to say, Goldberg does not walk with us. She and those like her do not sense a shared destiny, a historical experience that unites the Jewish people. And in this, her rejection of Israel as a representative of the Jewish people is inevitable.

But like it or not — and one is permitted to dislike it, but not to dismiss it — the State of Israel does represent a kind of Jewish destiny. For better or worse, it is unquestionably a

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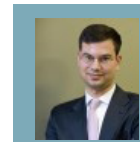
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## New York Times Writes Jerusalem Out of Jewish Wedding Ceremony

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BOSTON

The New York Times style section has recently developed a strange fascination bordering on obsession with Jewish weddings. This goes beyond merely reporting Jewish weddings along with other weddings as they happen. The December 10, 2017 style section had an extended article about three couples who had traveled from Israel to be married at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan. The style section on Sunday, November 25, 2018 featured a long article and series of colorful photographs about the wedding customs of Israelis of Yemenite background. And on Sunday, December 2, 2018, the newspaper published an extensive report, accompanied by several photographs, on the Jewish wedding canopy, or as the Times called it, "huppah."

One might argue that the attention is excessive and constitutes a sort of bias in its own right, but let's leave that issue aside, at least for the moment, and focus instead on the content of the most recent article, particularly what the Times article says is "another modified Jewish tradition: stomping on a glass (typically wrapped in cloth), after the couple's first kiss as husband and wife. (That tradition symbolizes the finality of the marital covenant.)" Let's leave aside too whether the Times is accurate in describing the glass-stomping as "after" a first husband-wife kiss. (I have my doubts.)

What draws my attention is the Times statement that the glass-breaking tradition "symbolizes the finality of the marital covenant."

Let's check in with some traditional Jewish sources and see whether they agree with the Times description of this symbolism. Start with the *Authorized Daily Prayer Book* of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth with new translation and commentary by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks. The Sacks prayer book includes the marriage service and the following commentary on breaking the glass: "An ancient custom, reminding us that while the Temple remains unbuilt, our joy cannot be complete. It has become a custom to preface this by reciting the verse from Psalm 137, 'If I forget you, O Jerusalem,' said by the exiles in Babylon after the destruction of the First Temple."

For Sacks, in other words, the glass-breaking has to do with the 3,000-year-old Jewish connection to Jerusalem and the Temple. It's one thing to see the Times determined to minimize this connection in its editorials and news coverage having to do with President Trump's decision to move the American

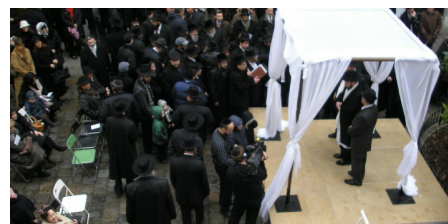
embassy to the capital of Israel. But for that to spill over into the Jewish wedding coverage in the style section is something else again.

Is Rabbi Sacks an outlier here? Let's check another Jewish text, Rabbi Maurice Lamm's *The Jewish Way in Love and Marriage*. Rabbi Lamm writes, "What is the reason? From the Talmud it would appear that breaking the glass served to engender sobriety and balanced behavior. ... In the fourteenth century, the author of Kol Bo offered another explanation. The broken glass represents the wreckage of our past glory, and the destruction of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem in the first century."

Yet a third Jewish text, Anita Diamant's book *The New Jewish Wedding*, writes that by the 14th century, the glass-smashing "was seen as a reminder of the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. Thus even at the height of personal joy the people's sadness was recalled. This interpretation is still prevalent, although it is often broadened to include all the losses suffered by the Jewish people." Diamant also notes, "A broken glass cannot be mended; likewise, marriage is irrevocable, divorce notwithstanding."

It's not clear whether the Times style section interpretation of glass-breaking at a Jewish wedding is intended as a political act to write Jerusalem and Israel out of Judaism as part of a broader New York Times project with a long history. But it's certainly perfectly consistent with that, if not with the Jewish sources I consulted.

Ira Stoll was managing editor of *The Forward* and North American editor of *The Jerusalem Post*.



A Jewish wedding. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## World News.

# Israeli Military Intelligence: Chances of Full-Scale War Still Low, but Situation Remains Unstable

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The head of Israel's Military Intelligence Directorate told a Knesset committee on Tuesday that the chances of a full-scale war were low, but the regional situation remained extremely volatile.

Speaking at a Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee meeting, Maj. Gen. Tamir Hyman described the current state of affairs in the Middle East as highly dynamic, calling it "an era of disruption, design, and formation," the Hebrew news site Walla reported.

Pointing to the ongoing effort to detect and destroy tunnels dug under the Israel-Lebanon

border, Hyman remarked that while Hezbollah had substantial firepower and there was potential for escalation, the Shia proxy of the Tehran regime lacked the industrial capacity to manufacture precision weapons.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has charged that precision weapons factories have been built in Lebanon with Iranian assistance, and he has called them a red line for Israel.

On the issue of Iranian entrenchment in Syria, Hyman said that Israel was determined to keep Iran and Hezbollah away from its border. He also revealed that Tehran's presence in Syria was controversial among the Iranian leadership itself, and therefore could potentially be contained.

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EU Report

antisemitism remains pervasive across the EU — and has, in many ways, become disturbingly normalized." Numerous quotations from individual respondents that were scattered throughout the report supported that claim, such as the one from a 40-year-old woman in Sweden who admitted: "None of my friends where I live or who I work with know that I'm a Jew...The best thing was when I got married, because now my last name is 'Svensson.'"

Particularly salient were the report's findings on the intersection between commonly-expressed anti-Zionist views and activities — boycotting Israeli goods and institutions, publicly opposing Israel's right to exist, comparing Israel's military actions to the Nazi extermination of six million Jews — and antisemitism as experienced by the vast majority of the survey's respondents.

For example, more than 80 percent of respondents said they had heard statements comparing Israel with Nazi Germany during the past 12 months — half of them on more than one occasion — while more than 60 percent had heard the statement that "the world would be a better place without Israel."

These beliefs about the Jewish state run in tandem with other, more traditionally antisemitic assertions about Jews as a community. Over 60 percent of Jewish respondents had been told in the last year that the Holocaust was a "myth or exaggerated," more than 70 percent had been told that Jews have "too much power," and 40 percent had been told that "Jews are not capable of integrating into [our] society."

In the two countries with the largest Jewish populations that were surveyed — France and Britain — 34 percent and 32 percent respectively said they had heard the claim that Israel had no right to exist during the past year.

Although there is, again, a widespread conception in pro-Palestinian circles that describing the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign targeting Israel as "antisemitic" is a smear — an argument often buttressed by Jewish pro-Palestinian activists in the US and Europe — the FRA survey showed that the vast majority of European Jews profoundly disagreed.

Across the 12 surveyed countries, an average of 82 percent of Jewish respondents stated that the boycotting Israel was antisemitic. In France and Belgium, two countries that have experienced murderous antisemitic violence over the past decade, 87 and 83 percent of respondents respectively agreed

that boycotting Israel was an antisemitic act. But — contrary to another common myth — the majority of Jews, 62 percent, did not believe that to "criticize Israel" was antisemitic.

The report also underlined that personal confrontations with antisemites were increasingly a fact of life for European Jews. In six of the countries surveyed — Poland, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Hungary and Denmark — at least one in four respondents said they had witnessed other Jews being verbally or physically harassed. In five of the countries — Belgium, Germany, Poland, The Netherlands and France — at least one in five respondents reported that a family member had been the target of antisemitic intimidation.

During times of conflict in the Middle East, nearly 70 percent of respondents answered that they felt less safe in their own countries as a result. At the same time, government-level initiatives to combat the rise of antisemitism generally met with strong approval, with an average of 80 percent of respondents agreeing that their governments were responding to the problem.

Another striking revelation from the survey concerned the identity of those who perpetrate antisemitic violence or harassment. Two prevailing misconceptions — that antisemitic activity is either overwhelmingly the work of the far right or of Muslim immigrants with extremist views — were exposed in the process.

A significant number of respondents — 31 percent — said they were unable to describe the identity or motive of the attacker. "Teenagers" were identified as perpetrators by 15 percent of respondents, in another indication of growing antisemitism in the present generation.

In political terms, the report will make for discomfiting reading on the political left in Europe — much of which insists the hostility toward Israel among disadvantaged Muslim immigrants cannot be described as antisemitism. Thirty percent of respondents said they had been attacked by someone with a "Muslim extremist view" (the figure for "Christian extremists" was just 5 percent), while 21 percent said they had been attacked by someone with a "left-wing political view." By contrast, the figure for attacks from those with a "right-wing political view" was 13 percent.

Monday's survey by the FRA comes nearly two weeks after global broadcaster CNN issued its own poll querying attitudes to Jews among more than 7,000 non-Jewish respondents in seven European countries — all of which were included in the FRA's

# Report: Australia to Recognize Jerusalem as Israel's Capital



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Aug. 24, 2018. Photo: Reuters / David Gray.

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/  
JNS.org

In October, newly appointed Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced that he was open to officially recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving the Australian embassy there from its current location in Tel Aviv.

"When sensible suggestions are put forward that are consistent with your policy positioning, and in this case, pursuing a two-state solution, Australia should be open-minded to this, and I am open-minded to this and our government is open-minded to this," he said. He added that Australia was still committed to a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict.

Morrison, who became prime minister after the Liberal Party deposed its leader in August, is pro-Israel and an evangelical Christian.

His stance may have been designed to woo the large Jewish population in Sydney suburb of Wentworth ahead of the critical by-election in October. But the Liberal Party's candidate, former Australian Ambassador to Israel Dave Sharma, ultimately lost.

In October, former Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull was told by Indonesian President Joko Widodo that the latter had "serious concerns" about any move to Jerusalem. "There is no question, were that move to occur, it would be met with a very negative reaction in Indonesia. This is after all the largest Muslim-majority country in the world," Turnbull told reporters following the meeting.

Palestinians have also been outraged by the new government's approach. The Palestinian Ambassador in Canberra Izzat Salah Abdulhadi recently said that moving the embassy to Jerusalem "would hurt Australia's international standing and its relations with Arab and Muslim countries."

12-country study.

Among the CNN poll's findings were that one in 20 Europeans had never even heard of the Holocaust, and one in four respondents in France, Germany and Austria believed that Jews had "too much influence" over the world's wars and conflicts.

But that poll also demonstrated that most Europeans retained a favorable attitude to Jews, a CNN analysis argued. "In every country polled except Hungary, significantly more people said they had a favorable opinion of Jews than an unfavorable one. (In Hungary, favorable topped unfavorable 21 percent to 19 percent, with the rest saying they had neither a favorable nor unfavorable view)," CNN's report on the survey noted.

Jewish organizations on Monday expressed dismay at the FRA survey's findings. Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League, said that the report "confirms what we've heard anecdotally in recent years: more than ever European Jews are fearing for their safety and questioning whether there is a future for them in their home countries."

Greenblatt added that the ADL was calling on "all European governments to live up to and fully implement the commitments they made last week in the Council of the European Union's unanimously adopted Declaration on the Fight Against Antisemitism and the Development of a Common Security Approach to Better Protect Jewish Communities and Institutions in Europe."

Those commitments, Greenblatt said, "must translate into greater security for Jews across Europe, allowing them to live openly and freely as Jews."

In its own analysis of the report, the American Jewish Committee observed, "Notably, those who say antisemitism is 'a very big' or 'a fairly big' problem rose significantly in the UK from 48 percent in 2012 to 75 percent in 2018, in Germany from 62 percent to 85 percent, and in Sweden from 60 percent to 82 percent." 2012 was the last occasion that the FRA carried out a similar survey.

In their coverage of this year's survey, many European news outlets highlighted the role of social media in spreading antisemitic beliefs. 20 Minutes — a website in France, whose government has pledged to act decisively against online antisemitism — quoted the report's finding that "antisemitism is more problematic on the internet and social networks (89 per cent), followed by public spaces (73 percent), the media (71 percent) and politics (70 percent)."

In an interview with German broadcaster ZDF, one German government minister described the FRA report's findings as "staggering." Separately, a spokeswoman for the German government, Ulrike Demmer, responded to the report by saying, "The remembrance of the Holocaust urges the defense of the values of democracy."

Added Demmer: "That means that Jews can live safely in our country."

## World News.



Passengers on the Budapest metro file past posters attacking Jewish billionaire George Soros.  
Photo: Reuters/Laszlo Balogh.

## Top EU Official Attacks Hungarian PM Viktor Orban for 'Dog-Whistle' Antisemitism

BY BEN COHEN

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has been on the receiving end of a tongue-lashing from one of the European Union's top officials over alleged "dog-whistle words" that encouraged antisemitism.

"Since Prime Minister Orbán is so vocal in saying that he wants to combat antisemitism, I would call upon him to avoid dog-whistle words, to avoid any form of campaigning that could be seen as implicitly antisemitic," Frans Timmermans — the Dutch vice president of the European Commission — said in Brussels on Monday, in comments reported by the French newspaper *Le Monde*.

"If that is the impression he wants to avoid, then he should be, I think, clearer in how he operates, because clearly some of the campaigns he's been doing have led to antisemitic responses in Hungarian society," Timmermans continued.

While Timmermans did not specifically mention George Soros — the liberal Hungarian-born Jewish philanthropist who has become Orban's nemesis — his comments were an obvious reference to the Hungarian leader's bitter attacks on the billionaire financier, whom he has described as "anti-Christian," and

who was the target of a nationwide billboard campaign, at a cost of 19 million euros, that accused him of funding the migration of thousands of Muslim refugees to Europe.

A large number of the posters — which showed a grinning Soros alongside the slogan, "Don't Let Soros Have The Last Laugh" — were defaced with antisemitic graffiti such as "dirty Jew." In June, Orban's government passed legislation dubbed the "Stop Soros Law," which made the provision of aid to undocumented migrants a criminal offense.

Timmerman's attack on Orban came as the EU's Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) published a 12-country survey of Jewish responses the ongoing rise of antisemitism on the continent.

When it came to Hungary, 77 percent of the survey's respondents said they thought that antisemitism was a "fairly big" or "very big" problem in the country — a clear majority, but still a notable decrease on the 89 percent of Hungarian Jews who answered similarly in 2012, the last time the survey was conducted.

The survey also revealed that approximately 44 percent of Hungary's 100,000-strong Jewish community had considered emigrating over the past five years because of antisemitism, as compared with 65 percent of British Jews and 62 percent of Jews in the Netherlands.

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**Ahavat Yisrael**

culmination and a realization of one of the central concepts of Judaism: that of return and redemption. To a remarkable extent, the biblical narrative is one of the descending from the land and then ascending to it once again. It is not a coincidence that the Hebrew Bible concludes not with a statement of ethical monotheism or the admonitions of the prophets, but with the words "let him go up," heralding the return of the exiles to the homeland. And for 2,000 years, the Jewish people held fast to the hope that the second exile would one day end in a similar fashion. To deny that, at the very least, the modern State of Israel is the realization of this essential tenet of Judaism, as important as the prohibition of idolatry and the prophetic vision, is to deny Judaism and, as a Jew, oneself.

It is here, perhaps, that we find the fatal flaw of Goldberg's claims. As successful and creative as the American Diaspora has been, it does not and cannot represent this historical destiny or, as such, the essence of Jewish identity. The Diaspora unquestion-

ably has a right to exist, and Israel needs it for reasons practical, moral, and idealistic. But the American Diaspora also desperately needs Israel if it is to escape from assimilation and dissolution. Goldberg, in effect, advocates for an emptiness that cannot sustain and is not sustaining Jewish life.

It is only by a mutual embrace — *ahavat yisrael* — that Israel and the American Diaspora can find the means to both survive and retain the fertility that is perhaps the source of our people's endurance. Israel must play its part in this relationship as well, but so must American Jews like Goldberg, who seem to believe that a studied and even righteous alienation can somehow sustain them. That, as C.S. Lewis once put it, they can castrate and bid the geldings be fruitful. The return and redemption represented by Israel is proof that this is impossible, and that opposition to the Jewish state is, in essence, an attempt at that castration. One that, by definition, can never bring about the regeneration that American Jews so desperately need.

*Benjamin Kerstein is The Algemeiner's Israel Correspondent.*

## UK Union of Jewish Students Elects New President, Affirms 'Proud Zionist Voice'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

The Union of Jewish Students (UJS) in the United Kingdom elected a new president on Sunday, and affirmed its position as "a proud Zionist voice" while extending support to organizations that are frequently critical of the Israeli government.

In its annual conference, UJS announced that Esther Offenberg of the University of Birmingham would assume leadership of the group, which represents some 8,500 students. Offenberg describes herself as an Israeli from Berlin, and previously served as a delegate with the UK's National Union of Students (NUS) and was on its Democratic Procedure Committee.

She won with 53 percent of the 945 votes cast, with runner-up Lauren Keiles of the University of Leeds — who was recently named as one of 21 young faith leaders in the UK — claiming 47 percent.

A third candidate — Joanna Phillips of the University of Bath, who supports the Palestinian-led boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel — was eliminated in an earlier round after receiving less than nine percent of the vote.

UJS students debated and passed multiple resolutions during the conference, which variously urged the body to lobby in support of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism, fight antisemitism within the NUS, condemn antisemitism in the Labour Party, advocate for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, support pro-Israel activism, and continue offering Birthright trips to Israel.

Several other measures relating to Israel were either voted down or not considered. Two resolutions introduced by Phillips separately called on UJS to organize educational events on the "Nakba" — an Arabic term meaning "catastrophe," which Palestinians use to describe Israel's establishment — and to recognize that while pro-Palestinian activism does at times include antisemitism, BDS is "not inherently antisemitic."

One of the more contentious resolutions — which inspired "possibly the most fractious debate and procedural manoeuvring of the

day," according to a UJS statement published after the vote — recognized the body's responsibility "of defending and protecting Israel when it is slandered, but also ensuring that civil society organisations such as Breaking the Silence, Yesh Din and B'Tselem can continue to be part of and uphold Israeli democracy."

All three groups are frequently critical of Israeli policy regarding the Palestinians, and call for action against Israel's presence in territories claimed by Palestinians for a future state. Their work has attracted controversy, with the Knesset approving a bill in July aimed at preventing Breaking the Silence and other groups that "undermine" Israel from meeting with students.

Yet UJS argued that the three organiza-



Esther Offenberg speaks after being elected president of the Union of Jewish Students.  
Photo: UJS.

tions "are vital to the continuation of a healthy Israeli democracy," and committed to giving them "a channel to educate British students," including by meeting with their representatives in the UK and during UJS trips to Israel.

Following the resolution's passage, UJS acknowledged that "some students and fellow supporters of Israel may have concerns about one or more of the three organisations listed, or some of those affiliated or previously active within one or more of these organisations." It promised to conduct "due diligence" before "any organisation or speaker is included in our educational programming."

"Our education on these topics will robustly offer a balanced range of voices from within Israeli society," it said.

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Assistant Attorney General John C. Demers said, "Damon Joseph was allegedly inspired by ISIS' call to violence and hate. He planned to carry out an attack at a Toledo area synagogue in the name of ISIS, and hoped that it would cause fear and result in a maximum number of casualties. I commend the agents, analysts, and prosecutors who identified the threat posed by this defendant and took action to protect the public from his plans."

US Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio Justin E. Herdman added, "This man spent months planning a violent terrorist attack on behalf of ISIS here in the United States, and eventually targeted a Jewish synagogue in the Toledo area. The charges describe a calculated man fueled by an ideology of hatred and intent on killing innocent people. The FBI, our police and Justice Department employees are to be credited for working to stop the defendant before he could act."

FBI Acting Special Agent in Charge Jeff

Fortunato noted that "in a matter of months, Damon Joseph progressed from radicalized, virtual jihadist to attack planner."

"Joseph will now be accountable in a court of law for his pursuit of a violent act of terrorism upon our fellow citizens attending their desired house of worship," Fortunato said.

The Anti-Defamation League's Cleveland regional director, Jeremy Pappas, stated, "We are tremendously grateful to federal and local law enforcement for apprehending the suspect, and for working so diligently to prevent our community from experiencing another horrific terrorist attack. The Jewish community is still grieving following the October attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and it's shocking to hear another attack was being planned."

An affidavit filed in the US District Court in Toledo said Joseph came under law-enforcement scrutiny after he posted pictures of knives and weapons — as well as a photo originally disseminated by the media wing of ISIS — on social media sites.

U.S. News.

# US Discusses Iran Sanctions With Iraq, Baghdad Hurt by Curbs on Iranian Gas Imports

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US Energy Secretary Rick Perry said on Tuesday he discussed sanctions against Iran with Iraqi energy officials as Washington pressures Baghdad to stop importing Iranian gas that is crucial for its power grid.

"Sanctions were mentioned, they're a reality, they're there," Perry told reporters in Baghdad after meeting Iraq's oil and electricity ministers, without providing further details of the discussion.

Washington gave Iraq a 45-day waiver over imports of Iranian gas when it reimposed sanctions on Iran's oil sector on Nov. 5. Iraqi officials have said they need around two years to wean themselves off Iranian gas imports and find an alternative source.

"This (Iraqi) administration recognizes ... the imperative to move with some expedition to send a message to the United States ... that this is an administration that is going to move with speed to develop infrastructure especially in the energy sector that best serves the citizens of Iraq," Perry said.

Iraq reached a deal with US energy giant General Electric and German rival Siemens to install liquefied natural gas-operated mobile power units at some small southern oil fields, Iraq's state newspaper reported last month.

The Financial Times reported in October that the US government had intervened in favor of GE for a contract sought by both companies to supply 11 gigawatts of power generation equipment, reportedly worth around \$15 billion.

Perry spoke at a conference organized by the US

Chamber of Commerce which Oil Minister Thamer Ghadhban also attended. "The most important (thing) is our presence and our conversations ... we talked about the challenges but we also talked about some very positive opportunities," Perry said.

Neither minister gave details of the conversations.

Washington is seeking to roll back Iranian influence in the Middle East, including Iraq where Tehran has dominated politics and trade.

Iraq's efforts to reduce gas flaring could reduce its reliance on Iranian gas.

The US sanctions target Iranian oil as well as its banking and transport industry.

Perry said the United States recognized the challenges faced by Iraq's government in rebuilding oil infrastructure destroyed during the war against Islamic State militants.

Perry later met Prime Minister Adel



US Energy Secretary Rick Perry attends a joint news conference with Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijarto in Budapest, Nov. 13, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Bernadett Szabo.

Abdul Mahdi and discussed energy and the economy, the premier's office said in a statement. It said Perry was in Baghdad with a delegation of over 50 business people.

# Pompeo: Hezbollah Terror Tunnels 'Violate the Most Basic Premise of Sovereignty'

BY JNS.org

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said on Monday that Hezbollah tunnels from Lebanon to infiltrate and attack Israel "violate the most basic premise of sovereignty."

"The United States fully supports Israel's right [to defend themselves from Iranian aggression], and we do our best to support their capability to defend themselves from Iranian aggression," Pompeo told conservative radio-talk show host Hugh Hewitt. "These tunnels are Iranian-connected Lebanese Hezbollah efforts to violate the most basic premise of sovereignty, of national sovereignty—that is, digging tunnels onto someone's terrain."

The Israel Defense Forces launched "Operation Northern Shield" last week to discover and eliminate underground tunnels constructed by Hezbollah from Lebanon to Israel.

"We support Israel's right to defend itself, including the exercises on the Israeli side of the border that they now are calling 'Northern Shield,'" said Pompeo, who met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Brussels last week to discuss the Iranian threat and other issues.



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivers remarks at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC, May 21, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

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## Opinion.

## Cory Booker Refuses to Condemn Farrakhan or Iran at ADL

SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

The death of President George H.W. Bush brought Mikhail Gorbachev back into the news. The great former Soviet leader — who deserves immeasurable credit for not sending in the tanks and crushing his people when the Soviet Union collapsed — was commenting about Bush and the work they did together to end the Cold War.

I brought back a reverie of memories.

In the winter of 1993, I hosted Gorbachev at Oxford University. We had hosted many former presidents and prime ministers who had left their posts. But he was the first former president whose post had left him. His country ceased to exist.

It was Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of lights. Introducing Gorbachev to the thousands of Oxford students who came to hear him were me and my two Oxford L'Chaim Society student presidents: Toba Friedman, Oxford's first female orthodox Marshall Scholar; and Cory Booker, an African-American Rhodes scholar who had become my closest friend.

By now our story is well known.

Cory and I studied Torah together almost daily and the concepts we learned have become central themes in many of his public speeches, from the need to go beyond tolerance to the idea of mutuality and the interdependency of communities.

But then came the Iran nuclear agreement and Cory's support of it and the beginning of a downward spiral in his support for Israel that undermined much of our friendship and the Jewish community's admiration for him. Nearly every time I attend a public event, people walk over to me and ask, "Why did Cory oppose the Taylor Force Act — which stops the funding of Palestinian terrorists — in Senate Committee?" "Why did Cory condemn the moving of the American Embassy to Jerusalem?" And, "Why did Cory take a picture with BDS leaders who demand the removal of Israel's wall that prevents suicide bombings?"

Much of the time the questions come in an ominous, accusatory form, as if to say that I'm responsible for Cory's actions because I brought him to the Jewish community and introduced him at synagogues for over two decades.

But there we were, this week, Hanukkah, exactly 25 years later, and Cory was speaking at the ADL's "Never is Now" conference on antisemitism in New York City, and he said this:

*If you love someone, it's not enough to sit back and watch and be a bystander. Love means that you have to be actively engaged in the affirmation of human dignity for all people. Love says, "It's not enough to say I'm not racist." You have to be anti-racism. It's not enough to say that "I'm not anti-Semitic." You must be anti-antisemitism. ... We must stand up for each other and say that bigotry has no place, that antisemitism has no place.*

A better summary of what harmed Cory's relationship with the Jewish community in general, and me in particular, could not have been better articulated. And a better path for Cory to return to his convictions, amid his political ambitions, could not have been more eloquently offered.

Cory needs to know that if you're a United States senator from New Jersey, with a huge Jewish constituency, and the Iranians are threatening to kill all the Jews, you have to speak out. You have to condemn their antisemitism. You have a perch at the United States Senate. You have to go to the podium and say, "Look, whether or not I support the Iran nuclear deal is beside the point. I condemn in the strongest possible terms Iran describing the Jews as a cancer that must be eradicated." And now that "moderate" Iranian President Hassan Rouhani just last week also called Israel a cancer — just like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad before him — it's not too late for Cory to live up to his own words and condemn such wretched antisemitism.

When Louis Farrakhan gets up and says that Jews are termites — and we all know what you do with termites — then Cory needs to know, "It's not enough to sit back and watch and be a bystander. ... It's not enough to say I'm not racist. You must be anti-antisemitism. ... We must stand up for each other and say that bigotry has no place, that antisemitism has no place."

So why didn't Cory condemn Farrakhan?

And since Cory was saying all this at the ADL — the premier antisemitism-fighting organization in America, which CEO Jonathan Greenblatt has brought to new heights — why didn't he practice what he preaches right there and then?

We Jews are sick of being demonized. But we're also sick of those who say that the demonization must end, but then refuse to condemn the antisemites lest they pay a political price.

The confusion about my 25-year relation-

ship with Cory is this: We studied hundreds — perhaps thousands — of hours of Torah together. He came to my home for perhaps hundreds of Friday night Shabbat dinners. We loved each other like brothers. And the Jewish community was inspired by our friendship, his beautiful speeches about the Parsha of the week, and our visits to Israel, and made him one of the single biggest recipients of Jewish



Senator Cory Booker. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

political contributions in American history.

So why the silence when the Jews are imperiled?

Torah is sacred. It had to change both me and Cory. It certainly changed Martin Luther King, whose drawing on the beautiful themes of the Hebrew Bible made him the greatest American of the 20th century. King transformed the Torah into a liberation manifesto that powered the civil rights movement.

A number of years ago, when visiting Memphis, Tennessee and the Lorraine Motel with my children, the site where King was assassinated fifty years ago this past April, I called Cory up and told him, "You have to see how beautiful the marble slab is which was placed right near where King died and the beautiful quote from the story of Joseph." It appears in last week's Torah reading where Joseph's brothers attempt to kill him. Cory quotes the story in a Facebook post of December, 2014: "THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER, BEHOLD, HERE COMETH THE DREAMER. ... LET US SLAY HIM. ... AND WE SHALL SEE WHAT BECOMES OF HIS DREAMS." Joseph's brothers hated his visions. So they threw him in a pit and tried to murder him.

King was the same. He dreamed a dream of racial equality that white supremacists hated. So they murdered him. But ultimately his dream won out among all people of fairness and decency and, while America still has a long

way to go to purge itself of prejudice, King is universally admired as a modern prophet who gave his life so that America would no longer practice institutionalized racism.

Now there is talk that Cory may be running for president. Twenty-five years ago I began to tell him over and over again that I believed that one day he would be president. He had the charisma, the learning, the resume, and the goodness to rise to America's highest office.

But now there is one catch. America has become tired of politicians. And Cory is beginning to sound like a politician. Trump won the presidency because he was the straight-talking, anti-Clinton-politician-for-life model. And even those people who despise

Trump might just despise the idea of career politicians even more. America is searching for authenticity.

And if Cory is to be a serious candidate for the nation's highest office, he has to go back to his roots and reclaim his convictions.

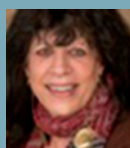
It may not be popular to stand up for Israel in some quarters of American politics. But it's what Cory actually believes. So he must do it.

And it may not be popular to buck your party on legitimizing Iran while they call for Israel's annihilation. But Cory's senior senator from New Jersey, Bob Menendez, did it. So Cory can too.

And learning Torah and repeating it for Jewish audiences — along with the Hebrew phrases that I taught him — comes with the obligation not just to impress audiences but to live by the Torah's demands, to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8) and, as Martin Luther King repeatedly said, to "let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream" (Amos 6:8).

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## Tunnel Vision and UNIFIL

RUTHIE BLUM/ JNS.org  
TEL AVIV

organization Hezbollah for constructing cross-border attack tunnels from Lebanon into Israel.

A day earlier, the Israel Defense Forces had launched Operation Northern Shield to locate and destroy a network of tunnels aimed at providing Hezbollah terrorists with a quick and easy way to infiltrate Israel, and potentially kidnap and kill innocent people. The tunnels are part of Hezbollah's "Conquest of the Galilee" plan, to be implemented at the start of its next war against Israel.

No surprise there.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu phoned UN Secretary General António Guterres on Wednesday and demanded that he and the rest of the international community condemn the Iran-backed Shi'ite terrorist

Like its patrons in Tehran, Hezbollah has been open about its mission to annihilate the "Zionist enemy." As recently as last week, in fact, Iran's terrorist proxy released a video of satellite images pointing to coordinates in central Israel, with the accompanying general threat: "Attack and you will regret it."

A 2015 report in the pro-Hezbollah Lebanese newspaper *As-Safir* was more specific, as it included quotes from Hezbollah members discussing the group's cross-border tunnels. That Israeli officials neither verified nor denied the report was to be expected. Security considerations and anti-terrorism strategies are often at the root of silence on the part of Israel's defense establishment.

Today, however, the IDF says that Operation Northern Shield has been in the works for

a "number of years." It also claims to have been aware of Hezbollah's tunnel-building since 2006, after the end of the Second Lebanon War.

This is disturbing for two reasons.

First, in the summer of 2014 during Operation Protective Edge — Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza — residents of Israeli northern border communities complained of suspicious "clanging" and loud drilling noises under their homes. They expressed fear that Hezbollah was digging terror tunnels beneath the Lebanese border in the same way that Hamas had been doing in Gaza.

The mayor of the northern Israeli city of Kiryat Shemona sent a letter to then-Defense Minister Moshe Ya'alon requesting that he investigate the matter as soon as possible, taking into

## Opinion.

# Operation Northern Shield Could Reshape Israel's Northern Front

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The recent discovery of Hezbollah's invasion tunnels has removed a critical component of the organization's — and Iran's — plan for war against Israel. The discovery robbed them of the ability to surprise Israel through an offensive (under)ground assault into Israeli territory, which was to be a central element in creating a shock to the Israeli psyche and challenge to the country's security. Israel's aggressive measures are compelling Hezbollah and Iran to reassess their perception of the entire conflict.

In addition, the raids have again embarrassed Iran and its proxies because they exhibit Israel's superior level of intelligence, following the exposure of Iran's nuclear archive.

The question right now is to what extent Israel will succeed in leveraging this intelligence disclosure to turn the situation on the northern border to its advantage, with an emphasis on the following objectives:

1. Teaching Lebanon and the international arena that Hezbollah, as an Iranian proxy, is not the "shield of Lebanon," but in reality a huge danger to that country. Hezbollah is developing strong offensive capabilities against Israel from within Lebanese civilian facilities, and is even working beyond the international border (inside Israeli territory)

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**Father**

him, you will bring my grey head down to the grave in misery." (Gen. 44:27-31)

At that moment Joseph realized that his fear that his father had rejected him was unwarranted. On the contrary, he had been bereft when Joseph did not return. He believed that he had been "torn to pieces," killed by a wild animal. His father still loved him, still grieved for him. Against this background we can better understand Joseph's reaction to this disclosure:

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" (Gen. 45:1-3)

Joseph's first thought is not about Judah or Benjamin, but about Jacob. A doubt he had harbored for twenty-two years had turned out to be unfounded. Hence his first question: "Is my father still alive?"

Is this the only possible interpretation of the story? Clearly not. But it is a possibility. In which case, we can now set the Joseph narrative in two other thematic contexts which play a large part in Genesis as a whole.

The first is tragic misunderstanding. We think here of at least two other episodes. The first has to do with Isaac and Rebecca. Isaac, we recall, loved Esau; Rebecca loved Jacob. At least one possible explanation, offered by Abarbanel,[3] is that Rebecca had been told

to serve Iranian interests only. Hezbollah acts in a manner that is a clear violation of Israeli sovereignty and justifies a sharp Israeli response that will cause harm to the country of Lebanon and its citizens. Israel's recent activity should also be presented as an Israeli effort to prevent damage to Lebanon. The ones putting Lebanon in danger are Hezbollah and Iran, while the one who is looking after it is Israel.

2. Increasing the deterrence against Iran and Hezbollah so that they will be reluctant to continue their attempts to find new ways to threaten Israel, such as improving the accuracy of their rockets and building infrastructure on the Golan Heights.

3. Educating Europe that any attempt to differentiate between the military wing and the political wing of Hezbollah is ridiculous. Does anyone really believe that a handful of rebellious, diligent Hezbollah terrorists decided independently to dig a complex system of tunnels, which demanded so many resources and extended into Israeli territory? It is amazing to see how the Europeans have confirmed the existence of the tunnels and expressed their support for Israel's right to destroy them, yet refuse to blame Hezbollah and acknowledge that there is no distinction between the military and political wings of the organization. A change in the European position would lead to a significant shift in Hezbollah's ability to manipulate the Lebanese system, and would penalize it with the heavy and appropriate price they should pay for their violation of Israeli sovereignty.

4. Encouraging UNIFIL to finally imple-

"by God," before the twins were born, that "the elder will serve the younger." Hence her attachment to Jacob, the younger, and her determination that he, not Esau, should have Isaac's blessing.

The other concerns Jacob and Rachel. Rachel had stolen her father's *terafim*, "icons" or "household gods," when they left Laban to return to the land of Canaan. She did not tell Jacob that she had done so. The text says explicitly, "Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen the gods" (Gen. 31:32). When Laban pursued and caught up with them, he accused Jacob's party of having stolen them. Jacob indignantly denies this and says "If you find anyone who has your gods, he shall not live." Several chapters later, we read that Rachel died prematurely, on the way. The possibility hinted at by the text, articulated by a Midrash and by Rashi, is that, unwittingly, Jacob had condemned her to death. In both cases, misunderstanding flowed from a failure of communication. Had Rebecca told Isaac about the oracle, and had Rachel told Jacob about the *terafim*, tragedy might have been averted. Judaism is a religion of holy words, and one of the themes of Genesis as a whole is the power of speech to create, mislead, harm or heal. From Cain and Abel to Joseph and his brothers ("They hated him and could not speak peaceably to him"), we are shown how, when words fail, violence begins.

The other theme, even more poignant, has to do with fathers and sons. How did Isaac feel towards Abraham, knowing that he had lifted a knife to sacrifice him? How did Jacob feel towards Isaac, knowing that he loved Esau more than him? How did Leah's



UNIFIL peacekeepers patrol the border with Israel near the Lebanese village of Kfar Kila, Dec. 4, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Aziz Taher.

ment UN Resolution 1701, asserting that only the Lebanese army is allowed to operate in southern Lebanon, and to make use of the extension of its mandate that it received in 2016. So far, UNIFIL has confirmed the existence of the tunnels, but it has refrained from asserting that Hezbollah has thereby significantly violated Israel's sovereignty.

5. Intensifying focus on Iran's role as the master dictating Hezbollah's activities. It is clear that the buildup of Hezbollah's forces, especially since the Second Lebanon War, including the invasion tunnels, is intended to serve Iranian purposes and enable Iran to strike at Israel.

The high media profile that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and IDF Chief of Staff Gadi Eizenkot have given to this opera-

tion is intended to influence international, Israeli, Arab, Lebanese, and Iranian opinion. However, it needs to be accompanied by diplomatic activity to achieve these objectives. The problem is that European cynicism is creating a significant obstacle to realizing these goals, and the tense relationship between the United States and Europe is eroding the power of American leverage in this regard.

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**Tunnel Vision**

account that the Gaza war was still going on.

A few months later, in January 2015, Ya'alon announced, "We have been examining every single complaint by residents of the north who say they hear construction and drilling sounds underground, and so far we have found nothing. If Hezbollah wants to infiltrate Israel, they don't need tunnels."

In other words, the Israeli defense establishment either had no clue about Hezbollah tunnel activity, which is worrisome in and of itself, or was lying about it to the people who heard it with their own ears. The only positive thing about Israel's exposure of the tunnels this week, then, is that it completely vindicated the people whose apprehension was dismissed as some kind of auditory illusion. They are owed a sincere apology.

The second and more important cause for distress surrounding the tunnel network is the utterly useless presence of the UN Force in Lebanon. UNIFIL was originally established in 1978 after Operation Litani, Israel's attack on PLO bases in southern Lebanon. The operation was a just and necessary response to the Coastal Road massacre of dozens of innocent Israelis — many of them children — by Palestinian terrorists. UNIFIL's mandate was to "confirm the withdrawal of Israeli forces from southern Lebanon."

This mandate was expanded in 2006 as part of UN Resolution 1701, which ended the Israel-Hezbollah war. This past August, the Security Council unanimously voted to

extend it for an additional year. Welcoming the move, UNIFIL's chief, Maj. Gen. Stefano Del Col, said that it "demonstrates the continuing commitment of the international community to maintaining peace and stability in south Lebanon while encouraging the parties to work towards a permanent ceasefire."

This is worse than laughable. UNIFIL has done nothing since the 2006 war but sit back and relax while Hezbollah proceeded to rebuild its massive and increasingly sophisticated arsenal, courtesy of Iran, aimed at wiping Israel off the map. And the so-called "commitment of the international community to maintaining peace" has consisted mainly of supporting UN resolutions condemning Israel. Last month alone, nine such resolutions were passed in a single day.

Meanwhile, the government of Lebanon, which is so keen on keeping UNIFIL in place, insists that Israel "has shown no proof" of Hezbollah border tunnels. Yeah, right. The IDF team that participated Wednesday in a pre-scheduled trilateral meeting with Del Col and members of the Lebanese Armed Forces must have forgotten to come with a Power-Point presentation.

Netanyahu, therefore, should not hold his breath waiting for UN cooperation. Instead, he should conserve his energy for the urgent tasks at hand: foiling Hezbollah and fending off Iran.

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sons feel about Jacob, knowing that he loved Rachel and her children more? *Does my father really love me?* — that is a question we feel must have arisen in each of these cases. Now we see that there is a strong case for supposing that Joseph, too, must have asked himself the same question.

"Though my father and mother may forsake me, the Lord will receive me," says Psalm 27. That is a line that resonates throughout Genesis. No one did more than Sigmund Freud to place this at the heart of human psychology. For Freud, the Oedipus complex — the tension between fathers and sons — is the single most powerful determi-

nant of the psychology of the individual, and of religion as a whole.

Freud, however, took as his key text a Greek myth, not the narratives of Genesis. Had he turned to Torah instead, he would have seen that this fraught relationship can have a non-tragic resolution. Abraham did love Isaac. Isaac did bless Jacob a second time, this time knowing he was Jacob. Jacob did love Joseph. And transcending all these human loves is divine love, rescuing us from feelings of rejection, and redeeming the human condition from tragedy.

Shabbat shalom

## Impressions.

# Is Your Bread Still Kosher? Arnold's Bread Manufacturer Drops the OU

BY ELIZABETH KRATZ/  
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Bimbo Bakeries USA, which owns many of the nationally-distributed bread and bun brands in the United States — including Arnold's, Thomas', Sara Lee, Stroehmann, Freihofer's, and Entenmann's — recently decided to drop the world's largest kosher symbol, the OU (Orthodox Union) certification, from many of its products. Arnold's breads and several of the other brands in Bimbo's portfolio have carried the OU symbol for more than three decades, creating multi-generational customer loyalty.

Arnold's, in particular, is relied upon in markets where kosher-certified bread products are sparse.

Because bread is often be paired with either meat or dairy foods, kosher consumers often prefer to purchase pareve breads, which do not contain either milk or meat products. Dairy hot-dog buns, for example, are of little use in a kosher home. Arnold's widely available pareve hot dog and hamburger buns were a much-appreciated innovation in kosher food when they were first launched, though today they are often taken for granted.

"When I came to the OU over 30 years ago, Arnold's was one of the first products I worked on," said Rabbi Moshe Elefant, the OU's chief operating officer,



Arnold's Bread. Photo: Publix.com

who noted that some kosher consumers have limited pareve bread choices. In the Midwest, the South, and the West Coast, where fewer products are available generally with kosher certification, "people have been relying on the Arnold's line of bread," he pointed out.

Rabbi Zvi Nussbaum warned that consumers should check the packaging of their favorite bread before purchasing it, and not take for granted that the items are kosher.

According to [koshertoday.com](http://koshertoday.com), many supermarkets specifically carry Arnold's because of their kosher certification, and the Freihofer's OU pareve buns are a staple even on the East Coast, where many certified kosher products are also available.

The decision to drop the OU from such products could engender a backlash on par with the Stella D'Oro Swiss Fudge cookie change from OU to OU-dairy in 2003 (which was reversed), or Trader Joe's decision to similarly move their semi-sweet chocolate chips from an OK (another large kashruth agency) pareve to an OK-dairy designation (not yet reversed) in 2012.

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# President George H. W. Bush: Pro-Israel and a Man of Deeds More than Words

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

On the surface, the late President George H. W. Bush was an admirable, but not complicated man. Scion of an elite New England family, he was accepted at Yale before becoming a fighter pilot in the Pacific during World War II. He then moved to Texas, marrying Barbara, his wife of 73 years. They produced a remarkable family that married into the Mexican-American community. As a GOP congressman from Houston, he opposed the 1964 Civil Rights Act, but supported the 1968 Fair Housing Law. Winning the presidency in 1988, his campaign manager Lee Atwater ran the racially-tinged Willie Horton television ad. Yet as president, Bush displayed an attitude towards racial minorities typical of the best of his class and party.

That is why my mentor, Professor Daniel Walker Howe, who won the Pulitzer Prize for a book on the pre-Civil War era (when Andrew Jackson's Democratic Party battled for supremacy with the Whig Party), quips that Bush was "the last great Whig President." The Whigs had supporters in the slave-holding South, but their heart-and-soul were New England "conscience Whigs," who were sympathetic to free African-Americans, the Cherokee tribe dispossessed by the Democrats from Georgia, and even women's political rights. The Conscience Whigs were also the backbone of Abraham Lincoln's new, anti-slavery Republican Party. The Bush family was part of this "Whig turned Republican" tradition.

As Ronald Reagan's vice president and successor, George H. W. Bush made political peace with the religious "moral majority" of his time. Yet by 2016, he reportedly stayed home rather than vote for Donald Trump for president.

But what about George H.W. Bush and the Jews? Here, his record was complex. He was the son of Prescott S. Bush, later elected GOP senator from Connecticut. The Bush family patriarch was not sympathetic to the Nazis, but as a banker, he worked Brown Brothers Harriman, representative of Fritz Thyssen, who helped finance Hitler in the early 1930s. Prescott Bush was also director of the New York-based Union Banking Corporation that represented Thyssen's US interests.

But as a presidential candidate in 1988, Bush won with a respectable third of the usually Democratic American Jewish vote. One reason was that he had played a role as Ronald Reagan's vice president during Operations Moses and Joshua, which flew thousands of starving Ethiopian Jews to Israel; another airlift came in 1991. Even earlier, as Richard Nixon's UN Ambassador, Bush supported oppressed Soviet Jewry and helped lay the ground-

work for the repeal of the 1975 UN Resolution equating Zionism with racism.

As president, Bush provided Israel with the missile defenses that were a protective umbrella from Iraq's Saddam Hussein during the first Gulf War (though they didn't work very well). His administration also organized the contentious 1991 Madrid Conference that paved the way for peace negotiations under President Bill Clinton.

The rub here was Bush's Secretary of State, James H. Baker, who was rumored to have remarked: "F\*\*\* the Jews. They didn't vote for us anyway." This was in 1991, when the Bush administration initially



Former President George W. Bush and other family members watch as the casket of former President George H.W. Bush is carried to lie in state in the rotunda of the US Capitol, Monday, Dec. 3, 2018, in Washington. Photo: Alex Brandon/Pool via Reuters.

opposed Congressional approval of \$10 billion in loan guarantees to Israel as long as the Jewish state continued to build settlements. President George H.W. Bush also made things worse by publicly describing himself as "a lonely guy" surrounded by thousands of pro-Israel lobbyists. He apologized, but Secretary of State Baker and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir also clashed bitterly over what happened at the Madrid Conference.

American Jewish voters did not forget. Only between 11 and 15 percent voted for Bush's reelection in 1992. Yet in deeds, if not always words, President George H. W. Bush was a good friend of Israel. Without glossing over history, I believe in remembering it in the context of the wisdom of the Jewish tradition. There, the Prophets are viewed as interpreters of what the Lord is doing in history. Revelation through deeds is more definitive than revelation through words.

From my perspective, Bush should be should judged by what he did for Israel more than for what he or James Baker said — and by that record, and his record on minorities and civil rights, he was a pro-Jewish and pro-Israel president.

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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  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: ESPORA LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/31/2018. 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: Espora LLC 335 68th St. Apt. 3R Brooklyn, NY 11220. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 942 DUMONT AVE, LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 08/07/2018. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: 942 DUMONT Ave, LLC 942 DUMONT Ave Brooklyn, NY 11207. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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Notice of formation of Derrick Adams Studio LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/17/2018. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as

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agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 1406 Pacific St., Apt. C5, Brooklyn, NY 11216. Purpose: any lawful act  
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Notice of formation of Aber Inver LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/30/2018. Office location, County of Kings. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 107 Berry St., #1L, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF CITIGROUP MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AHL3, Plaintiff against KAMWIL DUPONT, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on May 2, 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 3rd day of January, 2019 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, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the westerly side of East 31st Street distant 400 feet northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the westerly side of East 31st Street with the northerly side of Tilden Avenue; THENCE westerly parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet; THENCE northerly parallel with East 31st Street, 25 feet; THENCE easterly again parallel with Tilden Avenue, 100 feet to the westerly side of East 31st Street; and THENCE southerly along said westerly side of East 31st Street, 25 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING. Said premises known as 108 East 31st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11226. (Block: 4901, Lot: 21). Approximate amount of lien \$ 560,911.47 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 501492-14. Jacob Gelfand, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street, Suite 700 White Plains, N.Y. 10606 (914) 949-2574  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff AGAINST Adriana Lopez, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 24, 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 January 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 183 HEMLOCK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4132, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$685,489.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will

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be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 513462/2015. Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 58754  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roberto Jemmott; Winnifred H. Francis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 574 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 1387 Lot: 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$764,296.82 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 9649/13. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 5, 2018 58544  
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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 January 10, 2019 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 (800) 280-2832. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Omisore a/k/a Anthony I. Omisore; Ibeth Omisore; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 24, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1247 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 5296 Lot 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$650,403.31 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 42891/2007. Michael Korsinsky, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New

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York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 6, 2018  
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File No. 2017-4514/A PROBATE CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT QUEENS COUNTY. CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To William Sena(GAL) the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees, of Arthur Schwartz, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator Queens County, Attorney General. A petition having been duly filed by Sullivan J Campbell, who is domiciled at 39 Poverty Hollow Road, Newtown, Connecticut 06470 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on January 24th 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Arthur Schwartz a/k/a Arthur H. Schwartz lately domiciled at 29-37 171st Street, Flushing, New York 11358 admitting to probate a Will dated October 10, 2012 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Arthur Schwartz Letters Testamentary issue to Sullivan J. Campbell (State any further relief requested) Dated, Attested and Sealed December 3rd 2018 Hon. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk Michael Santucci Attorney for Petitioner 42-40 Bell Boulevard, Suite 3100, Bayside, New York 11361 718 886 7900 [NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF Kings, Federal National Mortgage Association, Plaintiff, vs. Brenda A. Bull, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on September 15, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 10, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 609 East 96th 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 4756 and Lot 31. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 12064/13. Dominic J. Famulari, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henocho, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. IAN S. MARSTON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on October 30, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 10, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 263 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the

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buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 1376 and Lot 110. Approximate amount of judgment is \$961,568.51 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 500209/2014. Leo Salzman, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for the Certificate-holders of the MLMI Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-FM1, Plaintiff AGAINST Jacques Romeo a/k/a Jacques M. Romeo; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 30, 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 January 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1622 East 93rd 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 Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8295 Lot 57. Approximate amount of judgment \$757,546.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500909/2015. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 21, 2018 59327  
AJ; 12/14/21/28; 1/4

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2006-3, Adjustable Rate Mortgage-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST Sharifa Small, First United Mortgage Banking Corp., New York City Environmental Control Board, New York Transit Adjudication Bureau, Ejim Maha, Kyam Rice, Zaleika Johnson, Aldith Small, Jane Doe #1, John Doe #1, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/12/16 and entered on 9/27/16, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 17, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 166 Stuyvesant 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 1620, LOT: 50. Approximate amount of judgment is \$973,919.86 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 012554/2009. Jacob Gelfand, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 12/14/21/28; 1/4

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, d/b/a Christiana Trust, Trustee of the SRP 2013-9 Funding Trust, Plaintiff AGAINST Jason Dorset a/k/a Jason H. Dorset; Louisa Dorset; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated

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## Does My Father Love Me?



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

It is one of the great questions we naturally ask each time we read the story of Joseph. Why did he not, at some time during their twenty-two year separation, send word to his father that he was alive? For part of that time – when he was a slave in Potiphar's house, and when he

Naturally, when he told them about the dream, they were angry. "Do you intend to reign over us? Would you rule over us?" There is no mention of Jacob in relation to the first dream.

The second dream was different:

*Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. "Listen," he said, "I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me."*

*When he told his father as well*



was in prison – it would have been impossible. But certainly he could have done so when he became the second most powerful person in Egypt. At the very least he could have done so when the brothers came before him on their first journey to buy food.

Joseph knew how much his father loved him. He must have known how much their separation grieved him. He did not know, could not know, what Jacob thought had happened to him, but this surely he knew: that it was his duty to communicate with him when the opportunity arose, to tell his father that he was alive and well. Why then did he not? The following explanation, is a tantalising possibility.

The story of Joseph's descent into slavery and exile began when his father sent him, alone, to see how the brothers were faring.

*His brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."*

*"Very well," he replied.*

*So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron. (Gen. 37:12-14)*

What does the narrative tell us immediately prior to this episode? It tells us about the second of Joseph's dreams. In the first, he had dreamt that he and his brothers were in the field binding sheaves. His stood upright while the sheaves of his brothers bowed down to him.

*as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, "What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?" His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind. (Gen. 37:9-11).*

Immediately afterwards, we read of Jacob sending Joseph, alone, to his brothers. It was there, at that meeting far from home, that they plotted to kill him, lowered him into a pit, and eventually sold him as a slave.

Joseph had many years to reflect on that episode. That his brothers were hostile to him, he knew. But surely Jacob knew this as well. In which case, why did he send Joseph to them? Did Jacob not contemplate the possibility that they might do him harm? Did he not know the dangers of sibling rivalry? Did he not at least contemplate the possibility that by sending Joseph to them he was risking Joseph's life?

No one knew this better from personal experience. Recall that Jacob himself had been forced to leave home because his brother Esau threatened to kill him, once he discovered that Jacob had taken his blessing. Recall too that when Jacob was about to meet Esau again, after an interval of twenty-two years, he was "in great fear and distress," believing that his brother would try to kill him. That fear provoked one of the great crises of Jacob's life. So Jacob knew, better than anyone else in Genesis, that hate can lead to killing, that sibling rivalry carries with it the risk of fratricide.

Yet Jacob sent Joseph to his other sons knowing that they were

jealous of him and hated him. Joseph presumably knew these facts. What else could he conclude, as he reflected on the events that led up to his sale as a slave, that Jacob had deliberately placed him in this danger? Why? Because of the immediately prior event, when Joseph had told his father that "the sun and moon" – his father and mother – would bow down to him.

This angered Jacob, and Joseph knew it. His father had "rebuked" him. It was outrageous to suggest that his parents would prostrate themselves before him. It was wrong to imagine it, all the more so to say it. Besides which, who was the "moon"? Joseph's mother, Rachel, the great love of Jacob's life, was dead. Presumably, then, he was referring to Leah. But his very mention of "the sun and moon and eleven stars" must have brought back to his father the pain of Rachel's death. Joseph knew he had provoked his father's wrath. What else could he conclude but that Jacob had deliberately put his life at risk?

*Joseph did not communicate with his father because he believed his father no longer wanted to see him or hear from him.* His father had terminated the relationship. That was a reasonable inference from the facts as Joseph knew them. He could not have known that Jacob still loved him, that his brothers had deceived their father by showing him Joseph's bloodstained cloak, and that his father mourned for him, "refusing to be comforted." We know these facts because the Torah tells us. But Joseph, far away, in another land, serving as a slave, could not have known. This places the story in a completely new and tragic light.

Is there any supporting evidence for this interpretation? There is. Joseph must have known that his father was capable of being angered by his sons. He had seen it twice before.

The first time was when Shimon and Levi killed the inhabitants of Shechem after their prince had raped and abducted their sister Dina. Jacob bitterly reprimanded them, saying:

*"You have brought trouble on me by making me a stench to the Canaanites and Perizzites, the people living in this land. We are few in number, and if they join forces against me and attack me, I and my household will be destroyed" (Gen. 34:30).*

The second happened after Rachel died. "While Israel was living in that region, Reuben went in and slept with his father's concubine Bilhah – and Israel heard of it" (Gen. 35:22). Actually according to the sages, Reuben merely moved his father's bed, but Jacob believed that he had slept with his handmaid, an act of usurpation.

As a result of these two episodes, Jacob virtually broke off contact with his three eldest sons. He was still angry with them at the end of his life, cursing them instead of blessing them. Of Reuben, he said:

*Unstable as water, you will no longer excel, for you went up onto your father's bed, onto my couch and defiled it. (Gen. 49:4)*

Of his second and third sons he said:

*Shimon and Levi are brothers – Their swords are weapons of violence.*

*Let me not enter their council, let me not join their assembly,*

*For they have killed men in their anger and hamstringed oxen as they pleased.*

*Cursed be their anger, so fierce, And their fury, so cruel!*

*I will scatter them in Jacob*

*And disperse them in Israel.*

(Gen. 49:5-7)

So Joseph knew that Jacob was capable of anger at his children, and of terminating his relationship with them (that is why, in the absence of Joseph, Judah became the key figure. He was Jacob's fourth son, and Jacob no longer trusted the three eldest).

There is evidence of another kind as well. When Joseph was appointed second-in-command in Egypt, given the name Tzafenat Pa'nea, and had married an Egyptian wife, Asenat, he had his first child. We then read:

*Joseph named his firstborn Menasheh, saying, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's house." (Gen. 41:51)*

Uppermost in Joseph's mind was the desire to forget the past, not just his brothers' conduct towards him but "all my father's house." Why so, if not that he associated "all my trouble" not just with his siblings but also with his father Jacob? Joseph believed that his father had deliberately put him at his brothers' mercy because, angered by the second dream, he no longer wanted contact with the son he had once loved. That is why he never sent a message to Jacob that he was still alive.

If this is so, it sheds new light on the great opening scene of *Vayigash*. What was it in Judah's speech that made Joseph break down in tears and finally reveal his identity to his brothers? One answer is that Judah, by asking that he be held as a slave so that Benjamin could go free, showed that he had done *teshuva*; that he was a penitent; that he was no longer the same person who had once sold Joseph into slavery. That, as I have argued previously, is a central theme of the entire narrative. It is a story about repentance and forgiveness.

But we can now offer a second interpretation. Judah says words that, for the first time, allow Joseph to understand what had actually occurred twenty-two years previously. Judah is recounting what happened after the brothers returned from their first journey to buy food in Egypt:

*Then our father said, "Go back and buy a little more food." But we said, "We cannot go down. Only if our youngest brother is with us will we go. We cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us."*

*Your servant my father said to us, "You know that my wife bore me two sons. One of them went away from me, and I said, 'He has surely been torn to pieces.' And I have not seen him since. If you take this one from me too and harm comes to*

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January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 17, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 374 East 96th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11212. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4670 Lot 156. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,897.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502684/2015. Jeffrey R Miller, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 19, 2018 58925 AJ; 12/14/21/28; 1/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: ASHOKIDS, LLC. Articles of organization Filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY)10/25/2017 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: United States corporate agents, inc 7014 13th Ave. Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose : all lawful activity AJ; 12/14/21/28; 1/4/15/22

Probate Citation File No. 298-50125 SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To MELVIN STERN if living and if dead, to his heirs at law, next of kin and distributees whose names and places of residence are unknown and if he did subsequent to the decedent herein, to his executors, administrators, legatees, devisees, assignees and successors in interest whose name and places of residence are unknown and to all other heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of IVAN STERN, the decedent herein, whose names and places of residence are unknown and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained. Peter Metto (GAL) A petition having been duly filed by Jordan S. Linn who is/are domiciled at 50 Harward Ave., Merrick NY 11556 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens. County. at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on January 31, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Ivan Stern lately domiciled at 104-20 Queens Boulevard, Apt. 4-P, Forest Hills, New York 11375, United States admitting to probate a Will dated July 15, 2009 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Ivan Stern deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Jordan S. Linn. Dated, Attested and Sealed, December 7th, 2018 Hon. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk Jordan S. Linn, Esq. Farrell Fritz, P.C. 400 RXR Plaza. Uniondale. New York 11556 516) 227-0700. NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.

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## Social.



Richard Gere. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Richard Gere to Star in Apple Adaptation of Israeli Series 'Nevelot'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Apple is negotiating for the rights to adapt an Israeli television series that will star Richard Gere, Variety reported on Thursday.

The drama "Nevelot" revolves around two elderly Vietnam veterans and best friends whose lives are changed when a woman they both loved 50 years ago is killed in a car accident. The military veterans seek revenge and "go on a youth-focused killing spree because they believe today's kids don't understand the sacrifices of their generation," according to CNBC.

If "Nevelot" goes to series it would be for an eight-episode first season. It is based on a novel of the same name by Israeli author Yoram Kaniuk. The original show, which had only five episodes, aired on Israel's HOT network in 2010 and won the prize for best miniseries at the Israeli Television Academy Awards.

Apple and 21st Century Fox will be co-producing the show, which was previously in development at HBO but the network eventually dropped the project. The show will be written by Howard Gordon, who developed "Homeland" for Showtime, and Warren Leight, who helped adapt the Israeli show "In Treatment" for HBO.

"There's nothing more joyful or more reassuring than to hand off our baby, 'Nevelot,' to producers of this quality, who will undoubtedly bring it to excellent places," said Dror Sabo, co-creator of the original HOT show and producer of the American remake. "We met Howard Gordon at the Fox Studios in Los Angeles. To see the strong effect the Hebrew series had on them, to hear their praise and their astonishment when they understand the conditions and limitations we operate under, warms the heart and spurs us to do more. It's going to be exciting and interesting."

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Bimbo Bakeries USA is part of Grupo Bimbo, Mexico's largest baking company with operations in 21 countries; by the late 1990s, it had acquired Entenmann's, Thomas', and Boboli. In 2009, Grupo Bimbo purchased the remaining US fresh baked-goods business of George Weston Ltd., adding brands such as Arnold's, Brownberry, Freihofer's, and Stroehmann. It also owns Sara Lee's bread business.

Elefant explained that Arnold's, as well as Bimbo's other brands, manufacture their products all over the country, and he thinks the dropping of the OU certifica-

tion was primarily a business process decision. "I think they wanted to have the flexibility of making products wherever they want," he said.

"However, our experience has been that when customers notify the manufacturer about changes in the products that adversely affect them, the manufacturers listen to their customers' opinions," he added.

"I think these decisions are reversible, especially if you are dealing with a bread product, because they have to be fresh," he said.

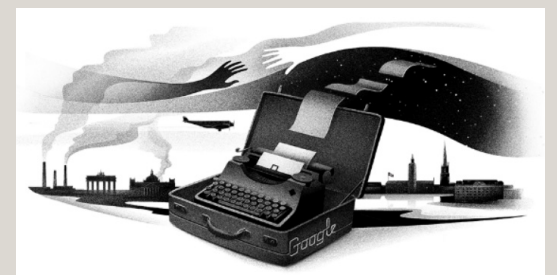
A call to Bimbo Bakeries USA was not immediately returned.

## Google Doodle Honors Birthday of Nobel Prize-Winning Jewish Poet Who Fled Nazi Germany

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Monday's Google Doodle honored what would have been the 127th birthday of a Jewish poet who fled Nazi Germany and wrote about her experiences after World War II.

Nelly Sachs — born on December 10, 1891, into a Jewish family in Berlin — started writing poetry as an adolescent and even had some of her work published in German periodicals, in addition to a collection of stories called Legends and Tales, according to Google.



A Google Doodle honoring Nelly Sachs. Photo: Google.

Swedish writer Selma Lagerlöf, who became the first woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1909, corresponded with Sachs and petitioned the Swedish royal family to help her and her mother leave Germany at the start of World War II.

After they escaped to Sweden, Sachs wrote detailed poems and plays about the aftermath of the war and her family members who died in concentration camps. She described the "metaphors" in her poetry as "wounds," but her work also included themes of transformation and forgiveness, according to Google.

Sachs was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature, which she shared with Israeli writer S.Y. Agnon, in 1966, and she won many other honors during her lifetime, including the 1965 Peace Prize of the German Book Trade.

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