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Haley: Trump's Israeli-Palestinian Peace Plan Recognizes New Middle East Realities



US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley speaks at a Security Council meeting on Dec. 18, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Shannon Stapleton.

BY BARNEY BREEN
-PORTNOY

The Israeli-Palestinian peace plan set to be unveiled by the Trump administration will “be different from all previous ones,” US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley said on Tuesday, in remarks delivered at her final appearance at the Security Council’s monthly meeting on the Middle East.

Haley, who will leave her post at the end of December following a nearly two-year stint at the UN, did not reveal specific details of the proposal — which she said she had read — or a roll-out timeline. Instead, speaking in generalities, she claimed the plan “embraces the reality that things can be done today that were previously unthinkable.”

“Unlike previous attempts at addressing this conflict, this plan

is not just a few pages, containing unspecific and unimaginative guidelines,” Haley stated. “It is much longer. It contains much more thoughtful detail. It brings new elements to the discussion, taking advantage of the new world of technology that we live in. It recognizes the realities on the ground in the Middle East have changed — and changed in very powerful and important ways.”

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After CNN Firing, Marc Lamont Hill Blames Israel for Police Killings of Black People

BY SHIRI MOSHE

Marc Lamont Hill, a tenured professor at Temple University who recently lost his contract as a CNN commentator for comments denounced as antisemitic, blamed Israel on Friday for police violence in the United States and rejected calls to denounce Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Speaking on “The Breakfast Club” radio program, Hill addressed the controversy stemming from his November



Marc Lamont Hill. Photo: Karga Fantasma.

28 speech at the United Nations, in which he endorsed the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel in pursuit of “a free Palestine from the river to the sea” — a call typically used by Arab nationalist and Islamist groups to advocate for the establishment of a Palestinian state from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea, in place of Israel. The BDS campaign itself is often criticized for rejecting the Jewish people’s right to self-determination and denying Jewish indigeneity to the Levant.

In his UN speech, Hill also did not rule out violence as a means of Palestinian “resistance,” suggesting that as “black resistance to American apartheid did not come purely

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Opinion.

Louis Farrakhan: America's Foremost Antisemite

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According to the Anti-Defamation League, antisemitic incidents in the US increased 57% in 2017. This is the largest increase since 1979. The October 2018 murders of 11 Jews in a synagogue in Pittsburgh have placed the spotlight on white supremacists, who are certainly an important component of the problem.

The idea that Jews are pure evil has its origins in Christianity. For centuries, the Jew was often portrayed as the killer of God, the anti-Christ, and Satan. Joshua Trachtenberg summarized how medieval Christendom saw the Jew thus: as "sorcerer, murderer, cannibal, poisoner, blasphemer."

But focusing exclusively on the extreme right leads to major distortions in the analysis of the expanding antisemitism problem. Consider, for example, the one individual who most fervently and tenaciously spreads antisemitism in the US.

That individual is Louis Farrakhan, minister and leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI), an African-American political and religious movement. NOI was formed in 1930, and its current membership is estimated at 20,000-50,000. Farrakhan qualifies for the title of foremost full-time American antisemite

because of his use of a wide variety of antisemitic motifs.

Farrakhan has called Judaism a "gutter religion" and "a religion of Satan." He spews hate against the Jews as a people, and against the state of Israel. His incitement has persevered over the course of decades. In March of 1984, Farrakhan praised Adolf Hitler, calling him a "very great man." Farrakhan is also a homophobe and an anti-white racist.

The Jewish Virtual Library has divided a selection of Farrakhan's antisemitic statements into several categories.

One prominent category is conspiracy theories. Farrakhan asserts that Israeli and Zionist Jews played key roles in the 9/11 attacks, and that Jews received text messages warning them not to come to work on September 11.

In line with the "Jews are pure evil" motif, Farrakhan speaks about "satanic Jews." In a 2018 sermon, he said that "satanic Jews" had infected the modern world with poison and deceit. The Jew as poisoner is another classic antisemitic motif. In the 14th century, during the Black Death plague, Jews were accused of poisoning streams and wells. Many were murdered because of these false accusations.

Farrakhan has also used the word "termites" to describe Jews, which echoes the language of the Nazis. By "biologizing" language, the Nazis turned Jews into "bacteria," "vermin," "parasites," and other forms of sub-humans. In doing so, they laid the groundwork for genocide. Farrakhan's

choice of the word "termites" for Jews fits into this dehumanizing category.

In addition to his regular use of antisemitic tropes, Farrakhan also frequently states that "Jewish power is gigantic." In the 1990s, he said that Jews are "a very small number of people, but they are the most powerful in the world." He also said: "When you want something in this world, the Jew holds the door." Farrakhan has claimed that Jews control the world, are the secret power behind global finance, and exert "a tremendous amount of influence on the affairs of government." He claims that Israel and the Jews control both the Senate and House of Representatives, and refers to white people in important positions in Mexico as "Mexican Jews." Farrakhan even blames the Jews for helping the Third Reich take power.

Farrakhan sometimes interweaves two antisemitic motifs. For example, he has said: "You [the Jews] have wrapped your tentacles around the US government." This combines the hate motifs of gigantic Jewish power and Jews' subhuman nature.

Dual loyalty, the most pervasive antisemitic motif in the world, is of course also in Farrakhan's rotation. He compiled a list of Jews who have worked closely with US presidents and said, "Every Jewish person that is around the president is a dual citizen of Israel and the United States of America."

In his November 2018 visit to Iran, Farrakhan addressed law students at Tehran University. At the end of his talk, Farrakhan



Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan addressing the organization's national convention in 2017. Photo: Reuters / Rebecca Cook.

and the students joined together to chant, "Death to Israel," and, "Death to America." Farrakhan also took the opportunity to declare the establishment of the State of Israel an "outlaw act" and accused the Jewish state of "thievery, lying, and deceit."

One would have expected that within his movement, voices of protest would have been heard over the years against their leader's extreme antisemitism. This has not occurred.

Alan Dershowitz has pointed out that while mainstream American figures generally keep their distance from notorious antisemites — none of them would sit down, for example, with white supremacist and antisemite David Duke, a former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan — many of them are perfectly willing to meet Farrakhan. A photo recently emerged of Barack Obama smiling beside Farrakhan at a 2005 meeting that had been arranged by the Black Caucus. Also, at the funeral of singer Aretha Franklin in August 2018, Farrakhan enjoyed celebrity-like status, sitting only two

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How Far Will the IDF Go in Lebanon?

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Operation Northern Shield, encompassing the IDF's efforts to uncover and destroy Hezbollah attack tunnels crossing under the Israel-Lebanon border, has been made possible by technological advancements and accurate intelligence gathering.

The operation followed a detailed plan outlined by operational officials, and if the plan is implemented as presented, it will undoubtedly achieve the desired effect — neutralizing the big surprise that Hezbollah was preparing ahead of its next confrontation with Israel (attack tunnels that would allow it to strike at Israel's home front).

Hezbollah's aim was two-fold: to seize Israeli vantage points and to stir panic inside Israel, thereby compelling the Israeli military force fighting Hezbollah's complex attack to turn back and retreat. And no less importantly, they sought to take over an Israeli community and abduct as many civilians as possible. Thus, at the end of the war, Israel's failure would continue to resonate for a long time after the fighting itself ended, because the hostage negotiations would take a long time and would bring Israel to its knees.

The operation currently underway in the north has the power to reverse this threat. Without a winning card up its sleeve, Hezbollah will need to consider its next step carefully. The many missiles (many of them advanced precision missiles) that the organization possesses

are still its main strength, and its ability to defend southern Lebanon has not waned. But without the winning tunnel card, which would have catapulted Hezbollah's capabilities to a new level, its strength has eroded. This means the organization is more likely to be cautious and less likely to initiate a war in the near future. Operation Northern Shield raises complicated questions about Israel's initiative and willingness to enter a war to prevent a threat that it sees growing. When it comes to nuclear weapons, the accepted view in Israel — known as the Begin Doctrine, named after the late Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who implemented it when Israel bombed Iraq's nuclear reactor in the 1980s — is preventive. The same policy guided former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert in 2007, when he decided to attack the nuclear reactor in Syria.

But when it comes to conventional weapons, Israel has launched a pre-emptive war only once — Operation Kadesh in 1956, when IDF Chief of Staff Moshe Dayan launched a mission to keep Egyptian forces from acquiring the capability to overpower the IDF. The operation was a success and bought Israel 11 years of relative calm, at a difficult time when the country was also busy absorbing massive waves of new immigrants and building its economic and military infrastructure.

"Pre-emptive wars" are considered problematic. They are hard to legitimize, because they are by definition "wars of choice." In other words, sacrificing thousands of lives may not be necessary when the enemy isn't pounding at the gates. The country's citizens, like the international community, have a difficult time supporting wars if there is even the slightest possibility it won't erupt. Thus,

for example, Israel allowed Hezbollah to grow exponentially stronger and acquire the best Syrian, Iranian, and even Russian-made missiles — and deploy them.

Israel spoke in extremely lofty terms about confronting the terror group following its unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon in 2000, and after the Second Lebanon War in 2006, but hasn't done anything to stop Hezbollah's armament in Lebanon. Only in the chaos of the Syrian civil war, which began in 2011, did Israel decide to use force to prevent the transfer of sophisticated weapons to Hezbollah from Syria and Iran — while its policy of non-intervention in Lebanon persists.

Can the current operation — which is presently being carried out strictly from Israeli territory — spark hostilities on the other side of the border? The answer is a resounding yes, whether intentionally or otherwise. But even if the operation remains on Israel's side of the fence, it could trigger a violent response if Hezbollah's assets and dignity continue taking a hit.

Although the chances of this happening are presently low, this must be the IDF's working assumption — and its war readiness should be adjusted accordingly. This situation raises a question: How far is the IDF willing to go to impair Hezbollah's capabilities? Secondly, should a pre-emptive strike — say a large operation inside Lebanon — be considered after Hezbollah's tunnels are successfully neutralized? These questions require considerable thought.

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World News.

Georgia Mulls Moving Its Embassy to Jerusalem

BY ISRAEL HAYOM/
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Georgia is contemplating relocating its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

In a meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister Tzipi Hotovely in the country on Sunday, Georgian President Salome Zurbishvili announced that she would begin bilateral talks with Israel over the possible transfer of the country's Israel embassy to Jerusalem.

Hotovely, one of the Israeli officials to attend Zurbishvili's swearing-in ceremony on Dec. 16, noted the "deep and long friendship" between the two countries before saying that Jerusalem wanted to see Georgia move its embassy to Israel's capital of Jerusalem.

The French-born Zurbishvili, 66, is the first woman to be elected as Georgia's president. She will serve a term of six years.

Hotovely also met with Georgia's Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze and Foreign Minister David Zalkaliani at the event.

Australia's announcement over the



President of Georgia Salome Zurbishvili, who assumed office on Dec. 16, 2018. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

weekend that it was formally recognizing west Jerusalem as the capital of Israel but would not be moving its embassy to any part of the city for now came as a disappointment to many Israelis.

On Saturday, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the country would not move its embassy to Jerusalem until there is a peace settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Morrison said Australia would recognize eastern Jerusalem as Palestine's capital only after a settlement has been reached on a two-state solution.

US Jewish Civil Rights Group Slams Times for Publication of Endorsement of Antisemitic Book

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A top US Jewish civil rights group has criticized The New York Times Book Review after the publication of an interview this weekend with Alice Walker, in which the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Color Purple* recommended a book written by a prominent antisemite.

"We're deeply disappointed that The New York Times Book Review would print author Alice Walker's unqualified endorsement of a book by notorious British antisemitic conspiracy theorist David Icke," Anti-Defamation League (ADL) CEO Jonathan Greenblatt stated on Monday. "His book 'And the Truth Shall Set you Free,' calls Judaism an 'incredibly racist' religion which preaches 'racial superiority,' claims that a 'Jewish clique' fomented World War I and World War II as well as the Russian Revolution, and draws heavily on the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion' for inspiration. He even casts doubt on the Holocaust and condemns the Nuremberg Trials."

Icke, Greenblatt concluded, had "a long history of scapegoating Jews and Times readers should be aware of this before considering his work."

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seats away from former president Bill Clinton. Linda Sarsour, the Palestinian-American national co-chair of the Women's March, has been a strong supporter of Farrakhan for years. In February 2018, another national co-chair of the Women's March, Tamika D. Mallory, attended the Nation of Islam's



Talkshow host Oprah Winfrey (R) and producer Scott Sanders (C) listen as writer Alice Walker speaks during the curtain call of Winfrey's Broadway musical 'The Color Purple,' in New York, Dec. 1, 2005. Photo: Reuters / Keith Bedford.

And the Truth Shall Set you Free was one of four books recommended by Walker at the start of the interview.

"In Icke's books there is the whole of existence, on this planet and several others, to think about," Walker said. "A curious person's dream come true."

Walker has a long history of anti-Israel activism, including a 2009 visit to the Gaza Strip and her 2011 participation in a flotilla seeking break the blockade of the Hamas-ruled coastal enclave.

In 2017, she wrote a poem on her personal blog about the "poison" of The Talmud, a centuries-old text on Jewish religious law and tradition.

annual Saviours' Day event in Chicago. There, Farrakhan delivered an inflammatory keynote speech that included statements about "powerful Jews" whom he considers his enemies. While Mallory and Sarsour have condemned antisemitism, homophobia, and other forms of hatred, they have not renounced Farrakhan, which has prompted calls for them to resign.

Dutch Government Passes Binding Resolution, Cutting Fiscal Assistance to PA



The Dutch parliament building. Photo: Michiel Jelijks/Flickr.

BY JNS.ORG

Holland's parliament passed a binding resolution on Monday to cut 7 percent of assistance to the Palestinian Authority in 2019.

The vote was 94-56.

It occurred shortly after Palestinian Media Watch director Itamar Marcus exposed to parliamentarians in the Hague the PA's program to reward terrorists and their families. The cut mirrors the percentage of the PA's budget spent on those payments.

It also comes after the latest wave of attacks in Judea and Samaria.

"The need for such steps by foreign donors is as relevant as ever as the PA just added four

new terrorists' families to its growing terror rewards payroll," said PMW senior analyst Nan Zilberdik. "One terrorist shot a pregnant woman, forcing an emergency delivery, but the newborn son died a few days later.

"Another terrorist murdered two of his Israeli co-workers. The other two terrorists were killed while attempting to kill Israelis. The families of the four terrorists will now receive monthly allowances for life," continued Zilberdik. "Hopefully, the Dutch decision will serve as a precedent for other European parliaments."

The Netherlands gives more than \$14.8 million annually to UNRWA, the UN agency that deals with the Palestinian refugee issue.

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The Palestinians, in Haley's view, had more to gain from a peace deal than the Israelis.

"Israel is a thriving, strong, prosperous country," she said. "It has always wanted peace with its neighbors. It has clearly demonstrated its willingness to make big sacrifices for peace, including giving up large areas of land. But Israel will not make a peace agreement at just any price, and it shouldn't. No UN resolutions, antisemitic boycotts, or terrorist threats will ever change that. Throughout its existence, and even today, Israel has been surrounded by threats to its security. It would be foolish for it to make a deal that weakened its security. And yet, even in the face of constant threats, Israel has become one of the leading nations in the world. Israel wants a peace agreement, but it doesn't need one."

"And then there are the Palestinian people," she continued. "Like the Israelis, they are a deservedly proud people. They too do not need to accept a peace agreement at any price. But the condition of the Palestinian

people is very different. Economic opportunity, health care, even electricity are all scarce in the Palestinian territories. Terrorists rule much of the territory, undermining the safety of all civilians. The Palestinian people are suffering terribly while their leadership clings to 50-year-old demands that have only become less and less realistic. What awaits the Palestinian people with a peace agreement are the prospects of a massive improvement in the quality of their lives and far greater control over their political future."

"It is time we faced a hard truth — both sides would benefit greatly from a peace agreement, but the Palestinians would benefit more, and the Israelis would risk more," Haley asserted.

At the end of her speech, the 46-year-old former South Carolina governor — whose UN tenure has been marked by strong pro-Israel advocacy — said, "The world must know that America will remain steadfast in our support of Israel, its people, and its security. That is an unshakeable bond between our two peoples. And it is that bond — more than anything else — that makes peace possible."

The Republican Jewish Coalition has similarly called on seven Democratic law makers who sat down with Farrakhan for personal meetings while in office to resign: Andre Carson (D-Ind.), Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), Danny Davis (D-Ill.), Al Green (D-Tex.), Barbara Lee (D-Calif.), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), and Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.). There have also been condemnations of these meetings by other Democratic representatives.

In a democratic country, a man who is such a regular source of major hate speech should be brought before a court

and condemned to jail. However, this is not possible in the US. But the truth remains that Farrakhan is the leading purveyor of antisemitism in the United States.

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Israeli President Reuven Rivlin with Rona Ramon, the wife of the late Ilan Ramon, who died in the 2003: Columbia" space shuttle explosion. She died on Monday after a long battle with cancer. Photo: Haim Zach/GPO.

Rona Ramon, Wife of Israeli Astronaut Ilan Ramon, Dies

BY JNS.org

Rona Ramon, the wife of the late Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, who perished in the Columbia space shuttle explosion in 2003, died on Monday at age 54 after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Kiryat Ono in 1964, she served as a paramedic in the Israel Defense Forces' Paratroopers Brigade. She married Ilan at the age of 22, six months after they met at a birthday party.

She studied physical education and worked as a sports instructor, and was also an activist who advocated for education and the advancement of Israeli youth.

Ramon's husband was also part in the bombing of Iraq's Osirak nuclear reactor in 1981.

Their son, Capt. Asaf Ramon, an IAF pilot, lost his life in a training accident nine years ago.

Jewish leaders in Israel and abroad expressed their condolences.

"My wife Sara and I express deep sorrow over the passing of Rona Ramon," said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "Rona stood bravely after the deaths of her husband Ilan and her son Asaf, our beloved pilots, may their memories be for a blessing."

"She battled cancer with the same bravery, but to our sorrow, succumbed today. We will always remember her and her splendid family," continued Netanyahu. "May her memory be for a blessing."

"Rona Ramon has gone from us as she lived among us—noble, clear and full of belief.

Ilan and Asaf touched the skies, and Rona touched our hearts," said Israeli President Reuven Rivlin and his wife, Nechama. "We will never forget how you built from out of the ruins, how you endowed meaning in infinite pain, how your creativity filled the never-ending void."

"We will continue to bask in your light, the light you gave 'for those who do, despite the pain and from those who create, from the darkness,' and will look up to the skies to search for you, three bright stars," they added.

Chairman Arthur Stark and Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman and CEO of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said "we express our deepest sympathy to the Ramon family on the passing of Rona Ramon. ... [She] faced devastating tragedies with both fortitude and determination. She never allowed herself to be consumed with grief, but instead worked

tirelessly to preserve the legacy of Ilan and Asaf by creating the Ramon Foundation, a nonprofit that promotes personal and social excellence through space, flight, science and technology.

"We pray that her children and family will be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem. We pray her memory will be a blessing and a source of inspiration. We all remain eternally grateful to this family for its sacrifice and commitment to the State of Israel," they said.

"I am heartbroken to learn of the untimely passing of Rona Ramon, an incredible woman who I had the honor to know and from whom I have learned much," said US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman.

"Through all her challenges, she led a life of vision, patriotism and strength," he added. "May her memory be blessed."

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through Gandhi and nonviolence ... we must allow the Palestinian people the same range of opportunity and political possibility."

The Temple University Board of Trustees condemned Hill over these comments, but did not move to fire him. A petition calling for his dismissal organized by StopAntisemitism.org has reached over 2800 signatures.

Speaking on Friday, the professor reiterated that his "river to the sea" comment was not a call for Israel's destruction, and argued that the phrase was "not a commonly accepted dog-whistle."

"I don't want any harm to happen to Jewish people, I don't want the destruction of Jewish people," he said.

Hill again endorsed a

"one-state" solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, in which Israel would become a bi-national, Palestinian-majority state. "For me democracy is one-state, everybody lives in it, everybody can vote, and it's not ruled by religion — it's not a Jewish state, it's not a Muslim state, it's not a Christian state, it is, in fact, a secular state," he said.

Touching on past controversies, Hill also criticized the idea that he should denounce Farrakhan — who he previously called "a hero to Blacks of all religions" — for railing against "Satanic Jews" and calling gay relationships "degenerate crap," among other controversial comments.

Agreeing that one could "love" Farrakhan, but not like something that he said, Hill explained that he maintained two "key issues" of disagreement with the Nation of Islam leader: "The question of

antisemitism — what constitutes it and what the boundaries are — and ... LGBT issues."

"For some reason, if you meet with Minister Farrakhan and you don't throw him away wholesale, then you're castigated in a way that doesn't happen with anybody else," Hill argued.

"I worked on Fox News for many years. No one ever said, 'Why are you sitting with Bill O'reilly? Why are you sitting with Sean Hannity? Why are you sitting with Ann Coulter?' No one ever said that," he recounted. "And I'm not comparing Farrakhan to them, except to say, that if you think [he's] extreme, I think they're extreme."

"Why is only one set of people untouchable?" He asked. "And why does every black leader have to ritually denounce Farrakhan

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UK Jews Applaud Office for Students for Adopting IHRA Definition of Antisemitism

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The regulatory body for higher education in England has adopted an internationally-recognized definition of antisemitism — a move welcomed by the UK Jewish community.

The Office for Students (OFS) announced that as part of its effort to promote equal opportunities for all students, "we have adopted the IHRA definition of antisemitism as a guide to interpreting and understanding antisemitism."

The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) describes antisemitism as "a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews" — a definition endorsed by 31 countries, among them the United Kingdom.

Examples of antisemitism shared by the IHRA include advancing "the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy" and "denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination."

The OFS noted that the IHRA adoption would "not affect the legal definition of racial discrimination, so does not change our approach to implementing our regulatory duties, including our regulatory expectations of registered providers."

"Nonetheless, we have adopted the IHRA definition because we believe that it is a useful tool for understanding how antisemitism manifests itself in the 21 century," it added.

The Board of Deputies of British Jews welcomed the announcement on Monday, saying it was the result of "a series of engagements" with the OFS, which also included the Union of Jewish Students (UJS).

"It shows a commitment by the regulator to lead by example," said Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl in a statement. "We have long called for universities to adopt this definition as it is a helpful guide to interpreting and explaining contemporary antisemitism. They should now follow the OFS' lead and do so without further delay."

The outgoing president of the UJS, Hannah Rose, stated, "We can only fight antisemitism when we are able to accurately define it in its contemporary form."

"We now call on other HE bodies, universities and students unions to mirror this adoption and work with us to eliminate antisemitism from UK campuses," she added.

The IHRA definition has previously been the source of controversy in the UK, with the opposition Labour Party initially adopting an amended version earlier this year that omitted four examples — including those calling Israel's existence racist, comparing the actions of Israelis to Nazis, and accusing Jews of dual loyalty.

Following an outcry from UK Jewish leaders, the party later adopted the full IHRA definition with all its supporting examples in September. Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn attempted at the time to pass an amendment asserting that it should not "be regarded as antisemitic to describe Israel, its policies or the circumstances around its foundation as racist," but failed to rally enough support. However, the party did append a clause to the definition emphasizing the right to "free speech" on Israel, which some criticized as an unnecessary and potentially harmful qualification.



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Three Maryland Synagogues Receive Suspicious Letters, but No Hazards Found

BY REUTERS
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Authorities found no dangerous substances on Monday after investigating three suspicious envelopes sent to synagogues in Baltimore County, Maryland.

The incidents come amid a rise in hate crimes in the United States, with a 37 percent spike in anti-Semitic attacks, the third straight year that such attacks have increased, FBI data released last month said.

"The letters appear to be similar in nature and do not convey any type of threat," Baltimore County said on its website.

Two adults working in the offices of the Beth El Congregation opened an envelope and immediately complained of

feeling nauseous, the county said.

The letter sent to Beth El contained religious information about Jesus, according to the CBS affiliate in Baltimore.

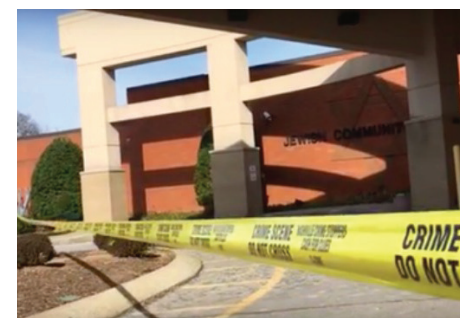
Hazardous materials crews found no dangerous substances, the county said.

Officials later responded to the Beth Isaac Adath Israel Congregation because of a suspicious envelope, which was not opened, the county said. No dangerous substances were found.

The Har Sinai Congregation received a letter a week ago and reported it to police on Monday after learning about the other incidents.

It did not contain any hazardous substances.

Synagogues are on high alert after a gunman who had made antisemitic slurs on social media opened fire in a Pittsburgh



Illustrative. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

synagogue on Oct. 27, one of the deadliest attacks on Jews in US history.

Last week, an Ohio man, who said he admired the gunman in the Pittsburgh attack, was arrested and charged with planning an attack on another Jewish house of worship.

Airbnb Refutes Israeli Government Claim It Reversed West Bank Settlement Ban

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

The Israeli Tourism Ministry claimed on Monday that Airbnb had backtracked on its recent decision to remove listings in West Bank settlements, but this was subsequently refuted by the home-renting company.

What is not disputed is that a visiting delegation of Airbnb officials — led by the company's head of global policy and public affairs, Chris Lehane — met with Israeli Tourism Minister Yariv Levin in Jerusalem on Monday.

Following that sit-down, Levin's office published a statement in Hebrew saying that Airbnb would not be implementing the settlement ban — announced last month — and that the company would maintain dialogue with the Israeli government.

However, after media outlets picked that statement up, Airbnb responded with a clarification in English, saying:

"The reports issued earlier today are inaccurate. Airbnb expressed its unequivocal rejection of the BDS movement and communicated its commitment to develop its business in Israel, enabling more tourists from around the world to enjoy the wonders of the country and its people. We are here to meet with a variety of stakeholders and as a result of our meetings have an even deeper understanding that this is an incredibly complex and emotional issue. Airbnb communicated that we are developing the tools needed to implement our policy and that process includes continuing our dialogue with the Government of Israel and other stakeholders."

Adding to the confusion, a number of Israeli journalists had previously received a statement in Hebrew from Airbnb similar in substance to that of the Tourism Ministry.

Airbnb's move to delist settlement offerings was widely panned by Israeli government officials, as well as a number of prominent Jewish groups around the world.

"We concluded that we should remove listings in Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank that are at the core of the dispute between Israelis and Palestinians," Airbnb said in a Nov. 19 statement. "We know that people will disagree with this decision and appreciate their perspective."

"This is a controversial issue," the company added. "There are many strong views as it relates to lands that have been the subject of historic and intense disputes between Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank. Airbnb has deep respect for those views. Our hope is that someday sooner rather than later, a framework is put in place where the entire global community is aligned so there will be a resolution to this historic conflict and a clear path forward for everybody to follow. As of today, this is an aspirational hope. People of goodwill have been seeking this goal for decades but we continue to hope for a durable, lasting peace."

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Israel Will Lose if Only Republicans or Democrats Can Claim to Be 'Pro-Israel'



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Many in the pro-Israel community are concerned about what might be in the Trump administration's upcoming peace plan for Israel and the Palestinians. Will it demand that Israel make territorial concessions? Are the Palestinians really serious about accepting Israel as a Jewish state? And how can there even be talk of peace when Hamas is murdering Jewish babies and Israeli soldiers every week?

But while the hesitations are justified in light of previous pressures placed on Israel by the international community, the plan deserves to be heard — because Trump has emerged as Israel's stalwart defender in international forums, especially the UN, and been a stalwart friend.

Meanwhile, as someone connected to the UK, I find it appalling that the country has produced an antisemitic miscreant like Jeremy Corbyn, who may possibly be the next prime minister.

How do we ensure that this doesn't happen here in the US, where Democratic and Republican bipartisan support for Israel is something we've taken for granted for decades? The question is especially important in light of the rise of serious Israel critics like Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders as

possible Democratic presidential nominees.

The most important guarantor of bipartisan support for Israel is AIPAC — the American Israel Public Affairs Committee. After being officially incorporated in 1963, the organization embarked upon a startlingly aggressive phase of growth, dispatching hundreds of field-operatives to develop a vast and diverse network of grassroots support throughout all of America's 50 states. By the 1970s, the organization had become extremely effective.

During an apparent clash between Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, President Gerald Ford notoriously threatened to enact a "reassessment" of the American relationship with Israel, even noting in a letter to the Jewish state that "failure" to accede to specific negotiations would have a "far-reaching impact" on American "relations" in the region. The next day, the president received a letter of his own. This time, it was signed by 76 senators, demanding that the president "make it clear that the United States, acting in its own national interests, stands firm with Israel." The House of Representatives followed suit. The "reassessment" never happened.

Fast forward to 2016, and AIPAC had to rent Washington's Verizon Center just to house its policy conference keynote event. AIPAC has 100,000 members and boasts a \$72 million annual budget; some 300 staffers populate 18 AIPAC field offices.

Yet, even as the organization glimpses the very heights of its own success, it's also beginning to face its most serious challenges.

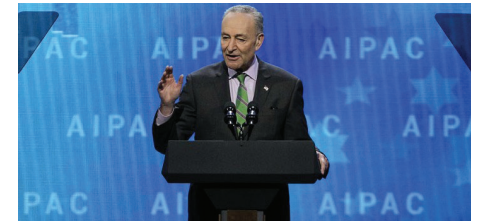
Like any centrist element of American political life, AIPAC has been besieged by the ever-intensifying political extremes. And amid this bitterly sectarian political climate, bipartisan behemoths like AIPAC have found themselves grasping in the dark for allies.

When Donald Trump was invited to speak at AIPAC's 2016 Policy Conference, he punctuated a powerful speech on the Middle East with the claim that Barack Obama was "maybe the worst thing to happen to Israel." Much of the audience, clearly frustrated at Obama's often turbulent relationship with the Jewish state and the Iran nuclear agreement, rose in mass applause.

The very next day, AIPAC's president took the stage to say that AIPAC's leadership took "great offense" at the "ad hominem attacks ... levied against the president of the United States of America from our stage."

Trump would go on to win the presidency that November. And though the president agreed to send Mike Pence and Nikki Haley to address AIPAC's conference the following year, their were still hard feelings. My own opinion is that it's time to move on. Trump had every right to express his opinion and the audience had every right to applaud it. But even great organizations make mistakes and AIPAC remains by far the most vital and effective organization supporting pro-Israel legislation in Congress.

Since then, AIPAC has taken a hit from the Israeli right, too. During a recent gala held in New York, Israel's ambassador to the UN, Danny Danon, was reported by *The Daily Beast* to have "implicitly needled the mainline [AIPAC]" by



Senate Minority Leader Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) speaking at the 2018 AIPAC Policy Conference. Photo: AIPAC.

saying that it was no longer the go-to organization in the US for the Israeli government.

The growing political roadblocks facing AIPAC in Washington are by no means limited to its relationship with the right. On the contrary, AIPAC's alienation from American political extremism began years before the rise of Trump, during the rocky years of Obama administration.

When AIPAC opposed Obama's nuclear deal, Democratic leaders openly condemned AIPAC for abandoning its bipartisan principles. The Obama administration also offered a significant boon to AIPAC's chief competitor on the left, Jeremy Ben-Ami's J Street, which seemed founded on a singular policy of criticizing Israel.

But unlike J Street and organizations on the right which have in no uncertain terms cast their political allegiances with a single side, AIPAC is a distinctly bipartisan organization. Every single bill supported by the lobby must have both Republican and Democratic co-signers, and at all of AIPAC's various forums, both arch-rivals and ardent supporters of the current administration will receive equal time to speak their minds from the podium.

Even as some see bipartisanship as a "relic," the fact is that Democrats and Republicans working together has never been more critical. Partisan support for Israel by only one side of the aisle would be an American tragedy. AIPAC is helping ensure that never happens, and I salute it.

Oh, Eno! The Folly of Boycotts



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The battle over the cultural boycott of Israel involving two of the most seminal rock musicians of the last half-century continued in earnest last week. In one corner was Nick Cave — the former vocalist of the Birthday Party and presently the frontman of the Bad Seeds. In the other, Brian Eno — a founding member of Roxy Music, whose extraordinary talents as a producer can be heard on records by David Bowie, U2, Talking Heads, and Coldplay, among others.

Cave played two concerts in Tel Aviv in 2017, much to the chagrin of Eno and the handful of other musical artists who believe that quarantining Israeli audiences and shunning Israeli musicians will help bring about the "liberation" of Palestine. At the time, Cave made a resounding case about why the boycott of Israel was morally wrong, probably antisemitic, and of no tangible benefit to the Palestinians themselves (for whom Cave has raised money in the past out of sympathy for their plight.) And like the myriad other rock and pop musicians who have defied the boycott and played in Israel — like John "Johnny Rotten" Lydon, Morrissey, Justin Bieber, Paul McCartney, Lady Gaga — Cave has never expressed regret, only pride, at

having performed there.

Eno, by contrast, was one of the first serious, recognizable musical artists to endorse BDS, a position he has since maintained with an obsessive dogmatism that is utterly at odds with his approach to music. This observation was noted by Cave, who reopened the boycott debate by making public — in response to a fan's request for clarification — a private email that he sent to Eno about Israel.

"Brian Eno, beyond any other musician, taught my friends and me how to make music," Cave wrote in a footnote to that email. "The records he made remain some of the most important and essential recordings I have ever heard. So, if there seems to be a thread of anguish that runs through this letter, this is indeed the case. I am writing to my hero."

I am not a musician, of course, but I think I know how Cave feels. I am a music lover, and during those years when I was devouring as much contemporary music as I could find — blues from the Mississippi Delta, roots and reggae from Jamaica, space-age electronic music from Germany, punk, and new wave from England and the United States — Brian Eno occupied a very special place in my vinyl collection. What I loved about Eno's music (and still do) was his ability to overlay additional, otherworldly sonic dimensions onto music that otherwise would have sounded rather ordinary.

Eno also wrote some great rock 'n' roll songs — "Third Uncle," "Kings Lead Hat" — in the years after his departure from Roxy



A pro-BDS demonstration. Photo: FOA / Facebook.

Music. He produced two of David Bowie's greatest albums — "Low" and "Heroes" — as well as U2's classic, "The Joshua Tree." But he was equally confident and creative when turning his hand to classical music, as evidenced by his ethereally lovely rendition of Johann Pachelbel's Canon in D Major. And then there was Eno's own, singular creation, known as "ambient music" — compositions with little discernible melody that blended pre-recorded natural sounds with electronic drones, encouraging the listener to hear music as part of their overall sensory experience of the world, rather than as a song with a beginning, a middle, and an end.

Why would such a cutting-edge artist, who never really spoke about politics, become such an enthusiastic supporter of BDS? This, in my view, is the question that Nick Cave is really asking of Eno, because it is, frankly, maddening to see an artist who transformed the way we listen to music adopting — in his capacity as an artist — a censorious and damning approach towards an entire nation. Perhaps the most insidious example of this behavior came in September 2016, when Eno refused permission to Israel's Batsheva dance company to use his piece "Neroli" for one of its performances, writing to the troupe's artistic director, "though in one way I'm flattered that you chose my music for your work, I'm afraid

it creates a serious conflict for me."

That "conflict" was, in fact, a petty objection to the Israeli embassy's partial sponsorship of Batsheva's performance. "Your dance company might not be able to formally distance itself from the Israeli government but I can and will," continued Eno. "I don't want my music to be licensed for any event sponsored by the Israeli embassy." In other words, Eno was saying "not in my name" — a slogan that makes its adoptees feel noble and courageous, but looks to most other people like gratuitous narcissism.

Still, the question remains: Why? In a 2016 interview with *The Guardian*, Eno drew an analogy between how a society develops and how music is made. "If you think of the classical picture of how things were organized in an orchestra — where you have the composer, conductor, leader of the orchestra, section principals, section sub principals, rank and file — the flow of information is always downwards," said Eno. "The guy at the bottom doesn't get to talk to that guy at the top. Almost none of us now would think that hierarchic model of social organization, the pyramid, is a good way to arrange things."

Eno, then, prefers the horizontal to the vertical — the act of debating and collaborating, rather than simply receiving instructions from a man wielding a baton. Elsewhere in the same interview, he described his own role as helping "people communicate with each other in one way or another." All well and good, but utterly incompatible with support for the BDS movement!

BDS, after all, is a pyramid, with its anti-Zionist, eliminationist id program set by a handful of ideologues who then transmit talking points and other instructions to the

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activist base. Rather than encouraging people to communicate with each other, the BDS movement bullies musicians and artists into treating Israelis as the only human beings in the world who should be denied the opportunity to hear a piece of music, read a particular book or view a specific painting. And of all people, Brian Eno — an artist who has delighted in smashing conventions through experimentation — has turned into a cultural policeman, ready to fire off an insulting missive to any fellow musician who dares to contemplate contact with Israelis.

Eno's position — and I take no pleasure in saying this — is eerily reminiscent of the antisemitic German composer Richard Wagner's comment that music produced by Jews is sterile because "the Jew has stood outside the pale of any such community, stood solitarily with his Jehovah in a splintered, soilless stock, to which all self-sprung evolution must stay denied, just as even the peculiar Hebraic language of that stock has been preserved for him merely as a thing defunct." Today's boycott advocates perceive Israel in much the same way; the illegitimate state of an anachronistic nation whose chief priority is to maintain itself aloof and apart

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they did.

However, once the brothers had undergone complete repentance, their original intent was cancelled out. It was now possible to see the good, as well as the bad, consequences of their act — and to attribute the former to them. Paraphrasing Shakespeare's Mark Antony, the good they did would live after them; the bad was interred with the past (Julius Caesar, act III, scene 2.). *That is how, through repentance, deliberate sins can be accounted as merits*, or as Joseph put it: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good." This is a hugely significant idea, for it means that by a change of heart we can redeem the past.

This still sounds paradoxical. Surely time is asymmetrical. We can change the future but not the past. We can choose what is yet to be, but, in the words of the sages, "What has been, has been,"[2] and we cannot alter it.

We now see, through Joseph's and Reish Lakish's words, a revolutionary idea. There are two concepts of the past. The first is what happened. That is something we cannot change. The second is the significance, the meaning, of what happened. That is something we can change.

The great truth about the role of time in our lives is that we live life forwards, but we understand it only looking back. Consider an autobiography. Reading the story of a life, we see how a deprived childhood led to the woman of iron ambition, or how the early loss of a parent drove the man who spent his later years pursuing fame in search of the love he had lost.

It might have been otherwise. The deprived childhood or the loss of a parent

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in order to sustain a position? That doesn't happen to anyone else."

"Again, Minister Farrakhan is my brother," the professor continued, before opposing "the idea that we have to renounce him, denounce him, throw [him] away" based on some disagreements.

"In the black tradition, I ain't got the luxury of throwing people who love us away," he added. "I ain't got the luxury of taking people who have come out of traditions that have saved us and cleaned us and throw them away."

His comments echoed a statement Hill

from the other peoples of the world, while punishing the indigenous Arab inhabitants of the land they "occupy."

Eno is not the only great artist to have crossed swords with the "Jews" as a collective. That long list includes Chopin, T.S. Eliot, Ezra Pound, and many other poets, painters and musicians whose output leaves you contemplating how such profound beauty and insight can co-exist with the crude, paranoid fantasies of the antisemite. Eno, doubtless, would angrily deny that antisemitism has anything to do with his loathing of Israel, which is the standard response of the boycott movement. Yet from someone with his intellect, we are entitled to expect much more.

So, Brian Peter George St John le Baptiste de la Salle Eno, if you happen to read this, please know that any explanation you provide on this point will be read, considered and argued over avidly, especially by those of us who love your music. We may decry your views, but we're not going to boycott you.

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might have led to a life dominated by a sense of defeat and inadequacy. What we become depends on our choices, and we are often free to choose this way or that. But what we become shapes the story of our life, and only in hindsight, looking back, do we see the past in context, as part of a tale whose end we now know. If life is like a narrative, then later events change the significance of earlier ones. That is what the story of Joseph and his brothers is telling us, according to Reish Lakish.

Joseph was saying to his brothers: by your repentance, you have written a new chapter in the story of which you are a part. The harm you intended to do me ultimately led to good. So long as you stayed the people prepared to sell a brother into slavery, none of that good could be attributed to you, but now you have transformed yourself through teshuvah, you have transformed the story of your life as well. By your change of heart you have earned the right to be included in a narrative whose ultimate outcome was benign. We cannot change the past, but we can change the story people tell about the past. But that only happens when we ourselves change.

We can only change the world if we can change ourselves. That is why the book of Genesis ends with the story of Joseph and his brothers. It tells on an individual level the story that the book of Exodus tells on a national level. Israel is charged with the task of transforming the moral vision of mankind, but it can only do so if individual Jews, of whom the forerunners were Jacob's children, are capable of changing themselves.

Teshuvah is the ultimate assertion of freedom. Time then becomes an arena of change in which the future redeems the past and a new concept is born — the idea we call hope.

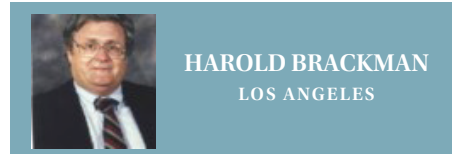
issued in October, in which he refused to explicitly renounce Farrakhan and asserted, "I do NOT believe... that Minister Farrakhan is an anti-Semite."

Later on in the segment, Hill explained why he focused on a conflict in the Middle East while racial minorities in the US faced their own domestic struggles, arguing that "there's a relationship between the two."

"The New York City police, they're killing us, but they're being trained by Israeli security forces" he said. "They're being trained — New York City police and in other cities as well. So here's a connection between the two. I can't stop one without the other, there's a relationship."

"Remember I ain't talking about Jewish

Kirk Douglas and the Role of Jewish Masculinity



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LOS ANGELES



Kirk Douglas and his wife Anne with President Ronald Reagan. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Kirk Douglas was born more than 100 years ago in Amsterdam, New York, 28 miles from Albany. Beginning life as Issur Danielovich, Douglas' parents were illiterate immigrants from Belorussia. Because the mills and factories of Amsterdam excluded Jews, his father earned his living as the town's junk dealer.

In my view, Douglas will always matter for two primary reasons: he was one of the male stars of Hollywood's Golden Age, and he was also the epitome of American Jewish masculinity in the second half of the 20th century.

American Jewish intellectuals, from Leslie Fiedler to Norman Mailer and beyond, have both loved to live and to analyze the problematics of American Jewish masculinity.

But it was not always so. Sholem Aleichem's Tevye the dairyman, reborn on the Broadway stage in the hoofing "Fiddler on the Roof," has money problems galore — but not masculinity problems. Of course, he fought never-ending battles with his wife, Golde, and his daughters, especially the strong-willed Hodel, who married a revolutionary, but there was never any real doubt about who wore the pants in Tevye's family.

Contrast that with Woody Allen, America's Jewish anti-hero and ambivalent-male nebbish, who was a magician at alchemizing his fictional women's problems into gold until reality intruded and his mojo evaporated.

Kirk Douglas, I argue, is the epitome of the post-Holocaust American-Jewish re-masculinization that occurred parallel and counter to the anti-heroic ambivalence of Woody Allen.

Dirt poor, Douglas came to New York City as a teenager, initially having to depend on his friend — young model named Lauren Bacall — for her uncle's winter coat. After playing supporting roles as villains, everything changed when young Douglas starred and received an Academy Award nomination

people, I'm talking about the Israeli state," Hill emphasized.

BDS groups have previously advanced similar allegations, accusing Jewish American groups that host exchanges between American and Israeli police forces of promoting violence against minorities in the US. These claims have been roundly rejected by the sponsoring organizations, among them the Anti-Defamation League, which notes that its National Counter-Terrorism Seminar (NCTS) in Israel focuses on strategies "to deter and disrupt terror attacks and strengthen community resilience."

Hill was then questioned by host Charlamagne tha God — who said he often only hears the "pro-Palestinian perspective" — about whether Israelis were justified for placing restrictions on Palestinians who committed acts of terrorism. The professor answered that while he did not support the killing of innocent people, "oftentimes ... every act of resistance that Palestinians engage in is called terrorism."

"Of course there are Israelis and there are Jewish people who are victims of unethical, immoral, awful, atrocious acts," Hill said. "I

for his role as the heroic boxer in "Champion" (1949). Virtually nobody saw his recreation of a Holocaust survivor in "The Juggler" (1953), but Douglas' unashamed Jewishness was never in doubt again.

Of course, masculinity is always relative. Douglas and his sometime co-star John Wayne, the iconic goyish Hollywood hero, liked each other but never understood each other.

In an interview by film critic Roger Ebert in 1967, Douglas mused: "That's why the perfect movie star is John Wayne. I was in a lousy picture with him once, 'In Harm's Way.' I used to think about John Wayne that he brings so much authority to a role he can pronounce literally any line in a script and get away with it. But I figured 'In Harm's Way' had a line even John Wayne couldn't get away with. It was: 'I need a fast ship because I mean to be in harm's way.' He got away with it!"

Following a screening of Douglas starring as Vincent Van Gogh in "Lust for Life" (1956), John Wayne berated him: "Kirk! How can you play a part like that? There's so ... few of us left. We got to play strong, tough characters. Not those weak queers." Douglas relates in his autobiography, *The Ragman's Son* (1988), what he tried to explain to Wayne: "Hey, John, I'm an actor. I like to play interesting roles. It's all make-believe, John. It isn't real. You're not really John Wayne, you know."

Kirk Douglas proved that you could be Jewish, American, and unambiguously male.

May Kirk Douglas live forever — or as long as he wants!

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don't dispute that."

"A Jewish pregnant mother was killed two days ago in Israel, that's awful and I denounce that," he added, in apparent reference to Shira Ish-Ran, a 30-week pregnant Israeli woman who was critically injured by a Palestinian gunman on December 9th. Ish-Ran's baby was delivered via an emergency C-section, but died after four days. The mother's condition has been improving.

Hill argued that the recent attack — among the latest in a spate of Palestinian violence against Israeli targets in the West Bank — was not representative "of what's been happening."

"Too often any act of resistance from Palestinians gets called terrorism," he reiterated. "International law says that an occupied people have the legal right to resist, and I think that's just common sense. That's what [Malcolm X] been talking about."

When asked directly if he supported "violent responses from Palestinians," Hill replied, "I support self-defense."

"A violent response to a peace talk — no," he explained. "A violent response to violence — yes"

Impressions.

Give Credit (to the IDF) Where Credit Is Due

BY URI HEITNER/ JNS.org

Thousands of terrorists emerge at dawn from dozens of tunnels along Israel's border. They storm adjacent communities, massacring men, women and children and taking hundreds of people hostage. They raise Hezbollah flags in all the nearby communities and announce the "liberation of the Galilee."

At the same time, all of Israel is hit with a barrage of thousands of rockets fired from Lebanon and the Gaza Strip.

The Israel Defense Forces would certainly overcome such a horrific scenario, pushing the enemy out of Israeli territory and dealing it a powerful blow. But for this victory, we would pay an unbearably bloody price. In such a nightmare scenario, Israel would be forced to contend with the greatest threat it has faced since the 1948 War of Independence. Hezbollah's operative plan was, in fact, a viable scenario until the IDF embarked on "Operation Northern Shield" with the aim of thwarting the Shiite terrorist group's goals.

For some reason, many of us downplay the



IDF Paratroopers Operate in Gaza Photo: Israel Defense Forces

achievement, even opposing the use of the term "operation." This is an engineering operation, they explain, that is being carried out inside our territory, and tractors and bulldozers do not an operation make.

Do we need to send our troops into enemy territory for this activity to deserve the title of operation? What are the preconditions—an aerial attack or daring raid by an elite IDF unit deep into enemy territory? Israel's combat theory prioritizes the avoidance of war. It is only when that goal is not met and war breaks out, then and only then, do we aim for a decisive victory. The greatest victory in war is avoiding one altogether. Can there be any greater achievement than winning without losing soldiers or even shooting a single bullet?

That is the aim of "Operation Northern Shield," and it is not at all simple. It relies on intelligence collected over a span of four years. This impressive intelligence operation was carried out under a fog of denial in order to ensure we would catch the enemy

We Must Confront Sexual Abuse in the Jewish Community

BY TILA FALIC LEVI

I have always been a proud and active member of the Jewish community. I strongly believe in uniting Jews in the Diaspora with the people of Israel. I've constantly worked to support pro-Israel charities and projects that seek to unite Jews across the world in order to face the challenges to our future.

Now it is time to take on another aspect of this challenge: saving Jewish children from the horrors of child sexual abuse.

Unfortunately, the global Jewish community has failed victims of abuse. Innocent children have been hurt by teachers, family members, community leaders, and others — and all of this has happened as our community has stood by, often in silence. That is why I have recently joined the board of Jewish Community Watch (JCW), a leading organization combating child sexual abuse in the Jewish community.

The connection between the Jews in the Diaspora and Israel is something we should always recognize — but at times, this link gives sexual abusers an easy way out. Too often, an abuser flees to Israel either before they can be arrested or after serving a prison term. Sometimes, a suspect runs from Israel to the United States and other countries, as well. These criminals try to quietly rejoin a community by hiding their past, while they continue targeting children.

JCW's team — and others with a similar mission — seek to make it more difficult for abusers to flee from justice. We try to ensure that Jewish communities around the world are properly informed of the threat posed by child predators. With improved cooperation between US and international authorities — and the Israeli police and judicial system — abusers will no longer have the option to run away from justice, regardless of where they flee.

There are also many opportunities for learning and collaboration. Though there is still much work



An empty classroom in a public school. Photo: Wiki Commons.

to be done, Israel has developed some innovative approaches to combating child abuse through legislation and social policy. Through JCW and other organizations, Israel can build bridges with the US, based on successful tactics and techniques — and also share some of its own.

We learn in the Talmud that saving a Jewish life is like saving the world. The world has been shattered for many of these children, and many of them carry the burden for the rest of their lives. We seek to ensure that the next generation doesn't have to grow up as victims any longer. Our awareness initiatives prevent abuse, and save children from dangerous people around them. Through counseling and support services, we also help victims become survivors, drawing strength from each other to face the world and deal with their pain.

Sadly, sexual abuse happens in every community. Today, we are more aware of it — and with this awareness, it is incumbent upon us to support the survivors and stop the abusers from hurting more children. These are the future members of our community, they are the future of the Jewish people, and it is our responsibility to invest in a happy, healthy, future for them and all of us.

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by surprise. The fact that IDF commanders and members of the political echelon succeeded in keeping the existence of the tunnels a secret for four years, up until the day of the operation, is a notable achievement. This is also an impressive technological achievement.

This mission is complex and dangerous, and it could quickly deteriorate—so much so that we could find ourselves at war. That is why the most stringent operational discipline is required to avoid such an escalation. At the same time, there is also a need for a mass deployment of forces to ensure we can respond as necessary should the enemy react.

"Operation Northern Shield" is also of political significance in that it proves Lebanon violated U.N. Security Council resolutions and exposes Iran's

activities against Israel through its operational arm, otherwise known as Hezbollah.

The commanders, planners and executors of the operation, both political and military, deserve praise. Not only is there no justification for mocking or deriding the operation, but the criticism that the IDF and the government did not take local residents' claims of hearing digging underground seriously is unjustified.

Had the nightmare scenario played out, commissions of inquiries would have called for heads to roll. In reality, the opposite has happened. It turns out the supposedly dismissive treatment of the problem stemmed from operational considerations of field security.

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

Notice of Formation of VANDERBILT 331 LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/31/18. Office location: Kings County. Princ. office of LLC: 47 S. Oxford St., Brooklyn, NY 11217. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC at the addr. of its princ. office. Purpose: Any lawful activity. AJ; 11/16/23/30; 12/7/14/21

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

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 AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

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 AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

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 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 AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

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

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LLC, 107 Berry St., #1L, Brooklyn, NY 11249. Purpose: any lawful act AJ; 11/23/30; 12/7/14/21/28

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 AJ; 11/30; 12/7/14/21/

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 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 AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

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

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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 AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

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 AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

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 York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 6, 2018 AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

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

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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 fore noon 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 300, 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.] AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

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, Henoch, 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 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. AJ; 12/7/14/21/28

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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 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

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Tradition.

The Future of the Past



JONATHAN SACKS
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The scene that brings the book of Genesis to a close is intensely significant. Joseph's brothers were terrified that, after the death of their father Jacob, Joseph would take revenge against them for selling him into slavery. Years before, he had told them that he forgave them: "Now, do not worry or feel guilty because you sold me. Look: God has sent me ahead of you to save lives" (Gen. 45:5). Evidently, though, they only half-believed him.

Their fear was based on the fact that, as is clear from the earlier story of Esau, sons were not allowed to take revenge against their brothers in the lifetime of their father. Esau



had said, "The days of mourning for my father will be here soon. I will then be able to kill my brother Jacob" (Gen. 27:41). That is what the brothers now feared: that Joseph had not really forgiven them but was simply waiting until Jacob died.

That is why, after Jacob's death, the brothers sent word to Joseph saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father" (Gen. 50:16).

So Joseph had to tell them again that he forgave them:

"Don't be afraid," said Joseph. "Am I in place of God? You intended to harm me but God intended it for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives." (Gen. 50:19-20)

The episode is moving in itself, but it also resolves one of the central questions of the book of Genesis – sibling rivalry: Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers. Can brothers live peaceably with one another? This question is fundamental to the biblical drama of redemption, for if brothers cannot live together, how can nations? And if nations cannot live together, how can the human world survive?

Only now, with the reconciliation of Joseph and his brothers, can the story move on to the birth of Israel as a nation, passing from slavery to freedom.

These words of Joseph, though, tell us something more. I have previously argued that the entire

drama Joseph put the brothers through when they came to buy food in Egypt – accusing them of being spies, and so on – was to test whether they had done teshuvah. Did they realise the wrong they had done in selling Joseph and had they really changed as a result? At the height of the drama, as soon as Judah said he would stay as a slave so that his brother Benjamin could go free, Joseph revealed his true identity to them and forgave them. Judah, who had proposed selling Joseph as a slave, had completely changed. He had done teshuvah. He was now a different person.

Yet something more is revealed in this last conversation between Joseph and his brothers. It concerns the most paradoxical of all rabbinic statements about teshuvah. It was said by one of the great baalei teshuvah, penitents, of the Talmud: the third-century sage known as Reish Lakish. Originally a highway robber, he was persuaded by Rabbi Yochanan to give up his lawless ways and join him in the house of study. Reish Lakish repented and became Rabbi Yochanan's disciple and colleague (and also his brother-in-law: he married Yochanan's sister).

Perhaps speaking from his own experience, he said: Great is repentance, because *through it deliberate sins are accounted as though they were merits*, as it is said, "When the wicked man turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live thereby" (Ezekiel 33:19).[1] This statement is almost unintelligible. How can we change the past? How can deliberate sins be transformed into their opposite – into merits, good deeds?

The quotation from Ezekiel does not prove the point. If anything, it does the opposite. The prophet is speaking about a person who, having undergone teshuvah, now does good instead of evil – and it is because of his good deeds, not his earlier evil ones, that "he shall live." The verse says that good deeds can overcome a previous history of wrongdoing. It does not say that they can turn bad into good, deliberate sins into merits.

Reish Lakish's statement is intelligible only in the light of Joseph's words to his brothers after the death of their father: "You intended to harm me but God intended it for good." The brothers had committed a deliberate sin by selling Joseph into slavery. They had then done teshuvah. The result, says Joseph, is that – through divine providence ("God intended it") – their action is now reckoned "for good."

Not only is this the source of Reish Lakish's principle; it also enables us to understand what it means. Any act we perform has multiple consequences, some good, some bad. When we intend evil, the bad consequences are attributed to us because they are what we sought to achieve. The good consequences

are not: they are mere unintended outcomes.

Thus, in the case of Joseph, many positive things happened once he had been brought to Egypt. Eventually he became second-in-command of Egypt, overseer of its economy, and the man who saved the country from ruin during the years of famine. None of these consequences could be attributed to his brothers, even though they would not have happened had the brothers not done as they did. The reason is that the brothers neither foresaw nor intended this set of outcomes. They meant to sell Joseph as a slave, and that is what

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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; 1/4/11/18

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 Metio (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 ordan S. Linn, Esq. Farrell Fritz, P.C. 400 RXR Plaza. Uniondale, New York 11556 516) 227-0700. NOTE: This citation is served upon

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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. AJ; 12/14/21/28; 1/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BOND CRAFT STUDIO LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/15/2018 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC 372 Bond ST. Brooklyn, NY 11231 purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 12/21/28; 1/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garnes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/18/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on January 24, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 12/21/28; 1/4/11/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, Plaintiff AGAINST Necta Dupuy; Frantzy Dupuy; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 18, 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 24, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 8610 Avenue N, 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 8083 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$703,916.99 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1128/13. Steven Naiman, 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 59329 AJ; 12/21/28; 1/4/11/

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR MFRA TRUST 2014-2, Plaintiff, -against- ELIECER TORRES; ARTURO TORRES; NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; BOARD OF

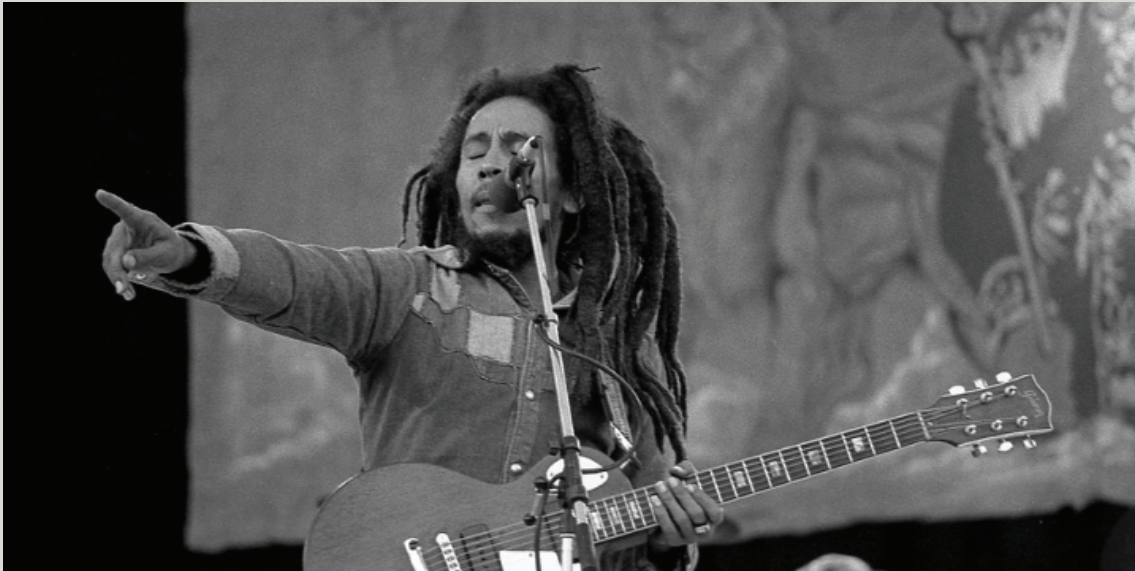
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MANAGERS OF THE SCHAEFFER LANDING NORTH CONDOMINIUM; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; MIKE BLACK; MRS. BLACK (FIRST NAME REFUSED), Index No. 20760/2013. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, September 20, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on September 26, 2018, Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 440 Kent Avenue, Unit 14A, Brooklyn, New York 11211 A/K/A Two Schaefer Landing, Brooklyn, New York 11211 at public auction at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on January 24, 2019 at 2:30 PM. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 2134; Lot: 1272 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 20760/2013. The approximate amount of judgment is \$999,811.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 12/21/28; 1/4/11/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff AGAINST Calvin Dillon; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 25, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 24, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 668 Riverdale Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 3842 Lot: 19. Approximate amount of judgment \$328,323.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 1131/2013. Steven Naiman, 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 AJ; 12/21/28; 1/4/11/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY CITI BANK, N.A., Plaintiff against ALIZA SHREM, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered January 17, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 24, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 2238 West Street, Brooklyn, New York 11223. Block 7151 Lot 71. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$441,324.93 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5872/2012. Cash will not be accepted at the sale. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee 11582 AJ; 12/21/28; 1/4/11/

Social.



Bob Marley performing at Dalymount Park, July 6, 1980. Photo: Eddie Mallin via Wikimedia Commons.

Israeli Tribute to Bob Marley Brings Together Diverse Group of Children, Including Gazans and Iraqis

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

A video featuring a diverse group of children, including Gazans and Iraqis, has been produced ahead of Israel's upcoming One Love festival, which celebrates the music of the late reggae legend Bob Marley.

The festival has been held for 14 years, and brings together numerous artists who cover Marley's songs in their own style. The festival promoters produce a video each year covering one of Marley's songs. This year, the clip involved children from an Arab school, a Jewish kibbutz, a nursery in Herzliya, members of gospel group composed of Israelis from Eritrea and Sudan, and members of the Braslav Hasidic sect. All of them sing "One Love," a Marley song that speaks of universal love and unity.

Then the producers of the video saw news reports about groups of children in Gaza who sent peace messages to Israel via carrier pigeons, as well as on an Israeli activist named Lisa Miara, who works with children rescued from ISIS. Bella Malkin, one of the producers, told the Hebrew news site Mako, "We thought it would be amazing if we could reach them and include them in the clip."

The Gazan children were enthusiastic at the prospect. "They knew they were filming an Israeli clip that would be broadcast on YouTube to the whole world," said Malkin, "and they were very enthusiastic about this idea and the possibility of sending a message of peace from Gaza."

Of the Iraqi children, Malkin said, "To think that children who yesterday cut off heads under ISIS threat are today singing 'One Love' is maybe the most powerful thing I have experienced working with Marley's songs. Lisa told me that these are the first words they have learned in English, and when they filmed the clip they meant every word, and wanted to convey the message that we're all human beings and we all want to sing and to love."

Malkin revealed she cried while editing the video, noting, "We have received very emotional responses from all the participants. The Braslavers called me a Marley Hasid... Lisa told me the kids felt like rock stars and experienced childhood in a way they'd never been able to."

She said that "the greatest thing" was that the clip had given rise to the idea of producing a Marley festival in Gaza. "This is one of the greatest things Bob Marley's music can do," she stated.

Baseball Icon Dykstra Takes on a New Hobby: Torah Study

BY JNS.org

As part of bettering his life since serving six months of a three-year sentence behind bars for grand theft auto and fraud, former World Series champion Lenny Dykstra has taken up learning Torah every week.

"I'm on a spiritual journey," Dykstra, who is Christian, told The New York Post about learning the Five Books of Moses every Wednesday at the Ambassador Wines shop on Midtown Manhattan.

"I'm trying to find if God exists," he added. "I want to deal with people who are smarter than me."

In response to a participant analyzing the isola-



Baseball icon Lenny Dykstra on "The Dan Patrick Show" in 2016. Photo: Screenshot.

tion of Joseph, who was thrown into a pit and later sold into slavery in the aftermath of his brothers' jealousy, Dykstra said: "You lost me, lady."

"We enjoy his company and he's a great guy. A lot of fun. We can handle his [unsavory] language," Rabbi Shmuel Metzger, co-director of Chabad at Beekman Sutton on East 53rd Street told, The Post. He contacted Dykstra after seeing a video on Twitter of the former baseball player discussing the story of Adam and Eve.

"I said, 'This guy gets it,'" Metzger told the outlet.

Dykstra does not plan to convert to Judaism.

"If he is serious, I want to help him in the world," added Metzger. "There's a reason why everyone likes him. It's good, kosher fun."

Report: Israeli Supermodel Bar Refaeli to Co-Host Eurovision 2019 Song Contest in Tel Aviv

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Supermodel Bar Refaeli, famed mentalist Lior Suchard and actor Erez Tal are slated to host the 2019

Eurovision singing competition that will take place in Tel Aviv in May, Israel Hayom reported on Thursday.

The three triumphed over dozens of celebrities who auditioned, according to Israel Hayom.

The report noted that their final contracts had not yet been finalized, but the European Broadcasting Union was expected to approve the three hosts and an official announcement would be made soon after.

Forty-two countries will compete in the Eurovision contest, with the first semi-final taking place on May 14, the second semi-final on May 16 and the grand final scheduled for May 18.

Last year's Eurovision winner was Israeli singer Netta Barzilai, who took home the victory with her original song "Toy." The song recently passed 100 million views on YouTube.

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