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## Easy Netanyahu Win Predicted in First Poll Since Israel Election Set



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Dec. 24, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen / File.

**BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will easily win a snap election set for April 9, according to an opinion poll on Tuesday, the first to be published since the ballot was announced.

Netanyahu announced the early election on Monday, appealing directly to voters for a

fresh political mandate that could help him weather possible charges in corruption investigations. An election had not been due until November 2019.

The survey, published in Israel's Maariv newspaper, showed Netanyahu's Likud party winning 30 of parliament's 120 seats, the same number it took in the last election in 2015, and a governing majority for a Likud-led right-wing coalition bloc.

The closest challenger, the poll said, was a hypothetical party led by former Israeli army chief Benny Gantz, who has been widely touted as a potential center-left candidate.

Gantz has not publicly declared a political affiliation or any intention to run. The center-left Yesh Atid party led by Yair Lapid came in third in the survey, with 12 seats compared with 11 in the

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## Trump's Embrace of Turkish President Erdogan Decried by Top US Jewish Leaders

**BY BEN COHEN**

Two prominent American Jewish leaders expressed strong concern on Monday over US President Donald Trump's declaration of faith in Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as part of his sudden decision to withdraw the 2,000 US troops presently assisting Kurdish and Arab allies in Syria.

"This most recent embrace of Turkey as a strategic partner in this 'new' US policy — relating to ISIS, Syria, the



US President Donald Trump and his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Photo: Reuters/Kevin Lamarque.

Kurds — should raise serious alarm bells in Israel and in the pro-Israel community," Abraham Foxman, the national director emeritus of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), told *The Algemeiner* on Monday.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper — associate dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center — meanwhile asked whether anyone could "seriously believe that Erdogan will block the land corridor Iran is creating across Syria into Lebanon," one of the more serious long-term issues in Israel's northern security theater.

"It's difficult to fathom what it was that Erdogan

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## Opinion.

## On Syria, Trump Is Wrong — and Contradicts Himself



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Sometimes, wisdom means understanding that not all promises ought to be kept. The problem is that when you make multiple promises, you're going to find that some of them are mutually exclusive.

That's what happened when Donald Trump announced the withdrawal of the roughly 2,000 US troops from Syria. In doing so, Trump kept his promise about limiting American military involvement in the Middle East. Distaste for such entanglements is at the heart of Trump's "America First" approach to foreign policy, and even his most fierce critics have to admit that such a stance is broadly popular. Americans are sick of the inconclusive 17-year-old struggle still being waged in Afghanistan. Few protested when President Barack Obama abandoned Iraq in 2011.

But the problem was that the contradiction at the heart of Trump's "America First" mentality was made obvious with the president's announcement of the troop withdrawal.

As much as Trump could sound like a neo-isolationist when critiquing the Iraq war or talking about wanting to avoid confrontations with Russia, there was a basic contradiction in his approach to the Middle East. While he deplored such wars

and "nation-building," he understood that the withdrawal from Iraq had directly led to the rise of ISIS, which filled the vacuum left by the pullout, and that defeating those terrorists was an imperative. He promised to "kick the ass" of the terrorist group, leading some of his followers confused as to whether he meant what he said about opposing foreign wars.

Trump also seemed to understand far better than Obama the danger of allowing Iranian influence to go unchecked by the United States. He rightly denounced the 2015 Iran nuclear deal concluded by his predecessor as a disastrous giveaway that made the world less safe, and a cruel and dangerous regime richer and more powerful.

Though Obama had reluctantly begun a military effort against ISIS, it was inconclusive and pursued with restraint. Trump changed the rules of engagement and unleashed the US military to do what needed to be done free of Obama's micromanagement that sabotaged the campaign. That led to a rout of ISIS that cost it most of the territory the so-called caliphate had ruled.

In May, Trump also pulled America out of the nuclear deal, and then went on to order a reinstatement of sanctions on Iran that has the potential to cripple Tehran and halt its quest for regional hegemony.

ISIS has suffered crucial defeats, and for that Trump deserves some of the credit. Yet by declaring victory in Syria and ordering the pullout, the president may well be setting in motion a series of events that will undo the

progress made against ISIS and strengthen Iran just at the moment when, for the first since Obama's appeasement began in 2013, the regime's leadership seems to be faltering.

In assessing this decision, we have to face up to something that Trump avoided while boasting of what the American military would do to ISIS. In a war against terrorists, you don't get to just declare "we won" and then leave. Americans don't like the idea of "nation-building" when there is so much to do at home. But if the United States doesn't stay in Syria and ensure that the terrorist insurgency does not immediately erase the victories that were won by our military, the talk of "winning" rings as hollow as President George W. Bush's infamous "mission accomplished" moment on Iraq.

Trump also needs to understand that while those 2,000 or so troops weren't fighting Iran, they constituted a vital piece of leverage in our efforts to get Tehran's forces and their Hezbollah auxiliaries out of Syria. Without an American presence, the brutal Bashar Assad government that has already largely won the Syrian civil war with Iranian and Russian help will become even more entrenched. That ensures that the Islamist insurgency will continue in one form or another since Sunni Arabs will inevitably look to someone to defend them against Assad's regime.

While Assad, Iran, and ISIS benefit from this decision, the list of those who are hurt by it is even longer.

Leaving aside the Syrians, who may fall back under ISIS control, and Sunni Arabs



US Defense Secretary James Mattis listens as President Donald Trump speaks to the news media, Washington, DC, Oct. 23, 2018.  
Photo: Reuters / Leah Millis.

elsewhere who will be weakened by Iran going unchallenged, an American retreat undermines the Kurds — America's most reliable and courageous allies in the fight against Islamism. They will now be vulnerable to attacks from both Iran and Turkey, two countries that would like to extinguish that brave people's longstanding hopes for freedom.

The US withdrawal, coupled with Trump's seeming acquiescence to Russia assuming the guise of regional superpower in the Middle East, also makes Israel's strategic position more dangerous. Deterring Iran and Hezbollah from attacking Israel in conjunction with Hamas allies in Gaza becomes that much more difficult, raising the temperature in the region in a way that could cost lives.

In making this decision, Trump is showing us that despite the wise approach charted by his foreign-policy team of Secretary of Defense Mike Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton, his version of

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## The Danger of Trump's Withdrawal From Syria

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In responding to President Trump's surprise announcement of a withdrawal of all US forces from Syria, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a brief statement that contained two messages.

"This is, of course, an American decision," he said, emphasizing that it is not Israel's place to tell its senior partner where to deploy troops. This is an important message to send, as it shows respect for America's internal decisions on the use of military force. Officially, Israel must not play a part in the argument now raging between the American defense establishment and Trump.

At the same time, Netanyahu's statement did not contain any praise for the decision. This reflects real concern on Israel's part over how the American exit will affect the regional balance of power.

"We will study its timetable, how it will be implemented, and, of course, its implications for us," said the prime minister. "In any case, we will take care to maintain the security of Israel and to defend ourselves in this area."

These comments are hardly a warm endorsement. Netanyahu's statement reflects a veiled warning to the toxic regional actor that is set to most immediately benefit from Trump's step: Iran.

The Islamic Republic is working hard to

spread its influence, proxies, weapons, and terrorism across the Middle East. Its goal is to create a network of areas under its control, filled with armed organizations, weapons factories, and missile bases. Tehran wants to build these assets so that it can later use them to attack Israel, and to threaten and extort moderate Sunni states that stand in the way of its regional hegemony.

The American troop presence in Syria's east remains part of a "roadblock" to Iranian designs to infiltrate from Iraq.

The Iranian regime and its elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) desire a land corridor stretching from Iran through Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. Control of such a corridor would enable Iran to move weapons, Shiite militias, and Iranian military formations from the east into Syria, threatening Israel and Jordan alike.

The seriousness of the threat was reflected in an airstrike on July 16 of this year, attributed by international media reports to Israel. That strike targeted Iranian forces that appeared to be building such a land corridor.



US President Donald Trump receives a soccer ball from Russian President Vladimir Putin after their meeting in Helsinki, Finland, July 16, 2018.  
Photo: Reuters / Grigory Dukor/Daher.

The strike, on a villa on the Syrian-Iraqi border, reportedly resulted in a high number of casualties among Iraqi Shiite militia members and Iranian officers.

According to additional reports, Iran has also moved ballistic missiles to Iraq, placing them under the guardianship of Shiite militias, which has led to speculation that Israel may launch attacks on Iranian interests in Iraq. In August of this year, a Shiite militia in Iraq claimed hostile drones targeted their storage facilities in an airstrike, though they did not identify the attacker.

Brig-Gen. Yossi Kuperwasser, former head of the Research Division of IDF Military Intelligence, said, "If ... the [US] forces in the south are going to leave the area, it would mean that [Syrian dictator Bashar Assad's] forces and the Iranians will have full control over Syria. This would mean that they may try to deliver weapons from Iran through Iraq to Syria, and then to Lebanon, and there's not going to be anything in between to stop them ... that's where the problem lies."

Kuperwasser was referring to American special forces based near Tanaf, which is close to the borders of Syria, Iraq, and Jordan. US forces are also stationed further to the north, near the Turkish border, where they work with Kurdish units.

Kuperwasser, who also served as director-general of the Ministry of International Affairs and Strategy, added, "It's true that the original mission of getting rid of ISIS forces was more or less accomplished. But the question was whether to still have US troops

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## World News.

# Bernard-Henri Lévy: Trump's Withdrawal From Syria Is a 'Disaster, Shame and Moral Crime'

BY BEN COHEN

One of the world's most well-known public intellectuals and human rights advocates on Monday eviscerated US President Donald Trump's snap decision to withdraw 2,000 US troops from Syria — at precisely the time when the regime of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is threatening what many Syrian Kurds fear will result in a "genocide."

"Trump's decision to pull out American troops from Syria is a disaster, a shame and a moral crime," the French-Jewish philosopher and author Bernard-Henri Lévy told *The Algemeiner* in an email exchange on the implications for the Kurds of the US leader's announcement.

In a tweet on Sunday, Trump praised Erdogan for having "very strongly informed me that he will eradicate whatever is left of ISIS in Syria...and he is a man who can do it."

But under the cover of the war against ISIS, Turkey has launched two brutal assaults on the Kurdish population in Syria since 2016. On Dec. 12 — just days before his conversation with Trump in which he successfully persuaded the US president to withdraw the American troops assisting local Syrian and Kurdish allies — Erdogan warned darkly on Turkish TV, "We will start the operation to clear the east of the Euphrates from separatist terrorists in a few days."

Lévy — arguably the most outspoken Western



Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) fighters celebrate the first anniversary of the liberation of the Raqqah Province from ISIS, Oct. 27, 2018. Photo: Reuters / About Hamam.

supporter of the Kurdish cause — predicted that the US withdrawal from Syria would be "devastating for the security of the region."

Wrote Lévy: "[F]or the Kurds who have been our valiant allies and shed their blood in combat against the barbarity of ISIS, it is a source of deep distress. This retreat is 'America First' at its worst. It offers the region, on a silver plate, to Iran, Russia and Turkey."

Lévy's forthcoming book, "The Empire and the Five Kings," argues that America's step back from the world stage in recent years has enabled the rise of five distinct powers — Russia, China, Turkey, Iran and Sunni radical Islamism — that are all fundamentally hostile to Western culture and liberal values.

"In my next book, I described the slow replacement of the 'Empire' by the revisionist 'Five kings,'" Lévy said.

Examining Trump's Syria move, he continued, "I could not imagine that the reality would catch up with my thesis — so thoroughly, so quickly and so bluntly."

# Italian Minister Salvini In Favor of Recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's Capital

BY EJP / JNS.org

Italian Interior Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Matteo Salvini said he is in favor of recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In an interview with *The Washington Post*, Salvini, who is the leader of the right-wing League Party, was asked: "What do you think of President Trump's policies on immigration?"

He responded: "I went to a Trump rally in Pennsylvania during the campaign, and I appreciate his following through on what he promised voters, as he did with recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

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"America First" will prove to be every bit as weak as Obama's approach. Indeed, Secretary of Defense James Mattis's resignation in the wake of the Syria decision makes it clear that Trump is listening to no one but himself.

Getting Americans out of Syria keeps one promise Trump made, but makes it impossible for him to keep others. It has always

*The Washington Post* then asked him: "Are you in favor of that?" and Salvini responded, "Yes."

The minister visited Israel recently, where Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed him as a "great friend of Israel," despite the Italian Jewish community's outcry over his far-right policies and anti-migration views.

During his two-day visit, Salvini met with Netanyahu and visited Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust museum and memorial.

However, the office of Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said he turned down a meeting with Salvini, citing a full schedule and declining further comment.

been clear that Trump was going to have to choose between a desire to be soft on Russia — Russian President Vladimir Putin cheered his friend "Donald's" decision on Syria — and pull out of the Middle East on the one hand, and his goals of conclusively defeating ISIS and restraining Iran. Even though the president talks and perhaps even thinks he can do both, he cannot.

A Syria pullout is incompatible with the

# Islamist Cleric: Wishing Christians 'Merry Christmas' Is 'Worse Than Murder,'



Do you know that you and I must be offended when people say that they worship Jesus,

Sheikh Younus Kathrada. Photo: MEMRI screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

As Christians around the world celebrate Christmas, footage has emerged of an Islamist cleric in Canada telling an assembly of Muslim young people in British Columbia that "major sins" like "murder" and "adultery" were "nothing compared to the sin of congratulating and greeting the non-Muslims on their false festivals."

In remarks exposed on Monday by the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Sheikh Younus Kathrada remarked that, "[N]owadays, of course, we are close to Christmas."

Kathrada added that "with great sadness, we see that amongst us there are those who think it's a small matter, and so, not only might we congratulate them on their Christmas, on their false holiday and celebration, but we may take part in their holiday as well."

The sheikh's comments came in the wake of a stark warning at the start of this month from the Anglican archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, that Christians in the Middle East were on "the brink of extinction." Writing in the British newspaper *The Telegraph* on Dec. 1, Welby said that the region's Christians were confronting on a daily basis "the threat of violence, murder, intimidation, prejudice and poverty."

In his sermon delivered in Victoria, BC,

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current parliament.

Netanyahu is enmeshed in three graft cases and denies any wrongdoing. He is awaiting a decision by Israel's attorney general on whether to accept police recommendations to bring criminal charges against him.

The indictment decision had been expected within weeks, but some Israeli media reports said the attorney general could opt to delay the move out of concern he might influence the outcome of the election.

The Justice Ministry said on Monday, after the early election was announced, that work on the cases would continue "independent of political events."

Commentary accompanying the Maariv poll said that if Netanyahu wins the election,

goal of ending the threat from ISIS and Iran. Until Trump understands that — and the unfortunate consequences of this decision may teach him a lesson his advisers apparently couldn't impart to him — there's no use

Sheikh Kathrada declared: "Do you know that you and I must be offended when people say that they worship Jesus, or when they say that Jesus is the son of God? Why do our hearts not react?"

Said Kathrada: "If a person were to commit every major sin — committing adultery, dealing with interest, lying, murder ... If a person were to do all of those major sins, they are nothing compared to the sin of congratulating and greeting the non-Muslims on their false festivals."

At the same time, Kathrada emphasized that he was not advocating violence against non-Muslims, despite considering them as the "enemy."

"I'm not saying, and I've never said, go out and just kill them, and do this to them: No!" Kathrada said. "Because Allah tells us not to allow the enmity that may exist between you and a people to cause you to be unjust towards them. Rather, be just."

According to MEMRI, the South African-born Kathrada is affiliated with the Vancouver-based Al Madinah Islamic Society. The society's website describes itself as a religious educational organization, whose goals are to "familiarize Muslims with reliable and authentic sources of Islamic knowledge, and to link Muslims up with Muslim scholars throughout the world."

he should be able to fulfill a pledge he made on Monday to form a right-wing government similar to the one he currently leads.

The poll predicted that Netanyahu, now in his fourth term, could control at least 63 parliamentary seats, two more than his coalition now holds. It surveyed 502 Israeli Jews and Arabs and had a margin of error of 4.3 percentage points.

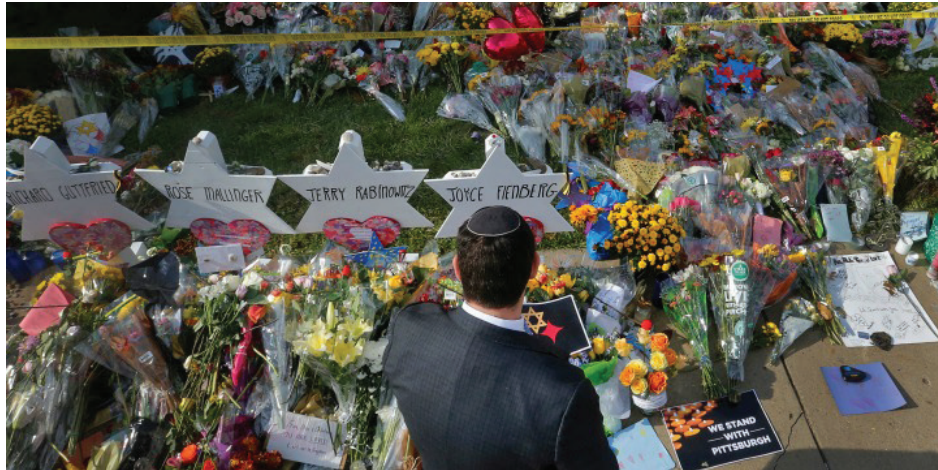
Other recent polls have shown Netanyahu has remained popular among Israelis despite the investigations against him.

Netanyahu has focused in recent speeches on what he called his main achievements in meeting security challenges posed by Iran and Palestinian militants, building a strong economy and pursuing diplomatic outreach with Arab states in the Gulf that share Israel's concerns about Tehran.

pretending that "America First" isn't a pale imitation of Obama's flawed foreign policy.

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## World News.



A man prays at a makeshift memorial outside the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Oct. 31, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Cathal McNaughton.

## Pittsburgh Synagogue Massacre Tops Wiesenthal Center List of 2018's Worst Antisemitic Outrages

BY BEN COHEN

2018 will be remembered as the year when the word “antisemitism” became a constant feature of the global news cycle, with reports of outrages against Jewish communities around the world, many of them violent, on a near-daily basis.

Fittingly, the annual list of the top 10 anti-Jewish incidents released on Tuesday by the Simon Wiesenthal Center (SWC) — the Los Angeles-based Jewish human rights organization — was a disturbing mix of deadly new challenges alongside the re-appearance of several well-known offenders.

Unsurprisingly, the SWC placed the Oct. 27 massacre of 11 Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue at the top of its 2018 list. The most lethal attack on Jews in the history of the US was carried out by a neo-Nazi gunman, Robert Bowers, who entered the city's Tree of Life synagogue brandishing an assault rifle and three handguns while screaming “All Jews must die!”

Addressing the national sense of bewilderment that American Jews would be the target of an unprecedented atrocity like the one in Pittsburgh, the SWC asked: “Why now?”

The group continued: “With hate crimes on the rise in the U.S., including a 57 percent rise in antisemitic incidents, the shooting in Pittsburgh illustrates the dangers of a society in which openly espousing hatred and intolerance on social media — and in the real world — are no longer taboo.”

In a further acknowledgement of rising antisemitism in America, the veteran Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan — who last made the SWC's top-10 list in 2012 — came in at number two this year, while the spate of swastikas appearing on US college campuses appeared at number three.

Charging the 85-year-old Farrakhan with “deploying Nazi propaganda,” the SWC highlighted the NoI chief's “slandering attack” in an October speech comparing Jews with “termites.”

“Throughout the 1930s, before the Holocaust, Nazi propaganda serially demonized Jews as vermin and rats, seeking to dehumanize German Jews in the eyes of their neighbors,” the SWC said. “In May, Farrakhan lost his Twitter account status after ranting about ‘satanic Jews’ during a three-hour speech. Despite all this and Farrakhan's screaming ‘Death to America’ during a visit to Iran, he received a seat of honor in August at the funeral of Aretha Franklin, near former President Bill Clinton. The vile

Farrakhan continues to draw accolades from the founders of the Women's March on Washington, many elected officials and members of the entertainment community.”

British Labour Party Leader Jeremy Corbyn — who is fast becoming a fixture of the SWC's annual list, having first appeared in 2015 — came in at number four. Corbyn was accused of being “directly responsible” for the wave of antisemitism that has enveloped his party in the three years since he was elected leader.

“In July, Britain's three leading Jewish newspapers published a joint article warning of ‘the existential threat to Jewish life in this country that would be posed by a Corbyn government,’” the SWC stated. “A poll conducted at the end of summer concluded that 40% of the Jewish community would consider leaving the UK if Labour took the election.” That outcome looks increasingly possible in 2019, as the UK teeters on the edge of a disastrous exit from the European Union with no deal with Brussels in place.

Antisemitism fused with hatred of Israel was another strong theme in 2018's list. UNRWA — the UN refugee agency dedicated to the descendants of the Palestinian refugees of Israel's 1948 War of Independence — came in at number five, denounced by the SWC as a “de facto enabler of Hamas' terrorist fiefdom in Gaza.” The international accommodation agency Airbnb, which enables travelers to rent short-term apartments and houses around the world, came in at number six, over its decision in November to ban listings in Israeli communities in the West Bank.

“The Wiesenthal Center is urging its 400,000 members to book their travel elsewhere,” the SWC said.

At number seven was Germany's Bank für Sozialwirtschaft (“Bank for Social Economy”) for its continuing provision of banking services to groups supporting the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) campaign targeting Israel. “The prominent German LGBT organization, Magnus Hirschfeld, named after a victim of the Holocaust, cancelled its account with the bank to protest the bank's pro-BDS business,” the SWC reported. “Protests from the leadership of German Jewry have fallen on deaf ears, while two pro-Israel organizations in Germany, Keren haYesod and the Jewish National Fund, have canceled and closed accounts linked to the bank.”

Episcopalian Bishop Gayle Harris of Massachusetts was listed at number eight, after she falsely claimed last July that she had personally witnessed Israeli soldiers

## White House: Israeli Election May Affect Peace-Plan Rollout

BY JNS.org

The Trump administration said on Monday that the Israeli election in April 2019 could affect the timing behind the highly anticipated rollout of its peace plan.

“The upcoming election in Israel on April 9 is one of many factors we are considering in evaluating the timing of the release of the peace plan,” a senior White House official told JNS.

The date was announced on Monday by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Regarding the timing, US State Department Deputy Spokesperson Robert Palladino told JNS earlier this month that “the adminis-

tration continues to place a high priority on achieving a lasting peace, a comprehensive peace that offers a brighter future for both the Palestinian and Israelis. We remain committed to sharing our vision for this, and we intend to release the president's vision when the administration has concluded that we are ready.”

US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman and other officials have reportedly warned against releasing the plan during the Israeli election season, so that the vote is not a referendum on the American proposal.

Israeli Education Minister Naftali Bennett said on Sunday that the US plan would call for the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank, which he opposes.

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Turkish President

promised Trump, and that is part of the existential challenge facing Israel,” Cooper told *The Algemeiner*.

Trump's confidence that Erdogan will “eradicate” what remains of ISIS marks another dramatic turnaround in the US president's turbulent relations with foreign leaders. Just in August, amidst a dispute over an American pastor, Andrew Brunson, who was imprisoned in Turkey, Trump declared a steep rise in steel and aluminum import tariffs on Turkey, along with sanctions against Turkish officials. In response, Erdogan urged a mass boycott in Turkey of the US electronics products, including Apple's iPhone.

More recently, Turkey accused Trump of adopting a “comic” stance toward the murder in October of the Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul. However, in a sign that Trump was changing his attitude toward Erdogan's Islamist government, Turkish presidential spokesman Ibrahim Kalin claimed on Monday that the US president had agreed to pay an official visit to Turkey during 2019.

Both Foxman and Cooper were in agreement that Trump's new alignment with Erdogan should be regarded with alarm by the American Jewish community, especially as the Turkish president's frequent antisemitic outbursts are increasingly echoed by other senior Turkish officials — such as Foreign Minister Mesut Cavusoglu, who on Monday invoked the historic “blood libel” in slamming Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as a “baby-killer.”

“This administration has frequently condemned antisemitic and harsh anti-Israel rhetoric from Washington or the UN — but sadly remains silent in face of the anti-Israel and antisemitic hatred spewed forth by Erdogan,” Foxman said.

In his most recent barb aimed at the Jewish state, Erdogan on Monday lambasted

Netanyahu as “cruel,” adding that Israel had to “account” for “its crimes against humanity, massacres and destruction.”

Netanyahu responded by excoriating the Turkish strongman as an “antisemitic dictator whose army massacres women and children in Kurdish villages, inside and outside Turkey.”

Said Cooper: “Anyone who uses Jew-hatred as a cornerstone of his own political worldview is nothing short of a disaster for the Jewish people, not just for Israel.”

Trump's “coziness” with Erdogan, Foxman remarked, “has been a continuing irritant to Israel and American Jewish and non-Jewish supporters of Israel.”

The cause of that distrust was rooted in Erdogan's “harsh anti-Israel positions, his antisemitic rhetoric, his alliances with Israel's enemies, antagonism to Israel's friends, and his anti-democratic behavior,” Foxman asserted.

Cooper emphasized that Erdogan's Islamist-inflected antisemitism was nevertheless not the only trend visible in the Muslim world. He cited both Azerbaijan — a close ally of Israel with a 96%-Muslim majority population — and the Kurdish nation in the Middle East as positive examples of an alternative path to Erdogan.

Cooper lauded the Kurds as an “absolutely fantastic people, and natural allies of the Jewish people.”

He continued, “If there is one nation that has a worse neighborhood than the Israelis, it's the Kurds. They are in Iraq, Iran, Turkey and Syria — every conceivable flashpoint in the Middle East.”

Cooper argued that the predicament now facing the Kurds was “shameful, because if the Kurds were to be empowered to pursue their own national destiny, the Middle East would be a much more stable place.”

“Whatever machinations go on, the Kurds always seem to be at the bottom of the pile,” Cooper concluded. “And it's an outrage.”

arresting a three-year-old Palestinian child and shooting a Palestinian teenager in the back. Harris admitted that she fabricated the incidents after being pressed by the SWC, saying that she had been “ill-advised to repeat the stories without verification.”

Sweden's prestigious Karolinska Institute, which announces the annual Nobel Prize in Medicine, made the SWC list in 2018 at number nine for far less edifying reasons.

“The head of neurosurgery has systematically discriminated against three Jewish doctors, blocking them from helping their patients and even hindering continued research at the Institute,” the SWC said. “Two of the doctors left the hospital, fed up with the intimidation and discrimination. But when

the neurosurgery department head posted blatant antisemitism on his Facebook page, the Wiesenthal Center was asked to intervene.”

The SWC added that despite a meeting between Rabbi Abraham Cooper, its associate dean, and the hospital's CEO, “the scandal remains unresolved after 11 months.”

Coming at number ten was another familiar figure — the former Pink Floyd bassist and vocalist Roger Waters, arguably the most well-known musician promoting the BDS campaign.

“Waters, whose signature pig (adorned with a Star of David) floats above his concerts across Europe, was confronted by protesters in Latin and South America,” the SWC stated. “He continues to pressure fellow entertainers to boycott the Jewish state.”

U.S. News.

# Cornell University, Technion Partnership 'a Major Selling Point' in Attracting Amazon to NYC

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Cornell Tech was recently reported to be one of the factors that convinced Amazon to open a headquarters in Long Island City — a decision bolstered by the graduate school's Israeli connections, an official with the American Technion Society told *The Algemeiner*.

Born out of a partnership between Cornell University and the Haifa-based Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, which jointly won a 2010 contest launched by then-Mayor Michael Bloomberg to diversify the city's economy, Cornell Tech welcomed its first class in 2014, and officially moved into its home on New York City's Roosevelt Island last year.

*The New York Times* reported last week that Cornell Tech has since become "a major selling point in the bid to persuade Amazon to build a headquarters in Queens," with company executives visiting the campus while considering New York City's proposal. The school's founding dean and vice provost, Daniel Huttenlocher, is also a part of the board of directors at Amazon.

After a year-long competition, the company announced its decision last month to open a two new headquarters — one across the river from Cornell Tech, and another in Arlington, Virginia.

The student-run *Cornell Daily Sun* welcomed the announcement, saying it "opens the door to exciting new academic and commercial possibilities for students and faculty at Tech, and will no doubt launch the nascent graduate school to the top of any potential applicant's list (and more than a few rankings lists as well, we'd imagine)."

# American Jewish Group Sends Aid to Indonesia, Stricken by Yet Another Tsunami

BY JNS.org

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee announced that it is providing assistance to Indonesia following a tsunami on Saturday killed at least 373 people with hundreds injured and at least 24 missing.

The JDC said that it would provide the aid "through its local partner in the Kalianda and Rajabasa subdistricts in Lampung. The aid provision includes health services, clean water and critical supplies for survivors and the displaced."

"As the people of Indonesia face disaster for the third time this year, we mourn the tragic loss of life and work to provide an immediate response to care for those who survived the tsunami," said JDC CEO David M. Schizer. "Guided by our Jewish values, we will endeavor to alleviate suffering and make the New Year ahead one that is filled with healing and recovery."

Meanwhile, Israel expressed its sympathies to Indonesia following the disaster.

"Our most profound sympathies to all who are affected by the devastating tsunami in Indonesia, wishing speedy recovery to all the injured and expressing hope for search and rescue efforts," tweeted Foreign Ministry spokesperson Emmanuel Nahshon.

The two countries do not have diplomatic relations, and Indonesia has historically rejected Israeli assistance.

Israel last sent aid to the Muslim-majority nation in October, when an earthquake killed more than 1,400 people.



Rescue workers sort through debris in the aftermath of a tsunami that struck Indonesia on Dec. 22, 2018. Photo: Screenshot.

Despite a small starting class size, more than 500 Cornell Tech graduates have been hired to date by leading technology companies like Google and Microsoft, while others have launched companies through the Runway Startup Postdoc Program at the school's Jacobs Technion-Cornell Institute — among them the Israeli baby monitor developer Nanit, noted Tova Kantrowitz, senior adviser for strategic partnerships at American Technion Society.

She pointed to testimony from a student at the institute, who described it as "different than any other graduate program, because we have the full reach of the Technion and the Israeli culture that's really built into what Jacobs represents."

Kantrowitz emphasized the "distinct strengths" the Technion brings to Cornell Tech, adding, "You can make the argument



Cornell Tech's new campus on Roosevelt Island in New York. Photo: Iwan Baan / Technion

that without the Technion, there would not be a Cornell Tech."

The Technion's academic partnerships in New York and in China — where it teamed up with Shantou University to inaugurate the Guangdong Technion-Israel Institute of Technology last year — give it a "global presence," she added, and allow it to "educate many more students."

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## Opinion.

## AirBDS, the Antisemitic Bed and Breakfast

SHMULEY BOTEACH  
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For defenders and lovers of Israel, Airbnb's partial retraction of their discriminatory policy of de-listing Jewish homes in Judea and Samaria is cause to celebrate. True, the hospitality behemoth did not completely reverse their biased and bigoted attack on Jewish homeowners living in Biblical lands west of the Jordan river. But their humiliating climb-down, caused by ferocious pressure from pro-Israel groups and others, demonstrates that BDS can and must be defeated.

In a Hebrew-language statement released to the Israeli Minister of Tourism, the company conceded that its "policy will not be implemented." It also promised to "continue its dialogue with the Israeli government." It was an especially important moment for us at The World Values Network, an organization we founded to spread universal Jewish values and defend Israel in the mainstream media. One of our important programs consists of full-page ads in national publications that call out those who demonize Israel and seek to destroy the world's only Jewish state with economic boycotts and we have published

countless ads thus far.

Many people and organizations, including myself, believe that the BDS movement is antisemitic. In its statement, Airbnb referred to the scandal as an "incredibly complex and emotional issue." Was the word "emotional" a nod to BDS's association with antisemitism?

Some of you reading this piece will disagree. You will say that BDS is not antisemitic. But nothing could be further from the case.

While nothing can or should be compared to the Holocaust, we must remember that it started with the boycotting of Jewish shops and businesses. BDS is an attempt to annihilate Israel by choking off its economic lifeline. It is an attempt to isolate Israel as a pariah nation that no one does business with. And while it might not look as bloody as a suicide bomb, BDS is foul and disgusting nonetheless, and represents an antisemitic attempt to bully the Jewish state into submission.

Those who join the boycott, whatever their intention, have lent credence to the demonization of Jews and Israel.

From the moment that Airbnb made its hypocritical announcement boycotting Jewish-owned homes on November 19, the policy appeared both ridiculous and unsustainable. Airbnb is a corporation that promises its customers that they can travel *anywhere*. That's a promise that can only be kept if you actually have a presence just about

anywhere.

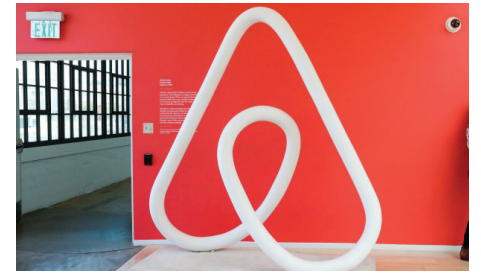
And indeed they do.

Airbnb currently lists rentals in an amazing 191 countries, which includes Putin's Russia, Erdogan's Turkey, Maduro's Venezuela, Mnangagwa's Zimbabwe, and Castro's Cuba — despite the fact that all of those regimes have dismal records on human rights. Amazingly, Airbnb even operates in Myanmar, whose government jails any journalists who report on the exodus of the country's Rohingya Muslim minority after a state-funded military campaign of mass-killings, sexual violence, and widespread arson.

Because only the Jewish settlements within Judea and Samaria were penalized by Airbnb, they clearly chose to discriminate against the Jewish state, and within that state, against the Jews alone.

Should you argue that Airbnb's initial decision was connected to the uniqueness of a supposed "occupation," their hypocrisy is just as easily apparent. The company operates in Turkish-occupied Cyprus, Chinese-occupied Tibet, and Russian-occupied sectors of Georgia.

When I first heard the news of Airbnb's bigoted policy of singling out Jews for geo-political discrimination, I felt excruciating disappointment. Here was a company that I used all the time and — aside from a few mishaps — generally appreciated. They were also a company that mattered; a global



The Airbnb office headquarters in the SOMA district of San Francisco, California, Aug. 2, 2016. Photo: Reuters / Gabrielle Lurie.

tech behemoth that millions of people use to supplement their income or see more of the world. To see them fall into the blinding grip of a movement that seeks the economic destruction of the Jewish state was demoralizing.

Is this, I asked myself, the story of the Jewish people? A story of discrimination and persecution, repeated time and again throughout the generations?

It occurs to me now that this — Israel's allies taking on a \$30 billion tech behemoth — was the real Jewish story. This was the story of Moses and Pharaoh. This was the battle of David and Goliath. Of Samson and, yes, of Hanukkah and the Maccabees. As we say on the Festival of Lights, "The many were delivered into the hands of the few. ... As it was in their day, so is it to be repeated in our own time."

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## Is J Street Still Pro-Israel?

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When it was founded 11 years ago, J Street claimed to be a pro-Israel and pro-peace organization. That was taken to mean partnering with the mainstream Israeli political Left to build support in Washington for a two-state solution between Israel and the Palestinians. Or so we were led to believe.

Since then, alas, J Street has become something else altogether: an organization that spends almost all its time and money besmirching Israel, smearing the American Israel Public Affairs Committee and other leading American Jewish organizations, boosting US-Iran relations, and backing political candidates for whom promoting the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement is a badge of honor.

Its campus arm, J Street U, has become a primary vehicle for conveying the most poisonous messages against Israel to students and the sapping of support for Israel at American universities.

I hear firsthand more and more about J Street U's venomous campaigning and destructive activities — from young Israeli men and women who serve as Jewish Agency emissaries on campus, and Hillel and Orthodox Union professionals who work with students. Almost every truly pro-Israel activity they try to organize is opposed or disrupted by J Street U hatchet men and women.

About one year ago, J Street launched its "Stop Demolitions, Build Peace" campaign, designed to "challenge our communities to wake up to the omission and erasure of Palestinian

perspectives and narratives, which create the environment that makes it easy to ignore demolitions, settlement expansion, and occupation."

The younger J Streeters hosted teach-ins and sleep-ins, marched to Israeli embassies and called consulates, formed coalitions with progressive campus organizations across America, and pressed congressmen to speak out critically against Israeli policy in Judea and Samaria (which, of course, many J Streeters call by its UN moniker, the "Occupied Palestinian Territories" or OPT).

Now J Street is on a second phase of its campaign — to undermine the Birthright program because it serves the "right-wing annexationist agenda."

Birthright is one of the American Jewish community's most important and successful initiatives of this generation; a lifeline in the difficult struggle to keep young American Jews Jewish and to give them some Zionist foundations.

But J Street is not happy with Birthright because it, and many other trips that bring some 50,000 students on tours of Israel, are major sources of "omission and erasure," i.e., the trips "omit Palestinian narratives in their programming and erase Palestinians and the occupation from our collective consciousness."

I'm quoting here verbatim from J Street campus propaganda: "Birthright completely ignores the voices and experiences of Palestinians living under occupation in the West Bank. These trips therefore perpetuate the attitudes and politics that help make demolitions and occupation possible." They might, God forbid, lead "our communities to feel no compulsion to speak out on behalf of Palestinian rights."

J Street claims it wants to reform Birthright content, but it hasn't approached Birthright with thoughtful, constructive educational ideas; it's just sought to sabotage the program.

Dozens of campus professionals in the field tell me that J Street U activists work assiduously to undermine Birthright recruitment drives. They make life hell for potential participants.

So you see, "bringing home the realities of the occupation and mobilizing our communities to help bring it to an end" is the hostile hobgoblin that J Street has become.

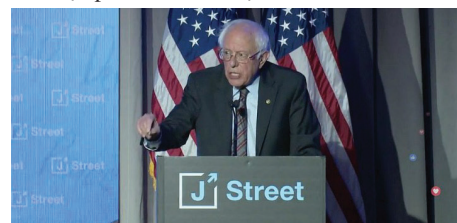
In the name of "our communities" — a term that J Street loves using, denoting a hard-left orbit of Jews and non-Jews for whom haranguing Israel is the psychoneurotic driving force in their lives — J Streeters are prepared to throw the baby out with the bathwater and kill Birthright.

Crushing the "occupation" and promoting Palestinian independence-cum-dictatorship is more important than building basic Jewish identity and core Zionist sympathies.

The truth is that in historical perspective we can't be too surprised that members of J Street's younger generation have ended up so distant from Israel. Their elders certainly laid the groundwork over the past 20 years for such souring on Israel.

Have you ever heard of a place where "fundamentalists and gangs" in a "surging tide of extremism," "spit," "beat," "vandalize," "assault," "attack," "fight" and "brutally abuse" innocent people?

Are you familiar with a country (mention Afghanistan and Iran to hint at its nature) where "religious extremists" seek to "turn back the clock" (mention this three times for emphasis), notoriously practice "discrimination" (repeat four times), and otherwise seek



Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont speaking at J Street National Conference in Washington, D.C. Photo: Screenshot.

to "impose," "intimidate," "demand," "repress," "coerce" and "dictate" (nine repetitions) their "intolerant" views on a beleaguered society?

Well, that was the language used by the New Israel Fund to describe Israel in a fundraising campaign launched in 1997 to "promote religious pluralism in Israel." Israel was further described as a country that "shows the world a repugnant face of Judaism" and where it is not safe to walk down the street without being "set upon by a gang of angry, enraged men."

All this hyperbolic, radical imagery — which wasn't true then or now — had the long-term corrosive effect of painting Israel as a dark, extremist place. Think of Israel and think of cancer. Think of Israel and think of intolerance and occupation. Who in their right mind wants to be associated with such a retrogressive, thuggish place?

It's no surprise then that not a few sons and daughters of the Jewish leaders of yesteryear are J Street U, Jewish Voice for Peace, and If Not Now leaders today. They are next-generation poisoned fruit, carrying the demonization of Israel a step further.

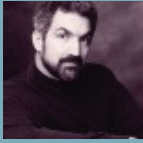
J Street campaigns love to reference the "character" of Israel; Israel's "soul that is being corrupted," as it were. They're out to save Israel from rot, and they will fight on until Israelis realize just how good American-style religious pluralism really is or how wonderful full-fledged Palestinian statehood would be.

Of course, all Jews on either side of the Atlantic are entitled to their opinions and their political campaigns. But to spuriously malign Israel as medieval and militaristically criminal is beyond the pale. In painting the situation in such dire and apocalyptic terms and by attacking Birthright, hard-left activists are cutting away the limb — love for and identification with Israel — upon which all pro-Israel Jewish community activity must be based.

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## Opinion.

# Will Trump Try to Divide Jerusalem in Three?



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Writing in Al-Monitor, Ben Caspit has leaked reported details of the Trump administration's "ultimate deal" to resolve the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

Caspit writes that the Trump plan "includes a clear partition of Jerusalem into three sections," and quotes an anonymous "senior diplomatic source" as saying, "It is not about a Palestinian capital in Abu-Dis (a Palestinian village in the Jerusalem governance area) but in significant sections of east Jerusalem." He writes that according to this source, there will be two capitals in Jerusalem: the Israeli capital in western Jerusalem and the Jewish neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem, including the Western Wall — and the capital of Palestine in the Arab parts of eastern Jerusalem. A third region, within the Holy Basin, would be under international control.

"Interesting if true" should be our first response, since prior leaks have proved to be inaccurate. But let us suppose that this anonymous senior diplomatic source knows of what he speaks. What then?

The idea of putting any area "under international control" curiously harks back to the 1947 UN partition plan's ill-fated, but enduring notion of Jerusalem as a corpus separatum. In other words, it is anachronistic. The idea is also wildly dangerous: Imagine placing one of the world's most sensitive locations under the control of the UN General Assembly or the Middle East Quartet. Their inevitable mischief could well set off the next round of fighting.

The reported Trump plan would wrestle away sovereign areas of Israel and hand them to the Palestinians. Doing so rewards the Palestinians, despite their fulfilling basically none of their prior commitments dating back to the Oslo Accords of 1993, thereby encouraging further Palestinian bad behavior (including more terrorism).

Making eastern Jerusalem into the capital of Palestine implies that the US government recognizes a "State of Palestine." Donald



An aerial view of the Temple Mount in the Old City of Jerusalem. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

Trump's remarks over the past year suggest that he is likely to demand that the government of Israel recognize this state too, which would set off a huge debate in Israel.

This state of Palestine will reportedly include parts of Jerusalem and, presumably, most of the West Bank and all of the Gaza Strip. Where the borders should run in the first two areas will drive a massive argument. A second will follow when the Palestinians, inevitably, decide that Palestine includes all of Israel too.

In addition, as Caspit points out, a proposal to divide Israel into three will roil Israeli politics and harm Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who will no longer be able to satisfy both his nationalist base and the US president.

As in other cases where Trump follows his instincts against the Republican consensus (imposing tariffs, pulling troops from Syria), the far left-wing of the Democratic Party will (very faintly) applaud. This time, so will the European Union.

In contrast, many of Trump's Israeli and Zionist admirers, including evangelical Christians, will be shocked by his proposal and lash out. Given prior patterns (again, tariffs and Syria), one can confidently predict what would happen next: Trump will respond angrily and double down, vaporizing the US-Israel honeymoon of the past two years. Trump supporters will bitterly divide over this issue, further weakening the conservative movement and diminishing Trump's chances of reelection.

If Caspit is correct about Trump proposing to divide Jerusalem into three, the consequences will be major and long-lasting.

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does has enormous implications. It means that when it comes to people, we must never generalise, never stereotype. The Egyptians were not all evil: even from Pharaoh himself a heroine was born. Nothing could signal more powerfully that the Torah is not an ethnocentric text; that we must recognise virtue wherever we find it, even among our enemies; and that the basic core of human values — humanity, compassion, courage — is truly universal. Holiness may not be; goodness is.

Outside Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, is an avenue dedicated to righteous gentiles. Pharaoh's daughter is a supreme symbol of what they did and what they were. I, for one, am profoundly moved by that encounter on the banks of the Nile between an Egyptian princess and a young Israelite child, Moses' sister Miriam. The contrast between them — in terms of age, culture, status and power — could not be greater. Yet their deep humanity bridges all the differences, all the distance. Two heroines. May they inspire us.

Shabbat shalom

# Once Again, Palestinians Deny Any Jewish Connection to Jerusalem



ELDER OF ZIYON  
NEW YORK

The Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement about supposed Israeli "Judaizing" of the city of Jerusalem.

One of the accusations is that Israeli actions in Jerusalem "give the impression to any visitor that it is a Jewish Biblical city featuring continuous [Jewish] presence and Jewish heritage."

Well, yes. Because it has been for 3,000 years, except for some very brief periods where Jews were specifically expelled because of their cultural and religious ties to Jerusalem.

This Palestinian statement reveals more than it intends, because — once again — the Palestinians are trying to separate Jews and Judaism from Jerusalem.

And they are doing it for exactly the same reason that antisemites of previous generations tried to do the same.

Despite how they speak to credulous Western reporters and diplomats, Palestin-

ians don't accept that Jerusalem is sacred to three faiths. They are actively trying to pretend that Jewish ties to Jerusalem are a modern myth, and that only Muslims and (reluctantly) Christians have ties to the city.

Israel celebrates the ties of all three faiths to the city, while accurately noting that Jerusalem is only central to one of them. It is the Palestinians who are trying to not only ethnically cleanse Jerusalem of Jews, but to cut any cultural, emotional, religious, and historic ties that Jews have to the city.

This isn't being "pro-Palestinian." This is being actively antisemitic.

Elder of Ziyon has been blogging about Israel and the Arab world for a really long time now. He also controls the world, but deep down, you already knew that.



A general view shows thousands of Jewish worshippers attending the priestly blessing on the Western Wall September 26, 2018. Photo: REUTERS/Ammar Awad.

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in Syria to take care of the Iranian issue or not."

Asked whether Tehran would be emboldened by the move, Kuperwasser responded that "the Iranians are going to be empowered and feel much stronger," adding, "it's not totally clear that the Islamic State cannot reemerge, taking advantage of the weakening of their adversaries in this area, and they can rise again."

Israel, he stressed, will take any measure it deems necessary to defend itself and never expected the US to protect it with forces.

"The issue is that we have a common enemy," Kuperwasser said, regarding the matter of US troops on the ground in Syria. "The purpose of the US forces in Syria was to act against those common enemies — Islamic State, [who are] ultra-radical Sunnis; and secondly, the ultra-radical Shiites, the Iranians. The American presence over there was a major impediment in the way of the Iranians, who tried to turn all of Syria into a territory of control for them. By moving forces away, it will make it easier for the Iranians to control Syria entirely. This is not something for Israel to have a say about. It is up to the Americans to determine their role."

Russia, which has emerged as a bitter competitor to the US in the region, has been "very satisfied" by Trump's decision, Kuperwasser noted, and "will have more [of a] free hand to control what's going on in Syria." Indeed, shortly after the Trump announcement, Russian President Vladimir Putin welcomed the move, calling it "the right decision."

Kuperwasser pointed out that Russia has been unable to keep Iran away from southern Syria, despite pledges to the contrary. "They pretend to take care of Israel's concern. In the south [of Syria], they just announced again [that] they managed to keep Iranian forces further away from the Syrian-Israeli border, 100 kilometers away," he said.

"But the fact is that Syrian forces deployed in the Golan Heights are not totally Syrian. Some of them are actually forces that

are subordinate to Iranian and Hezbollah command. Though they have a Syrian identity, they actually take orders from the Iranians and Hezbollah. This is a situation we are very concerned about, and I don't think the Russians are doing enough to make sure that this doesn't happen," cautioned Kuperwasser.

Russia has, however, stepped up efforts to convince the Iranians not to bring weapons into Syria. If Russia can consistently reduce Iran's weapons' trafficking it would help stabilize the region, he argued. Still, he warned, "it's a very unstable situation, and we will have to wait and see if the Iranians really behave in a way that keeps the stability and quiet in Syria, and as an extension, if they turn Lebanon into an unstable area."

The recent Hezbollah attack tunnels uncovered by the IDF, and attempts by Iran and Hezbollah to build precision missile sites in Lebanon, are examples of actions that destabilize the region.

With many question marks remaining, one thing appears to be clear following Trump's announcement: Russia will solidify its control over Syria, and Moscow's relationship with Israel will be even more important due to the vacuum left by Trump in the region.

Kuperwasser offered a simple formula for understanding the dynamics of Israel's relationship with Russia.

"The Russians don't want to end up facing Israeli aircraft in Syria," he said. "The way to avoid it is to make sure that the Iranians don't bring weapons through Syria because Israel won't tolerate that delivery. The best way to avoid friction is simply to convince the Iranians not to bring weapons in."

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Ra; Ra was the greatest of the Egyptian gods).

Who then was Pharaoh's daughter? Nowhere is she explicitly named. However the First Book of Chronicles (4:18) mentions a daughter of Pharaoh, named Bitya, and it was she the sages identified as the woman who saved Moses. The name Bitya (sometimes rendered as Batya) means "the daughter of God." From this, the sages drew one of their most striking lessons: "The Holy One, blessed be He, said to her: 'Moses was not your son, yet you called him your son. You are not My daughter, but I shall call you My daughter.'" They added that she was one of the few people (tradition enumerates nine) who were so righteous that they entered paradise in their lifetime.

Instead of "Pharaoh's daughter" read "Hitler's daughter" or "Stalin's daughter" and we see what is at stake. Tyranny cannot destroy humanity. Moral courage can sometimes be found in the heart of darkness. That the Torah itself tells the story the way it

## Impressions.

# When Jewish Politics Trumped Holocaust Rescue

BY RAFAEL MEDOFF

In view of recent discussions about ethical lapses among today's American Jewish leaders, it's worth recalling a troubling episode 75 years ago this autumn when America's foremost Jewish leader manipulated his colleagues in order to stymie criticism of the Roosevelt administration's refugee policy.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise dominated the American Jewish leadership from the 1920s through the 1940s. He was the leader of, or at least a central figure in, the American Jewish Congress, the World Jewish Congress, and the Zionist Organization of America, all while running his own rabbinical seminary and a prominent Manhattan synagogue, and serving as editor in chief of a monthly Jewish magazine.

Rabbi Wise was a devoted supporter of President Roosevelt and the New Deal. Although the president declined to extend meaningful assistance to Jews fleeing Hitler, Wise assumed the role of shielding Roosevelt from Jewish criticism.

The confirmation, in 1942, that the Nazis were carrying out the systematic mass murder of Europe's Jews put significant pressure on Rabbi Wise to set aside personal and political differences, and work with rival Jewish organizations to promote the rescue of Jewish refugees.

In March 1943, eight American Jewish groups agreed to establish the Joint Emergency Committee for European Jewish Affairs, with Wise as co-chair along with American Jewish Committee president Joseph Proskauer. The willingness of Wise, a Zionist, to work with Proskauer, an anti-Zionist, augured well for the cause of Jewish unity.

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To Wise's horror, meetings of the Joint Emergency Committee became the setting for activist-minded Jewish representatives to urge protests against Roosevelt's refugee policy. Carl Sherman, an official of Wise's own AJCongress, urged "a forceful public campaign" to convince President Roosevelt to take rescue action. David Wertheim, of the Labor Zionists, called for a "march on Washington by leaders of various Jewish communities" to dramatize the need for rescue.

Lillie Shultz, the de-facto executive director of the AJCongress, even suggested using the Jewish

vote against the Roosevelt administration — something that was unheard of in an era of overwhelming Jewish electoral support for FDR.

"The time has come ... to be critical of [the president's] lack of action [on rescue]," Shultz declared, "and in view of the fact that this is the eve of a presidential election year, ways can be found to indicate to the administration, and possibly through the political parties that the large and influential Jewish communities will find a way of registering its dissatisfaction over the failure of the administration to take any effective steps to save

At that point, the Emergency Committee consisted of eight member organizations. Four were loyal to Wise or Proskauer; the other four favored activism. In September, Wise proposed that his close ally Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization, be permitted to join the committee. The other groups could not reasonably object, since Hadassah, with more than 95,000 members, was the largest Jewish organization in the country.

The addition of Hadassah tipped the balance; now Wise and his like-minded colleagues in the Joint Emergency Committee enjoyed a 5-4



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

the Jews of Europe."

Wise complained bitterly to a colleague about the "wild people" in the Joint Emergency Committee who were "calling President Roosevelt and the State Department names." Criticism of the president would be "morally and perhaps even physically suicidal," Wise predicted, implying there might be a violent backlash against American Jews.

Proskauer was delighted by Wise's opposition to the activists. "The spirit I encountered at the first meetings [of the committee] was to rely entirely on the mass meeting technique," he confided to a friend. "I am glad to say that in conference I have changed all this ... despite the fact that Dr. Stephen Wise and I have disagreed sharply on many issues, we have agreed a hundred percent" that public protests were inadvisable.

To defeat the activists in the Emergency Committee, Wise turned to the American Jewish Conference, an assembly of Jewish officials that he and his colleagues had convened in the summer of 1943. The Conference was primarily intended to solidify Wise's preeminence as a communal leader. Almost as an afterthought, the Conference created its own Commission on Rescue, but it was an ad hoc group that initially had no staff or budget. Wise decided to use the Commission to nullify the Joint Emergency Committee.

majority. With the numbers in his favor, Wise began arguing that the establishment of the American Jewish Conference's Commission on Rescue had rendered the Emergency Committee obsolete. In November 1943, at Wise's initiative, the Emergency Committee voted 5-4 to dissolve itself and turn over its functions to the American Jewish Conference.

Wise's maneuvering gave him effective control over the mainstream Jewish community's rescue agenda, ensuring that the positions of the established Jewish organizations on refugees would not challenge or contradict the positions of President Roosevelt.

Rabbi Wise's determination to preserve his power, stymie dissident voices, and control the communal agenda dealt a blow to the cause of rescue. As the events that transpired 75 years ago this autumn demonstrate, the foremost Jewish leader in America was prepared to place his personal and political interests above the need for Jewish unity in the face of the Holocaust.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff AGAINST Adriana Lopez, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated April 24, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on January 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 183 HEMLOCK STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4132, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$685,489.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will 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

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roberto Jemmott; Winnifred H. Francis; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 15, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on January 10, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 574 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block: 1387 Lot: 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$764,296.82 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 9649/13. Jageshwar Sharma, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 5, 2018 58544  
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

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YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent To William Sena(GAL) the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees.of Arthur Schwartz, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. Public Administrator Queens County, Attorney General. A petition having been duly filed by Sullivan J Campbell, who is domiciled at 39 Poverty Hollow Road, Newtown, Connecticut 06470 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on January 24th 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Arthur Schwartz a/k/a Arthur H. Schwartz lately domiciled at 29-37 171st Street. Flushing, New York 11358 admitting to probate a Will dated October 10, 2012 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Arthur Schwartz Letters Testamentary issue to Sullivan J. Campbell (State any further relief requested) Dated, Attested and Sealed December 3rd 2018 Hon. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate James Lim Becker Chief Clerk Michael Santucci Attorney for Petitioner 42-40 Bell Boulevard, Suite 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

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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

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 improve-

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ments erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4670 Lot 156. Approximate amount of judgment \$206,897.96 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 502684/2015. Jeffrey R Miller, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: November 19, 2018 58925  
AJ; 12/14/21/28; 1/4

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: ASHOKIDS, LLC. Articles of organization Filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) 10/25/2017 Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be Served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: United States corporation 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 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

## Tradition.

## The Light at the Heart of Darkness



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

She is one of the most unexpected heroes of the Hebrew Bible. Without her, Moses might not have lived. The whole story of the exodus would have been different. Yet she was not an Israelite. She had nothing to gain, and everything to lose, by her courage. Yet she seems to have had no doubt, experienced no misgivings, made no hesitation. If it was Pharaoh who afflicted the children of Israel, it was another member of his own family who saved the decisive vestige of hope: Pharaoh's daughter. Recall the context. Pharaoh had decreed death for every male Israelite child. Yocheved, Amram's wife, had a



baby boy. For three months she was able to conceal his existence, but no longer. Fearing his certain death if she kept him, she set him afloat on the Nile in a basket, hoping against hope that someone might see him and take pity on him. This is what follows:

*Pharaoh's daughter went to bathe in the Nile, while her maids walked along the Nile's edge. She saw the box in the reeds and sent her slave-girl to fetch it. Opening it, she saw the boy. The child began to cry, and she had pity on it. "This is one of the Hebrew boys," she said (Ex. 2:6).*

Note the sequence. First she sees that it is a child and has pity on it. A natural, human, compassionate reaction. Only then does it dawn on her who the child must be. Who else would abandon a child? She remembers her father's decree against the Hebrews. Instantly the situation has changed. To save the baby would mean disobeying the royal command. That would be serious enough for an ordinary Egyptian; doubly so for a member of the royal family.

Nor is she alone when the event happens. Her maids are with her; her slave-girl is standing beside her. She must face the risk that one of them, in a fit of pique, or even mere gossip, will tell someone about it. Rumours flourish in royal courts. Yet she does not shift her ground. She does not tell one of her servants to take the baby and hide it with a family far away. She has the courage of her compassion. She does not flinch. Now something extraordinary happens:

*The [child's] sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a Hebrew woman to nurse*

*the child for you?" "Go," replied Pharaoh's daughter. The young girl went and got the child's own mother. "Take this child and nurse it," said Pharaoh's daughter. "I will pay you a fee." The woman took the child and nursed it. (Ex. 2:7-9)*

The simplicity with which this is narrated conceals the astonishing nature of this encounter. First, how does a child – not just a child, but a member of a persecuted people – have the audacity to address a princess? There is no elaborate preamble, no "Your royal highness" or any other formality of the kind we are familiar with elsewhere in biblical narrative. They seem to speak as equals.

Equally pointed are the words left unsaid. "You know and I know," Moses' sister implies, "who this child is; it is my baby brother." She proposes a plan brilliant in its simplicity. If the real mother is able to keep the child in her home to nurse him, we both minimise the danger. You will not have to explain to the court how this child has suddenly appeared.

We will be spared the risk of bringing him up: we can say the child is not a Hebrew, and that the mother is not the mother but only a nurse. Miriam's ingenuity is matched by Pharaoh's daughter's instant agreement. She knows; she understands; she gives her consent.

Then comes the final surprise: *When the child matured, [his mother] brought him to Pharaoh's daughter. She adopted him as her own son, and named him Moses. "I bore him from the water," she said. (Ex. 2:10)*

Pharaoh's daughter did not simply have a moment's compassion. She has not forgotten the child. Nor has the passage of time diminished her sense of responsibility. Not only does she remain committed to his welfare; she adopts the riskiest of strategies. She will adopt him and bring him up as her own son. This is courage of a high order.

Yet the single most surprising detail comes in the last sentence. In the Torah, it is parents who give a child its name, and in the case of a special individual, God Himself. It is God who gives the name Isaac to the first Jewish child; God's angel who gives Jacob the name Israel; God who changes the names of Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah. We have already encountered one adoptive name – Tzafanat Pa'nea – the name by which Joseph was known in Egypt; yet Joseph remains Joseph. How surpassingly strange that the hero of the exodus, greatest of all the prophets, should bear not the name Amram and Yocheved have undoubtedly used thus far, but the one given to him

by his adoptive mother, an Egyptian princess. A Midrash draws our attention to the fact:

*This is the reward for those who do kindness. Although Moses had many names, the only one by which he is known in the whole Torah is the one given to him by the daughter of Pharaoh. Even the Holy One, blessed be He, did not call him by any other name.*

Indeed Moshe – Meses – is an Egyptian name, meaning "child," as in Ramses (which means child of

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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 MANAGERS OF THE SCHAEFFER LANDING NORTH CONDOMINIUM; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME

## Legal Notice.

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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 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 2134; Lot: 1272 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 20760/2013. The approximate amount of judgment is \$999,811.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 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/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY EMIGRANT BANK F/K/A NEW YORK PRIVATE BANK AND TRUST F/K/A EMIGRANT

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SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff against ORCHID JOAZARD, et al Defendants Attorney for Plaintiff(s) Fein, Such & Crane, LLP, 28 East Main Street Suite 1800, Rochester, NY 14614 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered October 31, 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 31, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1270 Herkimer Street, Brooklyn, NY 11233. Block 1567 Lot 19. All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$570,846.46 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 5551/2011. Shmuel D Taub, Esq., Referee XCHJC350 AJ; 12/28; 1/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS NP154, LLC, Plaintiff, Against Index No.: 509194/2017 SHERRILYN LEWIS, et al., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 12/3/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, on 1/31/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 611 East 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 4954 and Lot 58. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$86,014.95 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 509194/2017, Zvi Aryeh Storch, Esq., Referee. Richland & Falkowski, PLLC, 35-37 36th Street, 2nd Floor, ASTORIA, NY 11106 Dated: 12/6/2018 PB AJ; 12/28; 1/4/11/18

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, GOSHEN MORTGAGE LLC, AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE FOR GDBT I TRUST 2011-1, Plaintiff, vs. NELFA GUZMAN, ET AL., Defendant (s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on November 16, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 7, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 50 Pine Street, Brooklyn, NY 11208. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York, Block 4117 and Lot 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$1,075,461.07 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 7351/13. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, or the Referee. Richard Alan Klass, Esq., Referee Peter T. Roach & Associates, P.C., 6901 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 240, Syosset, New York 11791, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 12/28; 1/4/11/18

## Social.



Niamh Kavanagh at the Eurovision 2010 Opening Party in Oslo. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

## Ireland's Former Eurovision Winner Says Boycotting 'Isn't Always the Answer' Ahead of Upcoming 2019 Contest in Israel

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

A past Eurovision winner who hails from Ireland recently denounced calls to boycott the singing competition next year that is set to be hosted by Israel, *The Irish Sun* reported.

A number of Irish politicians, former Eurovision winners and presenters have called for boycotting next year's contest, and have urged stations not to broadcast the event, while accusing Israel of committing human rights violations against the Palestinians.

Niamh Kavanagh — who won Eurovision for Ireland back in 1993 and made it to the finals in 2010 — is against boycotts, explaining, "You can't get so many countries into one space and not have some controversy

in it. It is problematic, I understand that. But my feeling is that music is beyond borders."

"Every country has the right to win and hold the contest," the mother-of-two added. "I know people are struggling with this and it's not easy, but it's not about countries beating each other, it's about a song going to represent your country, so it should be about music. I think that boycotting an event isn't always the answer."

Kavanagh continued: "Every year it comes on and people look back to what was successful, so it has given me national treasure status. I'm a 50-year-old woman still relevant in what I do and Eurovision is certainly part of that."

The annual event is due to take place in Tel Aviv in May after last year's win by Israeli singer Netta Barzilai with the song "Toy."

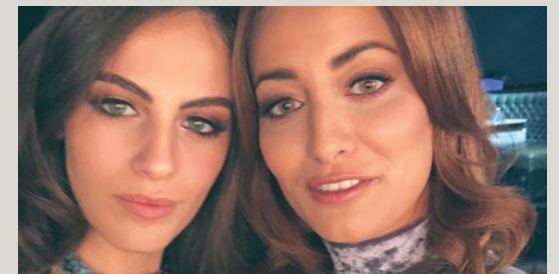


Netta at the Eurovision 2018 - Winner's Press Conference. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

## Former Miss Iraq Still Getting Death Threats, Including From Hamas, for Taking Picture With Miss Israel

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Former Miss Iraq Sarah Idan is still being targeted with death threats a year after the controversy that erupted at the 2017 beauty pageant when she took a picture with her Israeli counterpart, Adar Gendelsman.



Adar Gendelsman and Sarah Idan. Photo: Instagram.

Idan, who is Muslim and was the first Miss Iraq in 45 years, started getting attacked on social media last year after posting the selfie on Instagram along with the caption, "Peace and Love from Miss Iraq and Miss Israel." She refused to delete the photo despite pressure to do so from her Iraqi sponsors, including the director of the Miss Iraq Organization, and among the death threats that are still coming in are some from the terrorist group Hamas, according to the *New York Post*.

Idan, 28, and Gendelsman remain close and talk regularly. The friends were reunited when Idan visited Israel in June 2018 to speak about the importance of dialogue, and together they gave a speech about peace at a major gathering in Jerusalem.

Idan, who grew up in Baghdad, was forced to flee Iraq with her family to ensure their safety after the controversy involving the selfie with Gendelsman. She said her family now live in a Middle Eastern country but Idan will not reveal which one for fear of their lives, the *New York Post* reported.

Idan is currently in New York City recording music alongside Jewish and Israeli producers. She aims to promote messages of unity and hope, and her new song "Silence" is about suffering in Darfur and Syria. Israeli producer Irit Tenhengel told the *New York Post* about Idan and the track, "She's the best one for the song. I can get any big artist — but she walks the walk. And the world is silent. No one cares" that Idan is an outspoken voice for those who are silenced, he explained.

Iraq does not recognize Israel and the two countries do not have any formal diplomatic relations. However, Israel does have warm relations with Iraq's Kurdish community, which the Jewish state backed in its independence bid in 2017.

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