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## Israeli PM Netanyahu Warns Iran on Syria Presence



Israeli Air Force F-15 planes. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

BY BARNEY BREEN  
-PORTNOY

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a stark warning to Iran on Tuesday over its presence in Syria, telling it to "get out of there quickly" or face further Israeli military action.

In remarks at the installation ceremony of new Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Aviv Kochavi at the IDF

headquarters in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu charged, "Iran lies all the time. It lied about the nuclear deal, which we exposed with the removal of the secret nuclear archive from Tehran. It is lying now, when it sends a seemingly innocent satellite into space, but in fact wants to obtain the first stage of an intercontinental missile, in violation of all international agreements."

He continued: "I heard yesterday an Iranian Foreign

Ministry spokesperson say, 'Iran has no military presence in Syria, we are just advising.' So I advise them to get out of there quickly, because we will continue our aggressive policy, as we promised and as we are doing, without fear and without pause."

Netanyahu's comments came only two days after a rare confirmation by the prime minister of Israeli responsibility for a strike in

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## Israel's Top Officials Bid Farewell to Outgoing IDF Chief of Staff Gadi Eizenkot

BY JNS.org

As Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot finished his tenure, top Israeli officials joined in a farewell celebration in his honor.

"Gadi, tremendous work has been done in the IDF under your command, and we still have much work ahead," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said at the ceremony at IDF Kirya Headquarters in Tel Aviv.



IDF Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Gadi Eizenkot, June 20, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Amir Cohen.

"On Tuesday, you are concluding 40 years of devoted service in the Israel Defense Forces and four years as chief of staff," said Netanyahu. "During that time, we've thwarted many threats posed to the State of Israel. ... If we work to protect our country with all our might, we can avoid an all-out war, but if necessary, the IDF can face this challenge, Israel's citizens will face this challenge, and together we will ensure the Jewish state's eternal existence."

"We take leave of you today as IDF Chief of Staff, our military leader and defender of our walls," said Israel's President Reuven Rivlin. "Soldier, commander, statesman,

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## Opinion.

## Context Is Key: The Gaza March Was a Riot, Not a Protest



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JNS.ORG

Over the past several weeks, there has been much discussion of the events last spring on the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. Many have equated the actions of violent Palestinian rioters inspired by Hamas (a terrorist organization) and those of Israel's soldiers charged with defending the sovereignty of a liberal democracy.

This abhorrent argument demonstrates a false moral equivalence and, above all, misses the context of the events.

Last spring, Hamas-inspired rioters gathered on the Gazan side of the border fence with Israel in what was billed as the "Great March of Return." With such a provocative name, the question bears asking: a return to where?

The answer that much of the media believed is "to their ancestral homelands." This is a politically correct euphemism for saying: to destroy Israel.

Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar was more explicit: he said the goal was to "tear down their [Israel's] border and tear out [Israelis'] hearts." In carrying out this directive, a group of rioters that briefly managed to infiltrate into Israel were brandishing butcher knives and shouting "Jews, we're coming to slaughter you!"

And therein lies the blunt truth of Hamas: It is driven by a hatred of the Jewish people and seeks the destruction of the Jewish state. In short, it is one of the most antisemitic organizations in the world.

This statement is not hyperbole or intended for fear-mongering. It is a recognition of fact, both in word and deed.

In word, Hamas' charter infamously calls for the destruction of Israel, and its leaders have regularly stated that they "love death as the Jews love life."

In action, Hamas has turned the Gaza Strip into a launching pad from which to realize its genocidal ambitions. When Israel unilaterally pulled every soldier and civilian out of the Strip in the 2005 disengagement, the Palestinians had the opportunity to govern themselves and prove to Israel and the world that they could exist alongside the Jewish state in peace.

Yet Hamas seized power and increased its rocket attacks against Israel. In response, Israel, as well as Egypt, imposed a naval blockade to prevent the terror organization from acquiring weapons from foreign supporters such as Iran, its primary sponsor. Israel also constructed a fence along the border to protect its civilian communities in the south. Egypt would soon do the same to prevent infiltration from the Sinai Peninsula.

In the more than 10 years it has ruled the Gaza Strip, Hamas has done nothing to improve the lives of the Palestinians under its control. Instead, it has stolen international aid to fund its terrorist agenda, kidnapped Israeli soldiers and civilians, launched thousands of



A Palestinian rioter on the Israel-Gaza Strip border, Oct. 26, 2018.  
Photo: Reuters / Mohammed Salem.

rockets, and dug attack tunnels into neighboring Israeli communities, all while using the people of Gaza as human shields.

Which brings us to the riots.

Many try to claim that these were "non-violent" protests, which is objectively false. Others try to paint the image that these events were another demonstration of Palestinian nationalism — akin to something like a state fair in America. But "nonviolent" protesters do not carry knives, wire-cutters, and improvised firebombs. Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-Zahar even said this characterization was intentionally deceptive, and that the riots were "not a peaceful resistance."

Is there any clearer indication of intent? When a Hamas official publicly stated that more than 80 percent of the rioters killed in a two-day period were terrorist operatives, it became inexcusable to believe that these riots were peaceful demonstrations. The world

could no longer ignore what Israel had known all along: These riots were simply a different tactic of the next battle in Hamas' ongoing war against Israel and the Jewish people.

When faced with a similar situation — in which tens of thousands of rioters inspired by a terrorist organization rush its border, wielding weapons and proudly proclaiming their intent to kill its civilians — what nation would not take all necessary measures to defend its sovereignty and protect its people?

Maybe those who believe that these were simply protesters would have preferred hundreds of rioters had broken through the fence and massacred innocent Israelis before the IDF took action. If Israel has to choose between saving the lives of Israelis or appeasing morally bankrupt audiences, we will always choose life.

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## Does the UN Secretary General Really Want to Enable PA-Sponsored Terrorism?

SANDER GERBER  
& YOSSI KUPERWASSER

On Monday, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas is scheduled to meet with UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. The UN announcement of the meeting doesn't refer to Abbas as president; rather, it uses the term "His Excellency," which is the UN protocol title for a country's leader. Then on Tuesday, the "State of Palestine" will assume the Chairmanship of the Group of 77 — a coalition of 134 developing nations, designed to promote its members' collective economic interests and create an enhanced joint negotiating capacity in the United Nations.

Abbas' recognition by the UN as the legitimate ruler of the Palestinian people is nearly as bizarre as the UN's near-acceptance of the idea that the Palestinian Authority (PA) contributes to global peace and prosperity. All this begs a question: Does the UN want to enable terror or disable terror?

PA law mandates that "salaries" be paid to Palestinian terrorists if they are caught or killed. The PA "pay-to-slay" programs — and the incentives they provide to perpetuate terrorism — are described in the Taylor Force Act, a US law enacted in March 2018, as well as in more recently enacted Israeli legislation. After much obfuscation and obstruction by the Palestinian Authority and the media, the

existence of these payment programs is now exposed to all.

Sadly, too many UN member states have become terror deniers. Why doesn't the UN join nations of conscience in their condemnation of the PA's financial rewards and incentives for terror? Put another way — is the UN becoming a terror enabler?

For the PA, ending these payments crosses a "red line." Palestinian officials, in Arabic, characterize terror trust fund recipients as "soldiers and sons of our nation." But in English, they defend these payments as "social welfare" used to support "innocent individuals" suffering from the loss of a head of household "breadwinner." This claim, which attempts to convert blood money into benevolence, is usually phrased like it was in this July 2017 statement by Husam Zomlot, the former PLO envoy to the US:

*This is a program that is used for the victims of the occupation. ... It's a program to give the families a dignified life, they are provided for, so they and their kids can lead a different future.*

Characterizing payments for terror as social welfare is a deception that is frequently



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres with Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.  
Photo: IMFA.

accepted at face value by Western governments that fund the PA and its terror payments policy. The problem with this claim, which could be called the "Social Welfare Defense," is that it is demonstrably false.

This "Social Welfare Defense" collapses upon examination of the PA's laws and budget, comparing and contrasting "pay to slay" terror payments with the PA's formal welfare system.

Simply put, the PA system governing payments to terrorists is far superior to its regular, needs-based welfare system. Perversely, by using its budget to pay terrorists, the PA is depriving those less fortunate members of Palestinian society their fair share of government aid.

In the PA's 2018 budget, funding levels for "pay-to-slay" programs were more than 1.2 billion shekels (\$330,000,000) overall — consuming over seven percent of the annual PA budget. These payments were scheduled to go to approximately 10,500 imprisoned and released prisoners, and some 37,500 families of "martyrs" and injured terrorists. In contrast, the entire 2018 budget for the PA's social welfare system is about \$214 million, and supports 118,000 households — thus, a much larger group subsists on a much smaller budget.

Enshrined in PA law, payments to imprisoned terrorists are almost entirely dependent on length of incarceration, and not on personal financial circumstances. True social welfare recipients, however, are eligible based on need and do not get automatic payments. Once approved, they receive benefits of only 250-600 shekels a month, paid quarterly — and the

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## World News.

## UK Board of Deputies to Host Exhibit Highlighting Role of Albanian Muslims Saving Jews During Holocaust

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A Yad Vashem exhibit featuring the role Albanian Muslims played in saving Jews during the Holocaust will be on display at a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews next month.

The exhibit — titled “Love Your Neighbor” — was originally supposed to be hosted by the Center for Islamic Understanding in London, but the mosque nixed that plan after facing pressure from Muslims over its cooperation with an Israeli institution.

Albanian Ambassador to the UK Qirjako Qirko will attend the Feb. 17 Board of Deputies meeting.

Board of Deputies President Marie van der Zyl said in a statement on Monday: “This is

an important exhibition which celebrates the heroism of Muslim Albanians who rescued Jews during the Holocaust. It is a little known history and one which we are happy to be able to share with our Deputies, who can take these stories back their communities all around the country. These acts of heroism are a model for how Muslims and Jews ought to coexist today, challenging antisemitism and anti-Muslim hatred together.”

Yad Vashem UK Foundation Chairman Simon Bentley stated: “Yad Vashem, as the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, is committed to honoring non-Jews who have risked their lives to save Jews during the Shoah.”

The exhibit, he added, “highlights these Righteous Among the Nations by focusing on the Albanian Muslims who saved hundreds of Jewish lives during the Holocaust.”

## Israeli Divers to Search Danube River for Remains of Jews Murdered in Holocaust

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

An Israeli search-and-rescue group will begin scouring the waters of the Danube River in the Hungarian capital of Budapest this week for the remains of Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

The mission was announced on Monday after a meeting in Budapest between Israeli Interior Minister Aryeh Deri and his Hungarian counterpart, Pinter Sandor.

It will be carried out by divers from the ZAKA organization.

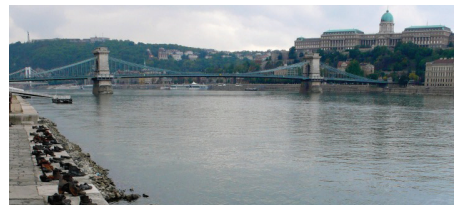
“I am pleased that the Hungarian interior minister has promised assistance, support and technological equipment for the benefit of this project, and I hope that the ZAKA divers will be able to bring these holy martyrs to a full Jewish burial,” Deri said.

The divers, according to a ZAKA statement, will be aided by a newly-purchased sonar device.

ZAKA said negotiations over the first-of-its-kind operation began three years ago.

Toward the end of World War II, thousands of Hungarian Jews who had not already been sent to death camps were executed on the banks of the Danube by members of the Arrow Cross — the far-right fascist party that collaborated with the Nazis and ruled Hungary from October 1944 to March 1945.

Approximately 565,000 Hungarian Jews were killed in the Holocaust — mostly at Auschwitz, in Nazi-occupied Poland, where they were deported en masse in mid-1944.



The Holocaust Shoe Memorial next to the Danube River, in Budapest. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

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maximum welfare payment is 57 percent less than the *minimum* “pay-to-slay” salary.

As defined by PA law, payments to prisoners are restricted to the “fighting sector” (“Alsharicha Almunadila” in Arabic) who are involved in “the struggle against the occupation.” Common incarcerated criminals are not eligible for payments, even if they are destitute. Terrorist prisoners are eligible for payments even if they are young and unmarried, with no dependents. Furthermore, released prisoners continue to receive salaries, regardless of need.

Terrorists and their families have no need for the PA social welfare system and would be foolish to use it, because they have access to a far superior system. And Pales-

tinians, aware of this gap, capitalize on it. If one’s family is in a tough economic situation, terror becomes a solution, with hero status as a bonus. And what do the Palestinians see as their government’s priority? Helping the destitute or promoting terror? If you follow the money, it’s clear that terror is more attractive, quantitatively and qualitatively.

So if Abbas conflates prisoner salaries or martyrs’ family benefits with social welfare, remember that in reality there are two distinct systems operating here. By intent and design, the “pay-to-slay” program is simply money for murder. Sadly, too many UN member states have become terror deniers.

Hopefully, the UN will expose the camouflage and begin to push back against PA “state”-sponsored terror. This would be a

## Leading Jewish Groups Among Those Mourning Assassinated Polish Mayor Pawel Adamowicz



Thousands of people gathered in Gdansk following the murder of Mayor Pawel Adamowicz to protest violence and hatred. Photo: Reuters / Agencja Gazeta / Dawid Zuchowicz.

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A leading US Jewish advocacy organization was among the many voices on Monday mourning the death of Pawel Adamowicz, the mayor of the Polish city of Gdansk. Adamowicz was stabbed through the heart by an assassin on Sunday night as he addressed thousands of people attending a charity concert in the city.

An outspoken liberal who was frequently critical of Poland’s right-wing government on issues ranging from immigration to LGBT+ rights, Adamowicz died in hospital following over five hours of surgery.

Dr. Tomasz Stefaniak, the director of the hospital where Adamowicz was treated, said: “With the deepest regret we must confirm that unfortunately we lost the struggle for the life of the mayor of the city. We honor his memory.”

The alleged assailant, a 27-year-old man from Gdansk with a record of violent crime, was released from prison last month, it emerged on Monday. After the stabbing, the assailant told the crowd he blamed Adamowicz’s former political party Civic Platform for his jailing in 2014 over a series of violent attacks.

Among those expressing shock at Adamowicz’s passing was the American Jewish Committee (AJC), whose office in Warsaw worked closely with the Gdansk mayor.

World Jewish Congress (WJC) President Ronald Lauder said his organization was “shocked and disturbed by the horrific attack unleashed against Gdansk Mayor Pawel

Adamowicz, and we extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to his family and constituents.”

“Mayor Adamowicz was a leading voice of opposition against far-right extremism, and a proponent of equal rights and security for all citizens of Poland,” Lauder continued. “He was a true friend of the Jewish community, speaking loudly and clearly against antisemitism in Poland. This was an attack not just on the mayor, but on the very value of tolerance.”

“It is our deep hope that this horrific murder will not dissuade proponents of democracy and acceptance from continuing to embrace and promote these very messages that Mayor Adamowicz carried throughout his life and career,” Lauder concluded.

Last year, Adamowicz was praised widely for his response to an antisemitic attack on a Gdansk synagogue, where an assailant threw a brick through a glass window as Yom Kippur services were coming to an end.

“Such things should not happen in the city of freedom and solidarity,” Adamowicz said at the time, in a reference to Gdansk’s status as the city where the Solidarity movement that eventually toppled communist rule in Poland first began. The following day, Adamowicz led a unity rally outside the synagogue.

Adamowicz’s death was announced as hundreds of Gdansk’s citizens lined up outside the hospital where the mayor was treated to donate blood. On Monday evening, thousands of people marched through the center of the city to protest violence and hatred.

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Farewell

modest, brave, responsible, a first-rate strategist and a people person. Over the last four years, there were no wars, but the IDF under your command never ceased fighting.”

Rivlin also wished incoming IDF Chief of

Staff Aviv Kochavi success.

“The IDF is getting an excellent chief of staff,” he said. “You are among the best of our people, the best of our commanders. Your success is our success, and we trust you. ... I, like all Israelis, have faith in you. Good luck to you both, and bless you all.”

positive step to enable the Palestinian people to take a legitimate seat at the community of nations. A peace process cannot be built on a foundation of lies. The choice is clear: you are either a terror enabler or a terror disabler. We ask the UN — and the world — which side of the moral divide are you on?

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# World News.



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas addressing the G-77 meeting at the UN headquarters in New York, Jan. 15, 2019. Photo: UN TV screenshot.

## ‘Stop Spending 7% of Your Budget on Terrorist Salaries,’ Israeli UN Envoy Tells Abbas

BY BEN COHEN

Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas on Tuesday used a keynote speech at the United Nations in New York to assert that Israel was an “obstruction” to the “cohesive development of all peoples” in the Middle East, drawing a sharp rebuke from the Jewish state’s ambassador to the world body.

Abbas was speaking as the “State of Palestine” — officially a “non-member observer state” at the UN since 2012 — assumed the chairmanship from Egypt of a bloc of 134

states at the UN that purports to represent the “collective economic interests” of the world’s developing nations. Still known as the “Group of 77 (G-77)” after the number of states that originally founded it in 1964, the bloc includes several nations that do not recognize Israel’s right to exist, including Iran, Syria and Iraq.

In remarks in which he addressed the G-77’s main concerns in only the most general terms, Abbas took care to attack Israel whenever he found the right opening to do so.

“Palestine cannot be an exception,” Abbas stated, during a passage of his speech

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Syria — this one on an Iranian weapons storage facility at Damascus International Airport.

“This reflects our consistent policy and strong determination to prevent Iran from entrenching itself militarily in Syria,” Netanyahu — who also currently serves as defense

minister — said during a visit to Israel’s northern border on Sunday. “If necessary, we will step up these attacks.”

The Israeli military has reportedly conducted thousands of such strikes in Syria in recent years to thwart Iran’s ambitions there and prevent the transfer of advanced weaponry from the Tehran regime to its Shi’a terror proxy, Lebanon-based Hezbollah.

that discussed sustainable development goals. “We also suffer under the yoke of a foreign occupation.”

Abbas went on to condemn Israel’s “colonization and occupation of the ‘State of Palestine,’” accusing the Jewish state of “obstructing cohesive development for all peoples of the region.”

Abbas’s latter observation drew a swift reaction from Israeli Ambassador to the UN Danny Danon.

“As the United Nations very well knows from all of the development work Israel does, Israel is not what undermines development but actually helps it,” Danon told The Algemeiner following Abbas’ speech.

The ambassador continued: “Instead, it is the Palestinian Authority that undermines its own capacity and development. The PA should stop spending 7 percent of its annual budget on inciting and paying terrorist salaries, and instead use it to develop its infrastructure and help its people.”

The PA spent \$355 million of international donors’ money in 2017 on paying salaries and other benefits to convicted or “martyred” terrorists and their families. The US Congress passed legislation in 2018 suspending US aid to the PA until there was a verifiable end to the practice, which critics argue both incentivizes and legiti-

mizes Palestinian terrorism against Israelis.

While Abbas touched on several critical human rights issues during his speech — including child labor, slavery and human trafficking — he was at his most detailed when specifying the PA’s demands of Israel. Advocating the creation of a Palestinian state with its capital in eastern Jerusalem, Abbas emphasized that this outcome would necessarily involve “the just resolution of final status issues, including our refugees and prisoners.” At no point did the Palestinian leader discuss any of the other challenges to sustainable development in the Middle East, such as the unprecedented refugee crisis generated by the displacement of over 13 million Syrians — among them 400,000 Palestinians — during a civil war that has raged since 2011.

While it is difficult to detect the influence of the G-77 beyond the halls of the UN, the pivotal role entrusted to the “State of Palestine” with its 2019 chairmanship will likely be presented by the PA as another milestone in its bid to gain full membership of the UN, irrespective of the progress of peace negotiations with Israel. Full membership in the UN for any prospective state requires a vote of the UN Security Council, where any Palestinian bid would almost certainly encounter a US veto.

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staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly.

The Beth Shifra rally, held at the Jewish Center of Ocean Parkway, was termed a huge success by the children and parents who attended. There was a live band and a puppet show to entertain the children.

## U.S. News.

## Activist Who Said Israel Is a 'Terrorist Entity' Attends Tlaib Swearing-In, Private Dinner

BY JNS.org

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.) met over the weekend with Abbas Hamideh, a Palestinian activist who has said that Israel "does not have a right to exist" and is a "terrorist entity."

"I was honored to be at Congresswoman @RashidaTlaib swearing in ceremony in #Detroit and private dinner afterward with the entire family, friends and activists across the country. #Palestine #TweetYourThobe #RashidaTlaib," Hamideh tweeted.

Hamideh, executive director of the US-based Palestine Right to Return Coalition, has equated Zionists to Nazis, said Israel has a "delusional ISIS-like ideology" and labeled the nation's founding a "crime."

According to a screenshot captured by StandWithUs, he also lamented the death of "the legendary Hezbollah martyr" Samir Kuntar in 2015, who years earlier led an attack that killed four Israelis. Among the fatalities was 31-year-old father Danny Haran, who Kuntar shot to death in front of his four-year-old daughter Einat, before killing the girl by smashing her skull against a rock with his rifle. Haran's wife managed to hide with her two-year-old daughter Yael, but accidentally suffocated the child while trying to quiet her whimpering.

Hamideh's meeting with Tlaib on Saturday sparked condemnation from the pro-Israel community.

"Unfortunately, we really aren't surprised. Tlaib is turning out to be the exact person we were warning she is. What is perhaps the worst part about this is, Democrats won't do a single thing about it, nor will Democratic Jewish groups," Republican Jewish Coalition spokesperson Neil Strauss told JNS. "And it's all because they're afraid to stand up to their rabidly anti-Israel, far-left base."

However, the Jewish Democratic Council of America slammed Tlaib and Hamideh.

"JDCA stands unequivocally against Abbas Hamideh's radical record and his extremist anti-Israel views which should be condemned by all," the organization told JNS. "Since August of last year, JDCA has repeatedly stated our strong policy disagreements with Rep. Rashida Tlaib and we urge her to make clear where she stands with regard to Abbas Hamideh."

Max Samarov, StandWithUs executive director of Research and Campus Strategy, told JNS: "It is disturbing that a member of Congress would pose with an extremist who glorified child murderer Samir Kuntar as a 'legendary Hezbollah martyr.' Political leaders should not associate with racists or supporters of terrorism."

Christians United for Israel "has decided that we are not going to dignify Rep. Tlaib's steady drumbeat of appalling

## NYPD Treating Latest Attack on Orthodox Jew as Hate Crime

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

An Orthodox Jewish man was violently assaulted on Saturday night in Brooklyn's Crown Heights neighborhood — the latest in a series of hate crimes over the last two months on the Haredi community in the area.

The 19-year-old man told police that he was walking along Empire Boulevard near Schenectady Avenue at approximately 9:00 p.m., when he passed a group of teenage males.

One of the group approached the Jewish man and asked him, "Do you want to fight?" The black teen then began to punch the Jewish man in the face and knocked him to the ground, community website COL Live reported.

The group then fled eastbound on Empire Boulevard. The victim was treated for minor injuries at Maimonides Hospital.

According to the report, police at the scene were able to retrieve video showing the perpetrators prior to the attack. The actual assault occurred off camera. The NYPD 71st Precinct's investigation is taking place in coordination with the city's Hate Crime Task Force.

The spate of violent attacks against Haredi Jews in Brooklyn during the last three months has led to calls for an increased police presence on the streets. "It's terrible that one doesn't feel safe stepping out of his home at any time of the day," Rabbi David Niederman — president of the United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn — told The Algemeiner in an interview last month.

statements and actions with a response," spokesperson Ari Morgenstern told JNS.

Zionist Organization of America President Mort Klein told JNS that his organization "condemns Rashida Tlaib for meeting with a fellow antisemite seeking Israel's destruction, Abbas Hamideh, founder of Al-Awda — The Palestine Right of Return Coalition. This [is] further evidence of her hatred of Jews and the Jewish state of Israel."

"Tlaib supports BDS and openly calls for the replacement of Israel by an Arab-dominated state, thus seeking to deny Jews the sovereign independence she demands for Palestinian Arabs," he continued. "She lies about Israel, claiming it discriminates against those darker skinned."

"The ZOA urges Democratic Congressional leaders Senator Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), Speaker of the House Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) and other Democrats to



Congresswoman-elect Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.).  
Photo: Screenshot.

condemn Tlaib for her vicious anti-Israel words and deeds," he added.

Last week, in response to a bill in the Senate that includes combating the anti-Israel BDS movement, Tlaib attacked Republican lawmakers and opponents of BDS by tweeting: "They forgot what country they represent."

She continued, "This is the US where boycotting is a right & part of our historical fight for freedom & equality. Maybe a refresher on our US Constitution is in order, then get back to opening up our government instead of taking our rights away."

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## Opinion.

## Pompeo's Words Are Iran's Worst Nightmare

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Supporters of President Barack Obama attack President Donald Trump for reversing his predecessor's policies. To be sure, many of Trump's actions are debatable. But his approach to Iran and radical Islam are historic and vital correctives to the disastrous strategies pursued by Obama. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, in particular, did a masterful job in his Cairo speech of making the president's case with the moral clarity his predecessor lacked.

It was fitting that Pompeo gave his address in the same city where Obama made his first major foreign policy speech, and set the tone for his ill-advised and failed approach to the region. It was in Cairo that Obama made clear that he did not see radical Islam as a true threat, which was later reflected in his decision to support the Muslim Brotherhood's ascension to power in Egypt and capitulate to Iran's hegemonic designs by signing an unverifiable nuclear deal that rewarded the mullahs with more than \$100 billion.

In both instances, Obama was guilty of — at best — naiveté. Pompeo rightly criticized Obama (though he did not use his name) for “fundamental misunderstandings” about the region that “underestimated the tenacity and viciousness of radical Islamism.” He justifiably upbraided the former president for blaming our country “for what ails the Middle East.”

“When we neglect our friends, resentment builds,” Pompeo told his audience. “When we partner with enemies, they advance.”

This is exactly what happened under

Obama. When he failed to enforce the “red line” in Syria after Bashar Assad gassed Arab children, he sent a message of weakness that our enemies exploited. He allowed Russia to come to Assad's aid, almost comically invited Putin to oversee Assad's destruction of chemical weapons, and allowed the Russian dictator to become more entrenched than ever in Syria. Obama pulled our troops out of Iraq, giving Iran greater influence over that country and eliminating a major deterrent to Iranian expansionism, while also reassuring the mullahs he would not use military force to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

It was refreshing to hear Pompeo speak bluntly: “Countries increasingly understand that we must confront the ayatollahs, not coddle them.”

Since Obama signed the nuclear deal, we have learned that the Iranians hid their research on nuclear weapons for future use; furthermore, the agency responsible for verifying the agreement refuses to inspect military sites where Iran is most likely to engage in weapons development, and Iran is testing ballistic missiles designed to carry nuclear warheads, in violation of UN resolutions.

Rather than change its anti-Western orientation as Obama predicted, Iran has become more belligerent. The situation has gotten so bad that even some of our European allies, who sided with Obama, just announced new sanctions because they discovered Iran was plotting terror attacks in their countries.

Listening to Obama officials attack Pompeo and defend the former president had a Twilight Zone quality. Robert Malley, one of the architects of Obama's disastrous policies said, “Listening to Secretary Pompeo's speech is like listening to someone from a parallel universe.” He is right in the sense that the universe he and his colleagues live in was one where radical Islam did not exist and where Iran was benevo-

lent. To demonstrate how divorced from reality the Obama officials are, another former official said, “Pompeo sees his audience as the region's autocrats rather than its people.”

Excuse me, but don't they recall that Obama gave his speech in Cairo while Hosni Mubarak was in power?

I was opposed to President Trump's initial announcement to pull troops out of Syria, but let's not forget that Obama was unwilling to use any kind of direct force to protect Muslim civilians from massacres in Syria.

Worse, as Pompeo noted, when Iranians protested their cruel leaders during the Green Revolution, Obama refused to support their calls for democracy and an end to the repressive theocracy. Instead, Obama legitimized their brutal rule. “The ayatollahs and their henchmen murdered, jailed, and intimidated freedom-loving Iranians, and they wrongly blamed America for this unrest when it was their own tyranny that had fueled it,” Pompeo said. He also added that, “emboldened, the regime spread its cancerous influence to Yemen, to Iraq, to Syria, and still further into Lebanon.”

Speaking specifically of Lebanon, Pompeo noted: “Our penchant, America's penchant, for wishful thinking led us to look the other way as Hizballah, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Iranian regime, accumulated a massive arsenal of approximately 130,000 rockets and missiles. They stored and positioned these weapons in Lebanese towns and villages in flagrant violation of international law. That arsenal is aimed squarely at our ally Israel.” While Obama ignored these developments, Pompeo pledged that “the United States will work to reduce the threat of Hizballah's missile arsenal.”

We should also not forget that Pompeo's predecessor devoted his final foreign policy address to attacking Israel. John Kerry preferred



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks to students at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 10, 2019. Photo: Andrew Caballero-Reynolds / Pool via Reuters.

the theocrats in Tehran and the terrorists in Ramallah to the democrats in Jerusalem.

As I've written many times, there may be no greater global threat than the genocidal regime in Iran. That is why Pompeo's remarks were so important. “America's economic sanctions against the regime are the strongest in history,” he said, “and will keep getting tougher until Iran starts behaving like a normal country.” He subsequently announced plans for a summit in Poland to discuss how to ensure that “Iran is not a destabilizing influence.”

My friend Dan Shapiro, Obama's ambassador to Israel and a fine and decent man, tweeted of Pompeo's speech, “Prediction: no one in the Middle East will remember anything about Pompeo's speech by next week.” Well, to the extent Obama's speech was memorable, it was for all the flawed reasons outlined by Pompeo.

History will record that Trump's withdrawal from the embarrassing nuclear agreement with Iran once again enforced American values by refusing to reward a genocidal, terrorist regime. Pompeo's speech was a moral declaration that America will no longer apologize for its opposition to radical Islam, and will dedicate itself to combating Iran's malevolent influence and nuclear ambitions.

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Amid Trump's Withdrawal,  
Israel Is Still Doing America's  
Dirty Work in SyriaJONATHAN S. TOBIN  
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For some observers, this past weekend's revelations about Israeli strikes against Iranian targets in Syria was just politics as usual in the Jewish state. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's public acknowledgement that the Israel Defense Forces had struck specific Iranian military targets in Syria was seen by some pundits as an attempt to distract the voters from his personal legal woes in advance of the April elections.

Similarly, there might be those who consider outgoing IDF Chief of Staff Gen. Gadi Eizenkot's exit interviews with the Israeli and international press in a similar way. He too spoke about the army's ongoing duel with Iran's Quds Force and its Hezbollah auxiliaries in recent years, which could be seen as evidence of a desire to puff up his image before eventually turning (like so many other top officers) to politics.

But taken together and coming after Donald Trump's announcement that he will be withdrawing US troops from Syria, the unavoidable conclusion about these statements is that, while Israel's operations there have been an open secret never before publicly acknowledged, the Jewish state is sending a clear message to Tehran. After years of quietly pounding Iranian forces, Israel's security establishment feels the time is right to make it clear that it will continue to enforce certain red lines in Syria to ensure that the Islamist regime isn't in a position to launch a war on its northern front.

Notwithstanding Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's vow last week that America's goal was to “expel every last Iranian boot from Syria,” with the United States opting out of a direct role in the fight against ISIS there, it remains to be seen how it can accomplish that task or deter Turkey from slaughtering America's Kurdish allies with only tough talk.

The United States continues to waver between Pompeo and National Security Adviser John Bolton's efforts to maintain a strong US policy against Iran, and Trump's (to politicians)

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Dirty Work

neo-isolationist instincts. But Israel remains the one decisive factor that can deter Iranian ambitions.

Israel has been doing the West's dirty work in Syria dating back to the George W. Bush administration. In 2007, though the Pentagon was aware of and worried about the threat of the Bashar Assad regime developing its own nuclear program, it was Israeli forces that struck and destroyed the Al Kibar reactor site in a raid that not only leveled the facility, but also reportedly killed 10 North Korean nuclear scientists working there.

Israel's role grew even more important after Barack Obama's disgraceful backing away from his threat to enforce a "red line" against the Assad regime's use of chemical weapons against its own people. Obama allowed Russian President Vladimir Putin to take charge in Syria, a decision that facilitated Iranian intervention alongside that of Russia to save Assad's brutal government, leaving Israel potentially isolated. Even after the United States belatedly joined the war against ISIS, Israel found itself needing to actively hit Iranian forces in order to prevent them from establishing permanent bases that could gravely threaten its security.

This is why Israel has been waging a low-key yet active war on Iran's Quds Force as well as Hezbollah, bombing their facilities and interdicting efforts to transfer more weapons to Lebanon.

How effective have these efforts been?

According to Eizenkot, the answer is that Israel has effectively routed the Iranians. In an interview with New York Times columnist Bret Stephens, the general said that following an Iranian escalation in 2016 (by that point, Iran and its allies had as many as 22,000 troops in Syria), the Israeli government authorized a change in the rules of engagement that led to almost daily attacks by the IDF with more than 2,000 bombs being dropped on 80 separate Iranian and Assad regime targets. Eizenkot seems to think that these attacks have rendered Iran's Syrian bases a toothless threat, and he takes a similarly dismissive attitude about Hezbollah's ability to hit the Jewish state from Lebanon.

There's no doubt that the Iranians have been hit hard by the Israelis, and haven't been

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Supernatural

We have here two ways of seeing the same events: one natural, the other supernatural. The supernatural explanation—that the waters stood upright—is immensely powerful, and so it entered Jewish memory. But the natural explanation is no less compelling. The Egyptian strength proved to be their weakness. The weakness of the Israelites became their strength. On this reading, what was significant was less the supernatural, than the moral dimension of what happened. God visits the sins of the sinners. He mocks those who mock Him. He showed the Egyptian army, which revelled in its might, that the weak were stronger than they—just as He later did with the pagan prophet Bilaam, who prided himself in his prophetic powers and was then shown that his donkey (who could see the angel Bilaam could not see) was a better prophet than he was.

To put it another way: a miracle is not necessarily something that suspends natural law. It is, rather, an event for which there may be a natural explanation, but which—happening when, where and how it did—evokes wonder, such that even the most hardened sceptic senses that God has intervened in history. The weak are saved; those in danger, delivered. More significant still is the moral message such an event conveys: that



President Donald Trump talks to reporters as he visits the banks of the Rio Grande River, January 10, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Leah Millis.

able to establish the kind of active military threat that they hoped would be their reward for saving Assad.

But for all of the IDF's success, the fact remains that the Iranians are still in Syria, and could pour far more resources, weapons, and troops into the bases they still have there. The same goes for Hezbollah, which may regard the recently discovered terror tunnels they dug under the Israel-Lebanon border as merely a minor aspect of their plans for a new war on the Jewish state should their masters in Tehran choose to launch another round of fighting.

Equally as important, Syria remains a theater of war in which the West is likely to continue to rely on Israel to keep Iran from assuming the kind of military posture that will not only serve its goal of regional hegemony, but threaten Sunni Arab governments like that of neighboring Jordan. Even if American troops were to stay in Syria, Washington was going to need Israel to keep fighting what Eizenkot has called a "campaign between the wars" in order to maintain the balance of power in the region.

Both Netanyahu and Eizenkot may have their own motives for the current round of chest-pounding in the media, but the real story here isn't the political future of either man. It's the fact that without Israel acting to keep Iran in line, the situation in the region would be even more dangerous than it has already become.

So the next time you hear about the United States defending Israel, remember that on this strategic front, it has been Israel that is defending the West's interest in preventing Iran from getting even stronger than Obama and Trump's blunders have made it.

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hubris is punished by nemesis; that the proud are humbled and the humble given pride; that there is justice in history, often hidden but sometimes gloriously revealed.

This idea can be taken further. Emil Fackenheim has spoken of "epoch-making events" that transform the course of history. More obscurely, but along similar lines, the French philosopher Alain Badiou has proposed the concept of an "event" as a "rupture in ontology" through which individuals are brought face to face with a truth that changes them and their world. It is as if all normal perception fades away and we know that we are in the presence of something momentous, to which we sense we must remain faithful for the rest of our lives. "The appropriation of Presence is mediated by an event." It is through transformative events that we feel ourselves addressed, summoned, by something beyond history, breaking through into history. In this sense, the division of the Reed Sea was something other and deeper than a suspension of the laws of nature. It was the transformative moment at which the people "believed in the Lord and in Moses His servant" (Ex. 14:31) and called themselves "the people You acquired" (Ex. 15:16).

Not all Jewish thinkers focused on the supernatural dimension of God's involvement in human history. Maimonides insisted that "Israel did not believe in Moses our teacher

## Palestinian Conspiracy Theories Explain the Lack of Peace



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Though media outlets covering the region subject nearly every Israeli moral failure to something akin to a forensic examination, Palestinians (as we've documented continually) are usually spared this level of scrutiny — a pattern of double standards that egregiously skews reports on the conflict.

The latest example of disturbing behavior by a Palestinian Authority (PA) minister that likely won't be reported by the media involves the promotion of a bizarre anti-Israel conspiracy theory — that Israel spreads drugs and AIDS in Palestinian society, per a report by Palestinian Media Watch (PMW).

PMW notes that the charge has actually been promoted countless times by PA officials, including President Mahmoud Abbas.

However, rather than focusing on the media's failure to cover this libel, let's consider instead how high-level Palestinian officials promoting such conspiracies reflects on their society.

For starters, we know from polling that such conspiratorial thinking — especially of the antisemitic variety — is quite common among Palestinians. A staggering 88 percent of Palestinians, for instance, believe that Jews have too much control over global affairs and the global media. And 78 percent think that Jews are responsible for most of the world's wars. Other conspiracy theories widely accepted in Palestinian society involve the claim that Israel is trying to destroy the al-Aqsa Mosque, and that Israel steals Palestinian organs.

Why does this matter? Because, it gets to the heart of the question of why a slim majority of Israelis still support two states, but are nonetheless extremely cautious in proceeding with such a plan out of concern for what kind of Palestinian state would come into being.

The media often frames the coolness to two states by recent Israeli governments — and the fact that most center and center-right opposition parties tend to either downplay the Palestinian issue or avoid talking about it altogether — as a reflection of the country's continuing move "right." Whilst the word "right"

because of the signs he performed." What made Moses the greatest of the prophets, for Maimonides, is not that he performed supernatural deeds but that, at Mount Sinai, he brought the people the word of God.

In general, the sages tended to downplay the dimension of the miraculous, even in the case of the greatest miracle of all, the division of the sea. That is the meaning of the following Midrash, commenting on the verse, "Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its full flow [le-eitano]" (Ex.14:27):

Rabbi Jonathan said: The Holy One, blessed be He, made a condition with the sea [at the beginning of creation], that it should split asunder for the Israelites. That is the meaning of "the sea went back to its full flow" — [read not *le-eitano* but] *letenao*, "the condition" that God had earlier stipulated.

The implication is that the division of the sea was, as it were, programmed into creation from the outset. It was less a suspension of nature than an event written into nature from the beginning, to be triggered at the appropriate moment in the unfolding of history.

We even find an extraordinary debate among the sages as to whether miracles are a sign of merit or the opposite. The Talmud tells

itself is misused by the media as more of a pejorative rather than an objective ideological description, the fact that most Israelis have indeed grown wary of the logic of the Oslo Accords does not reflect any affection towards the status quo in the West Bank, which most concede is untenable in the long-term.

Rather, this shift is nurtured by the trauma of the Second Intifada, frustration over multiple Palestinian rejections of real Israeli peace offers, the rise of Hamas following the evacuation from Gaza, the failure of the Arab Spring to facilitate regional democracy, and PA leaders who express little if any interest in inculcating a culture of peace, liberalism, and tolerance in their society.

The promotion and acceptance of conspiracy theories like the one we highlighted above only fuels Israeli suspicions that, even if its leaders did one day agree to two states, a future Palestinian state will be hostile to Israel.

Walter Russell Mead persuasively argued that "attributing global events to the machinations of an all-conquering Jewish conspiracy is the sign of profound mental and social failure — and a harbinger of more failures and errors to come."

"Societies," he continued, that are "in thrall to this kind of darkness ... and whose intellectual leaders cannot understand how power works in the modern world ... are unlikely to develop the vigorous, forward-looking and competent civil societies that can promote true democracy."

The prevalence of such delusional conspiracy thinking, Mead adds, represents a "tell" that points to important limits on a country's "potential for political, social and economic progress."

While the media — and most international diplomats — focus almost entirely on settlements as an obstacle to two states, they all but ignore such Palestinian pathologies. Until such behavior is called out with the same fervor and moral force as condemnation of the settlements, Palestinians will have little incentive to embark on a real program for reform, and Israelis will have little reason for hope that two states will actually achieve peace.

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the story of a man whose wife died, leaving a nursing child. The father was too poor to be able to afford a wet-nurse, so a miracle occurred and he himself gave milk until the child was weaned. On this, the Talmud records the following difference of opinion:

Rav Joseph said: Come and see how great was this man that such a miracle was wrought for him. Abaye said to him: On the contrary, how inferior was this man, that the natural order was changed for him.

According to Abaye, greater are those to whom good things happen without the need for miracles. The genius of the biblical narrative of the crossing of the Reed Sea is that it does not resolve the issue one way or another. It gives us both perspectives. To some the miracle was the suspension of the laws of nature. To others, the fact that there was a naturalistic explanation did not make the event any less miraculous. That the Israelites should arrive at the sea precisely where the waters were unexpectedly shallow, that a strong east wind should blow when and how it did, and that the Egyptians' greatest military asset should have proved their undoing—all these things were wonders, and we have never forgotten them.

Shabbat shalom

## Impressions.

### Would Honoring Angela Davis Be a Dishonor to Rosa Parks?

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

Like the Unsinkable Molly Brown, Angela Davis — the hyper-controversial icon of the extreme left of the late 1960s and early 1970s — periodically resurfaces at the center of 21st century African-American and Jewish political disputes.

Today, the controversy centers around the decision of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute to withdraw a civil rights award that was scheduled to be given to Davis. History is repeating itself in Birmingham, where the same sort of controversy about honoring Davis erupted in 2015.

In an op-ed in *The Forward*, Rabbi Mike Rothman of Congregation Beth Elohim in Acton, Massachusetts, transfigures Davis into a martyr-saint who almost overshadows Rosa Parks. According to Rabbi Rothman, Davis is the victim of a “Jewish Power” conspiracy, somehow headed by “mainstream Jewish civil rights organizations” opposed to the BDS movement.

Angela Davis — born in 1944 in Alabama like Rosa Parks — grew up under the dark shadow of Jim



Angela Davis. Photo: Columbia GSAPP/Wikimedia Commons.

Crow. She escaped to the North as a teenager, was educated at New York’s Little Red School House, and then at Brandeis with a scholarship. She traveled to Europe, where she came under the influence of celebrated Frankfurt School Marxist philosopher Herbert Marcuse, and returned to the US, where she was closely associated with the communist historian Herbert Aptheker (whose polemical scholarship on the history of African-American and Jewish relations I still much admire) and his daughter, Bettina Aptheker.

Davis exploded into prominence in the early 1970s when, as a UCLA professor, her support for the violent Black Panther Movement and the imprisoned Soledad Brothers, including Jonathan Jackson, turned tragic. A courtroom escape attempt resulted in the kidnapping and death of a judge. Davis ended up on the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted List and, after a period in hiding, turned herself in for pre-trial imprisonment; she was eventually acquitted by an all-white jury for alleged involvement in the courtroom bloodbath.

But Davis has never rethought her support of the Black Panthers’ violent gospel, or her endorsement of hard-line communist regimes from Cuba to East Germany and North Vietnam. She enthusiastically embraced the UN’s 2001 Durban “Anti-Racism Conference” that turned into an anti-Israel and anti-US hate fest, and today is a fan of Palestinian terrorists Marwan Barghouti and Rasmia Odeh.

As a UC Santa Cruz professor, she developed a lecture, entitled “From Ferguson To Palestine,” that encapsulates her anti-Israel take on the Black Lives Matter Movement. Though Angela Davis has lived long enough to have been a contemporary of Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., she chose to walk instead with the Black Panthers.

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### The Nation of Islam Gets Taxpayer Funds to Incite Hatred of Jews

BY PATRICK DUNLEAVY

Ask average US taxpayers if they would give money to an organization that is openly racist and antisemitic, and you would get a resounding “no” in response.

And yet that is exactly what has happened for more than 20 years, with the Nation of Islam (NOI) receiving federal funds to operate within the US prison system. A recent report by *The Washington Examiner’s* Alana Goodman revealed that the NOI received \$364,500 dollars from the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) since 2008 to provide inmates with religious services.

The Nation’s news outlet, *The Final Call*, called the *Examiner* story “a vicious flourish of lies,” and said that the prison ministry “is a great benefit and blessing to the American Penal System.”

The Nation’s work with the Bureau of Prisons dates back far earlier than 2008. NOI and its officials have been paid to work in prisons since the 1980s. A 1986 Christian Science Monitor article described critics who worried that “Farrakhan’s teachings — more about politics than theology — threaten to radicalize prisoners. They blame him for militant indoctrination of black youth who feel abandoned by American society. Farrakhan’s is a racist, separatist movement, they say, whose message has particular appeal for a group that feels disenfranchised.”

This despite the fact that the organization and its leader Louis Farrakhan have a consistent record of antisemitism dating back decades. He called Jews “bloodsuckers” just before his 1995 Million Man March. In just the past year, he has said, “Satanic Jews are my enemy” and compared them to termites.

“White folks are going down,” he said during his Saviour’s Day speech last February. “And Satan is going down. And Farrakhan, by God’s grace, has pulled the cover off of that Satanic Jew and I’m here to say your time is up, your world is through.”

According to BOP regulations cited in a 2004 Inspector General’s report on Muslim chaplains, regarding the vetting of contract workers, “a contractor or volunteer will be dismissed based on any credible evidence that the person has potential ties to any terrorist-affiliated organizations or individuals; advocates racism or violence.”

What more does the BOP need before determining that the Nation of Islam has crossed this line?

The Nation also published *The Secret Relationship Between Blacks and Jews*, which falsely claims that Jews dominated the slave trade. After a second volume was issued in 2010, the Simon Wiesenthal Center published a 16-page paper refuting its false history.

The Wiesenthal Center paper said that in addition to blaming Jews for slavery, the NOI book offers “conspiracy theories that Rothschilds ran the American economy, Jewish merchants learned to exploit black sharecroppers from the Talmud, Jewish pimps monopolized organized prostitution, and the KKK and Freemasons were both fronts for the Jews.”

What possible rehabilitative value could this type of hate speech or ideology have for an individual in prison? It only gives him another group to hate or blame for his misfortune.

How were proponents of this type of ideology able to gain access to the US prison system? Who in the Department of Justice — the agency responsible for vetting religious clergy and volunteer workers in the Bureau of Prisons — approved the use of

taxpayer dollars to fund the NOI?

It isn’t difficult to imagine what would happen if a prison contracted with a Christian clergyman who disparaged Muslims in any way. National advocacy groups would immediately demand the cleric’s termination and removal of any instructional material provided. Why should such naked bigotry be tolerated in this case?

The Bureau of Prisons, citing federal regulations, gives each facility’s Chaplain Services office the authority to contract for religious services that it cannot provide.

Federal records show the Nation of Islam has been paid more than \$420,000 since 2005 both for services and for purchases, likely books and recorded materials produced by the Nation. Payments for services can range between \$200 and \$800.

An individual prison could have paid up to \$25,000 for the Nation of Islam to perform weekly Jummah services for one year. These services would not include literature, which the BOP also purchases from the Nation of Islam. Among the literature the



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

NOI supplied was *The Final Call*, which promotes conspiracy theories depicting Jews as the source of all society’s problems.

That type of hate speech could easily incite violence, particularly in the prison environment, where Jewish inmates are a targeted minority.

Somewhere in the Bureau of Prisons’ central office there should be a list of all the Nation of Islam personnel who did business with the BOP, and a security assessment by either the FBI or the National Joint Terrorism Task Force (NJTTF) of any ties to terrorist or racist organizations.

Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.) issued a statement last Monday asking the Department of Justice to stop future payments to the Nation of Islam. “The federal government should not use taxpayer dollars to subsidize one of the most infamous hate groups in the United States,” Buchanan said.

That’s a good start.

Congress should follow up and shut off the spigot that lets taxpayer dollars flow so freely to this hate group. It should also have the DOJ’s Inspector General investigate the failure of the Bureau of Prisons to properly vet religious workers and contractors.

Patrick Dunleavy is a Senior Fellow at *The Investigative Project on Terrorism*, the former Deputy Inspector General for New York State Department of Corrections, and author of *The Fertile Soil of Jihad*. He currently teaches a class on terrorism for the United States Military Special Operations School. A version of this article was originally published by *The Investigative Project on Terrorism*.

Research Analyst Teri Blumenfeld and Senior Research Analyst Abha Shankar contributed to this report.

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## LEGAL NOTICE



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

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

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

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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

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST Dolores E. Clarke and Milton B Clarke, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 09, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on February 07, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 941 ASHFORD STREET, 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 New York, BLOCK 4403, LOT 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$419,490.04 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 506248/2015. Gregory T. Cerchione, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 59904  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE J.P. MORGAN ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2006-A5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff against ISAAC SHOUELA, A/K/A ISAAC SHOUELA, ELI SHOUELA A/K/A ELI SHOUELA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on September 25, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 7th day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain lot, 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, known and designated as Lots Numbers 63 and 64, Block

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6826, on a certain plan of lots called "Brooklyn Harlem" (temporary Name) surveyed for Wood Harmon & Co., March 1902 by Samuel H. McElroy, C.E. and C.S. and filed in Kings County Register's Office, March 23, 1902, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Easterly at East 21st Street, 40 feet as shown on said plan; Southerly by Lot 62 in Block 100 feet as shown on said plan; Westerly by lots 26 and 25 in said Block 40 feet as shown on said plan; Northerly by Lot 65 in said Block 100 feet as shown on said plan. Said premises known as 1946 E. 21st Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229. (Block: 6826, Lot: 27). Approximate amount of lien \$ 1,153,565.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 20507-13. Bartholomew M. Verdirame, Esq., Referee. Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 10 Bank Street - Suite 700 White Plains, New York 10606 (914) 949-2574  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Adjustable Rate Mortgage Trust 2005-11, Adjustable Rate Mortgage Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2005-11, Plaintiff AGAINST Abraham Brander; David Brander; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated December 5, 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 February 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 872 Bedford Avenue, Unit 4, Brooklyn, NY 11205. 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 1900 Lot 1704. Approximate amount of judgment \$292,175.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 511965/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 21, 2018 60115  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Upper Level F & R Cleaning Service LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Fatima 2080 Wallace Ave. Suite 429 Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 1/4/11/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Amarnauth Ramotar; et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/11/18 and entered on 6/11/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 14, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 97-24 Drew Street a/k/a 442 Drew 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 County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4185, LOT: 43.

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Approximate amount of judgment is \$405,883.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504301/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Betty Lugo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL CREDIT SERVICES NEW YORK, INC., Plaintiff against MARCO FUENTES A/K/A MARCOS FUENTES; WILFREDO A. FUENTES; JANE FUENTES (REFUSED FIRST NAME), et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 28, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 14th day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 205 29th Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11232. (Block: 665, Lot: 52). Approximate amount of lien \$ 893,360.06 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 505007-15. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South - Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 \*For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832\*  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. AS SUCCESSOR TO LASALLE BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MERRILL LYNCH FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-2, Plaintiff AGAINST ANNISA DANCE and RUSSELL DANCE, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 01, 2017 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 February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 686 WORTMAN AVENUE, 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 4546, LOT 100. Approximate amount of judgment \$844,763.15 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 511425/2014. David J. Hernandez, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60105  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Ernest L. Spence; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 3, 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

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February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 602 Hegeman 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 4325 Lot 5. Approximate amount of judgment \$979,521.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 508760/2014. 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: December 4, 2018 59666  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Roger Wagner; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 19, 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 February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 442 Amber 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 NY, Block: 4518 Lot: 121. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,028,687.30 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 19707/2012. Henry J. Achiron, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 5, 2018 59448  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1

"Notice of Formation of a Professional Limited Liability Company (PLLC). The name of the PLLC is: Family Health Care PLLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) office on: 12/11/2018. The County in which the Office is to be located: KINGS. The SSNY is designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 2116 BATH AVE, BROOKLYN, NY 11214. Purpose: any lawful activity.  
AJ; 1/11/18/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A CHAMPION MORTGAGE COMPANY, Plaintiff AGAINST Karine Grunfeld, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 10, 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 February 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1421 EAST 23rd STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 7677, LOT 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$540,641.29 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 515262/2015. Jeffrey R. Miller, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 59944  
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## Tradition.

## The Divided Sea: Natural or Supernatural?



JONATHAN SACKS  
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The splitting of the Reed Sea is engraved in Jewish memory. We recite it daily during the morning service, at the transition from the Verses of Praise to the beginning of communal prayer. We speak of it again after the *Shema*, just before the *Amidah*. It was the supreme miracle of the exodus. But in what sense?

If we listen carefully to the narratives, we can distinguish two perspectives. This is the first:

*The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left... The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.* (Exodus 14:22, 28-29)

The same note is struck in the Song at the Sea:

*By the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up.*

*The surging waters stood firm like a wall;*

*The deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.* (Ex. 15:8)

The emphasis here is on the supernatural dimension of what happened. Water, which normally flows, stood upright. The sea parted to expose dry land. The laws of nature were suspended. Something happened for which there can be no scientific explanation.

However, if we listen carefully, we can also hear a different note:

*Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land.* (Ex. 14:21)

Here there is not a sudden change in the behaviour of water, with no apparent cause. God brings a wind that, in the course of several hours, drives the waters back. Or consider this passage:

*During the last watch of the night the Lord looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. The Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."* (Ex. 14:24-25).

The emphasis here is less on miracle than on irony. The great military assets of the Egyptians—making them almost invulnerable in their day—were their horses and chariots. These were Egypt's specialty. They still were, in the time

of Solomon, five centuries later:

*Solomon accumulated chariots and horses; he had fourteen hundred chariots and twelve thousand horses, which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem... They imported a chariot from Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty.* (I Kings 10:26-29)

Viewed from this perspective, the events that took place could be described as follows: The Israelites had arrived at the Reed Sea at a point at which it was shallow. Possibly there was a ridge in the sea bed, normally covered by water, but occasionally—when, for example, a fierce east wind blows—exposed. This is how the Cambridge University physicist Colin Humphreys puts it in his *The Miracles of Exodus*:

*Wind tides are well known to oceanographers. For example, a strong wind blowing along Lake Erie, one of the Great Lakes, has produced water elevation differences of as much as sixteen feet between Toledo, Ohio, on the west, and Buffalo, New York, on the east... There are reports that Napoleon was almost killed by a "sudden high tide" while he was crossing shallow water near the head of the Gulf of Suez.*



In the case of the wind that exposed the ridge in the bed of the sea, the consequences were dramatic. Suddenly the Israelites, traveling on foot, had an immense advantage over the Egyptian chariots that were pursuing them. Their wheels became stuck in the mud. The charioteers made ferocious efforts to free them, only to find that they quickly became mired again. The Egyptian army could neither advance nor retreat. So intent were they on the trapped wheels, and so reluctant were they to abandon their prized war machines, the chariots, that they failed to notice that the wind had dropped and the water was returning. By the time they realised what was happening, they were trapped. The ridge was now covered with sea water in either direction, and the island of dry land in the middle was shrinking by the minute. The mightiest army of the ancient world was defeated, and its warriors drowned, not by a superior army, not by human opposition at all, but by their own folly in being so focused on capturing the Israelites that they ignored the fact that they were driving into mud where their chariots could not go.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given that a license, (serial# 1314070) for wine and beer has been applied for by the undersigned to sell wine and beer at retail in a restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 1195 Castleton Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10310. Tu Tipico Dominicano Corp.  
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STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS NYMT LOAN TRUST 2013-RP1, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICIA CHARLES-GITTENS, LANCE CASSIUS GITTENS, et al., Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on October 17, 2017, I, Yolanda A. Corion, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 21, 2019 at Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 PM, the premises described as follows: 3316 Clarendon Road Brooklyn, NY 11203 SBL No.: 4950 - 7 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 7009/2014 in the amount of \$381,340.16 plus interest and costs. Brettanie L. Hart Saxton, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072  
AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff against ANDREA DANCE A/K/A ANDREA L. DANCE, 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 April 10, 2017, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 21, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1099 Stanley Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4506 Lot 31. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$927,403.41 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 511630/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee XCHJC362  
AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 516406/2017 Original Summons and Complaint Filed: August 23, 2017 SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS Mortgaged Premises: 31 Lorimer Street, #D Brooklyn, New York 11206 Block: 2240 Lot: 1033 CITIBANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- ABRAHAM HAUT, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS/DIRECTORS OF THE 31 LORIMER STREET CONDOMINIUM; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY

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DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) TO THE BOARD OF MANAGERS/DIRECTORS OF THE 31 LORIMER STREET CONDOMINIUM: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance to the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Trial is desired in the County of Kings. The basis of venue is the location of the mortgaged premises. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. YOU ARE HEREBY GIVEN NOTICE that the object of this action is foreclosure of a mortgage given by Abraham Haut, in the amount of \$300,000.00, on the property commonly known as 31 Lorimer Street, Unit D, corresponding to block 2240, lot 1033, in Kings County, New York Date: New York, New York August, 2018 AKERMAN LLP By: /s/ Kathleen R. Fitzpatrick Kathleen R. Fitzpatrick, Esq. Jordan M. Smith, Esq. 666 Fifth Avenue, 20th Floor (212) 880-3800 kathleen.fitzpatrick@akerman.com jordan.smith@akerman.com Attorneys for Plaintiff Citibank, N.A. At an IAS Term, Part FRP-1 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of Kings, at the Courthouse, located at 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York on the 11th day of December, 2018. P R E S E N T: Hon. Noach Dear, J.S.C. SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No. 516406/2017 ORDER GRANTING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION CITIBANK, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- ABRAHAM HAUT, THE BOARD OF MANAGERS/DIRECTORS OF THE 31 LORIMER STREET CONDOMINIUM; CITY OF NEW YORK PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; CITY OF NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.) Defendants. Upon the Affirmation of Jordan M. Smith dated August, 2018, and exhibits 1 through 3 thereto, and the supplemental summons attached

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as exhibit 3, and it appearing that time for service of process on the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, one of the defendants to this action to foreclose an interest in real property, should be extended, and that service of the summons and complaint upon the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium may prove impossible pursuant to CPLR 311(a), in which case service by publication would be appropriate under CPLR 311(b), 315, and 316, NOW, upon motion of Akerman LLP, attorneys for CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff in this action, for an order extending time to serve the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, and allowing service of the supplemental summons by publication upon the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, one of the defendants herein, pursuant to CPLR 311(b), 315, and 316, it is now, ORDERED, that pursuant to CPLR 306-b, good cause being shown, and it being in the interests of justice, the time to serve the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium is extended until one hundred twenty days after entry of this order in the Office of the Clerk of Kings County; and it is further, ORDERED, service of this order and a supplemental summons directed to the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium and reflecting CitiMortgage, Inc.'s current counsel, may be made pursuant to CPLR 311(a), 315, and 316 by publication of said order and supplemental summons in two newspapers at least one in the English language, hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Board of Managers/Directors of the 31 Lorimer Street Condominium, particularly (1) Brooklyn Daily Eagle, published in Kings County, and (2) Algemeiner Journal, published in Kings County, together with a notice to the defendant, a brief statement of the object of this action, and a brief description of the property, once a week for four (4) successive weeks, and it is further ORDERED, counsel for CitiMortgage, Inc. shall thereafter file proof of service with the Clerk of this Court ENTER: Hon. Noach Dear J.S.C.  
AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Nomura Asset Acceptance Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-AP1, Plaintiff AGAINST Anthony Kerr, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 9/5/17 and entered on 9/26/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on February 21, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 25 Stephens Court, Brooklyn, NY 11226. 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: 5223, LOT: 86. Approximate amount of judgment is \$597,595.72 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501070/2014. Steven J. Baker, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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Rachel Riley during an interview with Britain's Channel 4 News. Photo: Screenshot.

## British Jewish TV Presenter Rachel Riley Says Antisemitic Attacks Have Made Her Jewish Identity Stronger

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Rachel Riley, co-host of the British television game show "Countdown," said last week that the antisemitic attacks she has been receiving on social media, for speaking out against Jew hatred in the UK's Labour party, have made her more in tune with her Jewish heritage.

Riley, whose mother is Jewish, talked about the online hatred she has been the target of in the last few months during an interview with Britain's Channel 4 News. When asked if her Jewish identity was "developing" and if she was more "conscious" about her Jewish background as a result of the abuse, the Oxford University graduate said yes, adding, "I've soul searched a lot. I've soul searched so much because so many people are telling you that 'You know you're wrong' and 'You're evil' or whatever, and I'm like 'Am I missing something?'"

"So I've had to do so much research to find out where this has come from and really examine myself," Riley, 33, explained. "Have I come from this upbringing and this is why I think this [way]? So it's just made me question things, which I think is good. You have to question things. You have to look at both sides. You have to read [and] listen."

The invective Riley has been facing on Twitter began in September when she started speaking out against Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn. Riley explained her determination not to stay silent, despite the barrage of criticism that ensued.

She told Channel 4 News, "If good people stay quiet then all you're hearing is the extremist voices. And that can't happen because then the appearance is that this is what everybody thinks, and actually with all this so many people have been fantastic and shown their support. So many people. And I can't thank them enough for actually voicing their support and I know, from meeting people in the street, that there are so many more that don't say

anything that are the silent majority that feel the same. ... you have to be brave to speak out against antisemitism. I want people to be louder. If you see something, call it out."

Riley educated herself about Israel, anti-Zionism and antisemitism so that she could combat her critics, and has gained much knowledge she did not have before the ordeal began, she acknowledged.

She said she wanted to highlight the level of abuse and, ironically, antisemitic messages she receives from people who claim they are not antisemitic because such attacks are happening to many people who voice support for Israel, but are not garnering the attention they need.

Riley stated, "This has been happening to so many people, in choir, they being abused. I know one instance of suicide attempt, I know one instance of violence against them — and it's not gotten the platform and it shouldn't be allowed to happen in Britain in 2019 without people knowing about it. This should be a national scandal."

"There's a mistaken belief that you can say anything you'd like about Israel [and] Zionists," she went on to say, "and it's really a complicated situation, and over and over and over we're having to say you can criticize Israel, of course you can — I don't stand by everything our government does, but I don't hate everybody in England for something the government does. It's insane."

Riley also talked about her own Jewish background, memories of going to synagogue once a year for Yom Kippur and calling her grandfather "zaidy." She said despite being an atheist now, she was "proud" of her Jewish heritage. She visited Israel once at the age of 13 and explained her connection to the country as "the notion that Jews should have a place where they're not gonna be able to be chucked out and they're not gonna be able to be murdered."

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Dishonor

I do not believe that Angela Davis ever was, or is today, an antisemite, at least in her own mind. She is an ideologue, blinded by her dogmatic faith in the hateful and anti-Israel Black Power Movement.

I am appalled by the seeming amnesia of The Forward to the warning published in its own pages a few years ago by distinguished civil liberties and civil rights

scholar Jerold S. Auerbach to the dangers posed by the embrace of Davis' delusional radical thought.

Angela Davis is part of 20th century history. She should be studied, but not resurrected as a political heroine and guru for today's young.

Historian Harold Brackman is coauthor with Ephraim Isaac of *From Abraham to Obama: A History of Africans, African Americans, and Jews* (Africa World Press, 2015).

## Patriots Owner Robert Kraft to be Awarded 'Jewish Nobel'

BY JNS.org

New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft will be awarded what Time magazine has dubbed the "Jewish Nobel," the Genesis Prize, one of Israel's top awards.

Kraft, 77, will be given the honor for his longtime contributions to the State of Israel and the overall Jewish community.

He will decline the \$1 million prize, as has been customary, which he intends to donate to causes that combat antisemitic and anti-Israel sentiment, both of which Kraft has spoken out against for decades.

Kraft visited the Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in Pittsburgh last month on Shabbat to pay his respects to the 11 Jewish victims of the Oct. 27 shooting. The visit was followed by an address to another area congregation.



Robert Kraft. Photo: Wikimedia Commons

Additionally, his Major League Soccer team, the New England Revolution, will host the UK Chelsea Football Club in a benefit match in May at Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts. All proceeds from the game, in addition to a \$1 million personal contribution from Kraft, will be given to groups that fight bigotry, including antisemitism.

"I am honored to receive the Genesis Prize, and thank the Genesis Prize Foundation for its recognition and willingness to direct my prize money to such worthy causes," said Kraft. "This award amplifies my ability to raise both awareness and additional funds to fight antisemitism, attempts to delegitimize Israel and other forms of prejudices. It is important that we continue to support organizations that focus on combating prejudices by building bridges and uniting people of different backgrounds."

"I applaud Robert Kraft's decision to focus his energies and the Genesis Prize award funds on combating antisemitism, the delegitimization of Israel and racially motivated hate crimes," said Isaac Herzog, head of the Genesis Prize Selection Committee and chairman of the Jewish Agency for Israel. "The rising tide of antisemitism is a threat not only to Jews, but to the very fabric of any democratic society where it is allowed to take place. We cannot be blind to history's lessons. The time to act is now."

Stan Polovets, co-founder and chairman of the Genesis Prize Foundation, said: "We are delighted to welcome Robert Kraft to the outstanding family of Genesis Prize Laureates. I cannot think of a more worthy laureate to follow US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whom we honored last July. Like Ginsburg, Kraft has spent most of his life advocating for a more just society, tolerance and inclusiveness. He is one of the world's most generous philanthropists whose charitable giving reflects the Jewish value of tikkun olam, repairing the world."

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