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## Future of Iran Nuclear Deal Again in Doubt



A display featuring missiles and Iranian Ayatollah Ali Khamenei at Baharestan Square in Tehran, Sept. 27, 2017. Photo: Nazanin Tabatabaee Yazdi / TIMA via Reuters.

BY ALGEMEINER  
STAFF

New doubts about the survival of the 2015 international nuclear deal with Iran emerged on Monday, as the head of the Islamic Republic's judiciary slammed the EU for imposing "humiliating conditions" on a new trading mechanism designed to circumvent US sanctions on the Tehran regime.

Ayatollah Sadeq Amoli Larijani told a gathering of judges in Tehran on Monday that the EU was insisting on Iranian agreement with two key demands before

implementing INSTEX, a special financial channel developed by France, the UK and Germany that would allow Iran to continue trading despite tough US sanctions that went into action on Nov. 1.

Announced last week with great fanfare in the Iranian official media — "Defying US, Europe Launches Payment Channel with Iran," read one headline on state broadcaster PressTV — Iran's leaders seemed far less enamored with INSTEX this week, after Larijani claimed the EU had set what he called "two strange conditions" for making the mechanism operational. According to Larijani, the EU

wants Iran to join the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) — an inter-governmental body established in 1989 to counter terrorism financing, money laundering and other threats to the global financial system. The FATF currently has 38 member states, the newest being Israel, which joined the body in December.

The EU also wants Iran to end its ballistic missiles tests in order to enable INSTEX, Larijani said.

"These European countries must know that the Islamic Republic of Iran will by no means accept these humiliating conditions, and will not give in to any

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## Israeli PM Warns Over Growing Iranian Influence in Lebanon

BY BARNEY BREEN-PORTNOY

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu cautioned a visiting delegation of UN ambassadors on Sunday over growing Iranian influence in Lebanon, where a new national unity government — including a bolstered Hezbollah role — was formed this week.

"A great shift has taken place in the Middle East," Netanyahu told the diplomats in a briefing before they toured Israel's northern border. "That shift is the rise of the aggressive theocracy of Iran that seeks to conquer the Middle East, elimi-



Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu addresses a visiting delegation of UN ambassadors in Jerusalem, Feb. 3, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

nate Israel and dominate many other parts of the world."

"Iran has proxies," he noted. "One of them is Hezbollah. Hezbollah just joined the government of Lebanon. That's a misnomer; they actually control the government of Lebanon. It means that Iran controls the government of Lebanon."

"It's important to send this very powerful message just as we stop the terror tunnels coming into Israel, we will stop all the aggression — from Lebanon or from Syria or from Iran itself," Netanyahu went on to say. "We are committed to preventing this aggression, and in so doing we're not only

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## Opinion.

# Church Activists Promote Palestinian Propaganda — Not Peace



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Get ready.

Israel will soon be subjected to a withering campaign of lies and misinformation broadcast by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and many of its member denominations in North America and Europe.

The pretext for this attack will be the departure of its activists from Hebron. On January 29, 2019, the WCC announced that these activists, who operated as part of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine Israel (EAPPI), would be withdrawn from the city.

The WCC's decision comes on the heels of a decision by the Israeli government to expel the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH). The expulsion came after a TIPH observer was videotaped vandalizing Israeli cars, and another video surfaced showing a TIPH observer striking a Jewish child. The EAPPI abandoned Hebron after Im Tirtzu, an Israeli non-profit, began filming its activists as they bird-dogged Israeli soldiers in the city.

When the WCC announced the departure of its activists from the city, WCC General

Secretary Olav Fyske Tveit declared, "The WCC accompaniers are currently prevented from fulfilling their role as a peaceful protective presence in Hebron."

Don't believe a word of it.

EAPPI activists are a menace to the cause of peace between Arabs and Jews in the West Bank. Not only do EAPPI activists provide aid and comfort to Palestinian extremists that hinder efforts to normalize relations between Israelis and Palestinians in the West Bank, but they brazenly violate Israeli law. They engage in political activism, in violation of the terms of the tourist visas that they use to get into Israel. While WCC officials deny that EAPPI activists have engaged in politics, photos posted by the activists themselves all over the Internet prove otherwise.

They also violate Israeli law by ignoring instructions from Israeli soldiers not to take their pictures. Just ask Giselle Lawn, an EAPPI activist who spoke at the Christ at the Checkpoint Conference in Oklahoma in October 2018. After showing several photos of Israeli soldiers working at security checkpoints to conference attendees, Lawn declared openly that she had been instructed not to take the photos, but took them anyway. Lawn's public admission — in a breakout session at a Christian peace conference — that she took pictures of soldiers contrary to their instructions raises a question about EAPPI's decision to leave Hebron after its activists were video-

taped: If EAPPI activists feel entitled to film or take pictures of Israeli soldiers at checkpoints, then why can't they themselves be videotaped? What do they have to hide?

An undeniable anti-Israel slant also pervades EAPPI's "peacemaking" activism. At one point, the EAPPI published an editorial in its now defunct magazine, Chain Reaction, calling for a one-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict (which would mean the elimination of the Jewish state), and another article that called on supporters to break the law by hacking government websites. Given the context, there is no doubt that the author wanted "peace" activists to hack Israeli government websites. Despite all of this, the EAPPI program enjoys substantial support from European governments and charity agencies. According to NGO Monitor, EAPPI is funded by a number of governments, including Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.

In 2016, EAPPI activists escorted Palestinian extremist Hasan Breijieh as he harassed Jews near their homes in the West Bank. An Israeli citizen recorded the encounter.

In the video, two EAPPI activists are present along with Kobe Snitz, head of Anarchists Against the Wall. What exactly are EAPPI activists doing with Breijieh? In addition to being a member of a Palestinian terror group, he is also a poet who has written a piece that lauds the prospect of Jews being murdered in the West Bank.



Rev Robert Smith, Jerusalem representative of the World Council of Churches, addresses a BDS rally in South Africa. Photo: Screenshot

The poem — titled "Why the Shyness on Your Face?" — invokes the image of William Wallace, conveying the hope that Jews will be murdered sometime in the near future. Providing a protective presence to a member of a terrorist organization who demonizes Jews in verse is not "peacemaking." It is aiding and abetting people who seek Israel's destruction.

The World Council of Churches will do what it can to spin this latest controversy into a critique of Israel, but the evidence is overwhelming. Its activists in the Holy Land do not promote peace, but instead assist Palestinian extremists in their efforts to demonize Israel.

Their presence in Hebron will not be missed.

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## To Its Detriment, PA Spurns US Financial Aid



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The Palestinian Authority (PA) announced last week that it will renounce all financial assistance from the United States in protest of a new anti-terror law. The Anti-Terrorism Clarification Act (ATCA) exposes the PA to costly lawsuits for its involvement in terrorist activities.

The act specifies that if the PA accepts funding from the US government, American courts will have the jurisdiction to hold it accountable for acts of terror against US citizens, and pursue the PA for any monetary judgments.

It's important to understand the context of this development — because the PA can be expected to blame everyone but itself for the dire consequences of the decision, which not least could affect the delicate coordination between Israeli security forces and the PA in the West Bank.

In a nutshell, the decision to reject all US aid money means that the PA has chosen terror over the well-being of its own civilian population. The slash in financial assistance will inevitably affect social services, the education and health sectors, and security in PA-controlled areas.

All it would take for it to avert the crisis is to do what should be expected of any political

enterprise with a serious aspiration to build its own nation: renounce terror.

For many months, the PA has been embroiled in a heated confrontation with the Trump administration over the boycott of US-led peace efforts and the continuation of its so-called "pay-to-slay" scheme, which rewards terrorists and their families with substantial cash for committing acts of terror.

Last year, the PA spent about \$360 million, approximately 7 percent of all of its revenues, on the various "heroes and martyrs" funds that go to those who kill or wound Israelis or seek to do so. In response to the practice, the White House announced in August that it was cutting more than \$200 million in aid over the PA's incitement of violence against Israelis.

However, not even the loss of so much money has moved it to reconsider its amoral tactics. To the Palestinian leadership, the "pay-to-slay" scheme is not a mere act of defiance against the United States. It is a matter of patriotism.

PA head Mahmoud Abbas said it himself when he declared in July, "even if we have only a penny left, we will give it to the martyrs,



Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas. Photo: UNTV.

the prisoners and their families. We view the prisoners and the martyrs as planets and stars in the skies of the Palestinian struggle, and they have priority in everything."

The PA couldn't have been more explicit about its culture of violence, and yet Israel's adversaries continue to insist that the biggest obstacle to peace is the "occupation."

Abbas, in an address to the United Nations in January, accused Israel of "obstructing cohesive development of all peoples of the region." Women's March co-chair Tamika Mallory in a recent interview with PBS refused to acknowledge Israel's right to exist and instead lamented the "brutal occupation" of the Palestinian people.

But the PA's sponsorship of terror is not just a cheap talking point pushed by the Trump administration. It is a reality that the left has also acknowledged.

Earlier in January, Britain's parliament approved in a first hearing a bill drafted by Labour Party lawmakers Dame Louise Ellman and Joan Ryan that could significantly cut aid funds to the PA over incitement against Israelis and Jews.

In introducing the legislation, Ellman said that the minds of Palestinian children were "being poisoned" with hatred. "Five-year-olds taught the word for 'martyr' as part of their first lessons in Arabic. Eleven-year-olds taught that martyrdom and jihad are 'the most important meanings of life.'"

The Knesset passed similar legislation in July that subtracts from tax receipts that Israel

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## World News.

## UK Chief Rabbi Slams BDS Movement Over Bid to Spoil Eurovision Contest in Tel Aviv

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

UK Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis has castigated the anti-Israel BDS movement over its effort to organize a boycott of the Eurovision competition set to be held in Tel Aviv in May.

"Whereas peacemakers seek dialogue and common ground, for more than a decade the BDS movement has pursued a campaign of division and demonization," Mirvis told *The Daily Mail*. "Calls for the Eurovision song contest to be moved from Israel will ultimately harm, and not help, the cause of peace."

"I call upon those advocating for BDS to turn their efforts towards collaboration and reconciliation," the rabbi added.

Earlier this week, 50 well-known artists — including vehement Israel critic Roger Waters, the former Pink Floyd frontman — published a letter in *The Guardian* in which they urged the BBC to not air this year's contest.

The BBC rejected that appeal, saying in a statement that Eurovision "is not a political event and does not endorse any political message or campaign."

"The competition has always supported the values of friendship, inclusion, tolerance

and diversity, and we do not believe it would be appropriate to use the BBC's participation for political reasons," it added. "Because of this we will be taking part in this year's event. The host country is determined by the rules of the competition, not the BBC."

Meanwhile, more than 11,000 people have signed a Creative Community for Peace (CCFP) petition — addressed to the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) — encouraging "all our friends and colleagues around the world to express their support for an exciting and successful Eurovision 2019 in Tel Aviv."

The Jewish state earned the right to host Eurovision this year when Israeli singer Netta Barzilai won the 2018 contest in Portugal.



Israel's Netta Barzilai after winning the 2018 Eurovision song contest May 12, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Pedro Nunes.

## Danon Emphasizes That Europe Needs to Up the Ante in Fighting Antisemitism

BY JNS.ORG

Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon said on Thursday that Europe needs to have "stronger actions" to combat antisemitism.

While he expressed appreciation to former Soviet satellite states such as Hungary for fighting anti-Israel initiatives in the European Union, Danon said they need to improve their attitudes towards Jews.

"When we meet them, we tell them: 'We are grateful for your involvement. We want to continue the cooperation. But at the same time, when it comes to domestic issues, you have to take stronger action,'" he told reporters in Jerusalem. "We do expect stronger actions when it comes to antisemitism."

Danon will lead a delegation of UN ambassadors to Poland and Israel. In the

former, they are scheduled to visit Holocaust sites such as the Warsaw ghetto, Majdanek concentration and extermination camp, and the POLIN Museum.

In Israel, they will have an extensive tour of the nation to learn about the land, Jewish history and Zionism; get briefings on current security issues; and partake in high-level talks and meetings.



Israeli Ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon addresses the U.N. General Assembly. Photo: UN / Manuel Elias.

subsidizing terrorism.

Often, Israel is told that it must make sacrifices for peace. In this instance, the PA is making a sacrifice so that it doesn't have to make peace. Understanding the PA's decision makes clear on whom the onus falls for the failure to give peace a chance.

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transfers to the Palestinian Authority the amount of money that the PA pays in rewards to terrorists, as well as pensions to the families of those who have committed acts of terror. The Israeli law is inspired by the Taylor Force Act, approved in March by Congress with strong bipartisan support, under which US aid to the PA would be withheld, if it continues

## New Israeli Government Report Details Alleged Terror Links of BDS Groups



A pro-BDS demonstration. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

BY BENJAMIN KERSTEIN

The anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement has extensive terror links, according to a new report published by the Israeli Ministry of Strategic Affairs on Sunday.

The report — titled "Terrorists in Suits" — revealed over 100 specific alleged links between BDS groups and terrorism, particularly the Hamas and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) organizations.

More than 30 Hamas and PFLP members, many with terror convictions, are spread out among BDS organizations.

"Terrorist groups and the anti-Israel

boycott campaign have united in their goal of wiping Israel off the map," Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan stated.

"Terrorist groups view boycotts as a complementary tactic to terror attacks," he added. "Following the exposure of over 100 links between terrorist groups and leading BDS organizations, I urge all governments and financial institutions to investigate the activities of these BDS organizations, and immediately end all funding and support which they provide to them."

The report found that millions of euros have been donated to the BDS organizations in question by European governments and charities.

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protecting Israel itself, but also protecting our neighbors and world peace."

While in the north on Sunday, the group of foreign officials — who first traveled to Holocaust sites in Poland before arriving in Israel — viewed a Hezbollah-built cross-border tunnel recently uncovered by the IDF.

"The struggle against Hezbollah is also a diplomatic struggle," Israeli UN envoy Danny Danon — the leader of the delegation — said. "Hezbollah has established a state in southern Lebanon and built several tunnels to harm Israeli residents. This is an opportu-

nity for the international community to call on the Lebanese government to renounce Hezbollah, instead of giving it portfolios in the government, and demand the Security Council recognize it as a terrorist organization immediately."

In an interview with *The Algemeiner* last Monday, Danon stated, "Most of the time when I speak at the UN, I talk about our right to self-defense, our right to defend our borders and our people. And I think that once you experience that reality, when leaders or nations which threaten to annihilate the Jewish people come along, you don't ignore them."

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**Nuclear Deal**

demand in return for a small opening in the sanctions like INSTEX," Larijani declared before the assembled judges.

Following the US withdrawal from the 2015 nuclear deal last May, Iran has reluctantly remained a partner to the agreement along with France, Germany, the UK, Russia and China. Tehran has stressed that its continued adherence to the deal requires the EU to guarantee that Iran's global trade will not be affected by US sanctions. INSTEX is the financial mechanism proposed by the EU for securing this end following several months of negotiations.

An analysis of INSTEX by the Financial Times on Monday noted that "details of how it would work are still vague," but the arrangement appears not to allow for Iran's participation in international financial transactions.

The FT said its central idea was "to oversee a so-called mirror image transaction system."

"Under this model, a European fuel trader

buying Iranian oil could be matched with a European manufacturer selling machinery to an Iranian company," the FT explained. "The European oil buyer would not pay the Iranian seller but would instead send its payment to the European manufacturer. At the same time in Iran, the Iranian machinery buyer would not pay the European seller but would instead send its money to the Iranian oil seller. The system would require Iran to set up its own equivalent of INSTEX — a process that might face both logistical and political obstacles."

Meanwhile, in a rare joint statement on Iran on Monday, the EU said that it was "gravely concerned by Iran's ballistic missile activity and calls upon Iran to refrain from these activities."

"Iran continues to undertake efforts to increase the range and precision of its missiles, together with increasing the number of tests and operational launches," the statement said. "These activities deepen mistrust and contribute to regional instability."

## World News.



US Ambassador to Israel David Friedman, Special Middle East envoy Jason Greenblatt, White House adviser Jared Kushner, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer, meeting in Jerusalem on June 22, 2018. Photo: US Embassy in Israel.

## Kushner and Greenblatt to Attend Upcoming Warsaw Conference on Middle East

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Jared Kushner, senior adviser to US President Donald Trump, and special envoy Jason Greenblatt will join other US administration members at the Warsaw conference on the Middle East on Feb. 13-14, a senior White House official told Axios.

The two are expected to meet with foreign officials on the highly anticipated Israeli-Palestinian peace plan, which US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said will be released after the Israeli elections on April 9. Pompeo and Vice President Mike Pence will also be at the conference.

Scheduled to be in attendance in Warsaw

are Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Bahrain—Gulf states with more positive relations with America and Israel.

These nations not only look to a constructive Mideast peace plan, but also efforts to combat a growing threat from Iran.

Neither the Palestinians nor representation from Iran was invited to the conference.

Initially, the conference was advertised as forum to combat the Iranian threat, but due to backlash from several US allies and Iranian pressure on Poland, it was rebranded as “The Ministerial Conference to Promote a Future of Peace and Security in the Middle East.”

## Trump Says US Military Intervention in Venezuela ‘an Option;’ Russia Objects

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump said military intervention in Venezuela was “an option” as Western nations boost pressure on socialist leader Nicolas Maduro to step down, while the troubled OPEC nation’s ally Russia warned against “destructive meddling.”

The United States, Canada and several Latin American countries have disavowed Maduro over his disputed re-election last year and recognized self-proclaimed President Juan Guaido as the country’s rightful leader.

Trump said US military intervention was under consideration in an interview with CBS aired on Sunday.

“Certainly, it’s something that’s on the — it’s an option,” Trump said, adding that Maduro requested a meeting months ago.

“I’ve turned it down because we’re very far along in the process,” he said in a “Face the Nation” interview. “So, I think the process is playing out.”

The Trump administration last week issued crippling sanctions on Venezuelan state-owned oil firm PDVSA, a key source of revenue for the country, which is experiencing medicine shortages and malnutrition.

Maduro, who has overseen an economic collapse and the exodus of millions of Venezue-

lans, maintains the backing of Russia, China and Turkey, and the critical support of the military.

Russia, a major creditor to Venezuela in recent years, urged restraint.

“The international community’s goal should be to help (Venezuela), without destructive meddling from beyond its borders,” Alexander Shchetinin, head of the Latin America department at Russia’s Foreign Ministry, told Interfax.

France and Austria said they would recognize Guaido if Maduro did not respond to the European Union’s call for a free and fair presidential election by Sunday night.

“We don’t accept ultimatums from anyone,” Maduro said in a defiant interview with Spanish television channel La Sexta carried out last week and broadcast on Sunday.

“I refuse to call for elections now — there will be elections in 2024. We don’t care what Europe says.”

Emboldened opposition

The 35-year-old Guaido, head of the country’s National Assembly, has breathed new life into a previously fractured and weary opposition. Tens of thousands of people thronged the streets of various Venezuelan cities on Saturday to protest Maduro’s government.

Guaido allies plan to take a large quantity of food and medicine donated by

## Florida Cabinet Recognizes Jerusalem as Israel’s Capital

BY JNS.org

In a symbolic vote this week, Florida’s state cabinet passed a resolution acknowledging that Jerusalem is Israel’s capital.

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, whose office last year promised an increase in Florida’s holdings of bonds from the Jewish state, proposed the resolution to make a statement that “the interests of Israel are the interests of Florida,” and to respond to the backlash over US President Donald Trump’s decision last year to relocate the US embassy in Israel from

Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

“While our nation has been criticized, we’ve made it clear that we remain close with our allies in the Middle East,” he said.

The move came along with Florida instituting sanctions against Airbnb because of the company’s decision last year to boycott Judea and Samaria.

Nearly 650,000 Jews reside in the Sunshine State—the majority in Southeast Florida—representing about 3.4 percent of the state’s population and growing.

## Nasrallah Claims Hezbollah Will Not Use Lebanon Health Ministry Funds for Own Benefit

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

The leader of Lebanon’s Hezbollah said on Monday it would never use state funds for its own benefit after it named the health minister in a new coalition government, adding that its choice for the post was close to the movement but not a member.

Hezbollah, heavily armed and backed by Iran, secured three seats in the new Lebanese government formed last week after months of wrangling. Shi’ite Muslim Hezbollah named a doctor, Jamil Jabak, as health minister, the first time it has held a ministry with a big budget.

The US State Department urged Lebanon’s new cabinet to ensure resources do not help Hezbollah, which Washington deems a terrorist organization.

Hezbollah’s bigger role points to its appetite to shape state affairs, after gaining military clout from Syria’s war next door. The United States has hit Hezbollah with fresh sanctions as part of its strategy to counter Iran.

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah said it

had picked a health minister who is not a party member so that he could work and travel freely.

“Of course, (Jabak) is a brother and friend. He is close and trusted... This is a ministry for all the Lebanese people,” Nasrallah said. He added it was forbidden under Islamic law to misuse state funds.

Nasrallah said the new government’s top priority must be fighting corruption and financial waste. “The consensus is that there is economic and financial danger,” he said.

Lebanon’s Western-backed prime minister, Saad al-Hariri, said last week bold and urgent moves were required to tackle chronic economic and other problems facing the heavily indebted nation.

On Sunday, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned a group of UN ambassadors visiting Jerusalem over Iran’s growing influence in Lebanon.

“Iran has proxies,” he said. “One of them is Hezbollah. Hezbollah just joined the government of Lebanon. That’s a misnomer; they actually control the government of Lebanon. It means that Iran controls the government of Lebanon.”

the United States, multilateral organizations and non-profit groups across the Colombian border into the Venezuelan state of Tachira this week, according to a person directly involved in the effort.

The group has not yet determined which border point it will cross, said the person, who asked not to be identified because he is not authorized to speak publicly about the issue.

It is unclear whether Maduro’s government, which denies the country is suffering a humanitarian crisis, will let any foreign aid through.

The embattled president on Sunday promised peace for Venezuela without specifically responding to Trump.

“In Venezuela, there will be peace, and we will guarantee this peace with the civil military union,” he told state television, in the company of khaki and black-clad soldiers who were earlier shown carrying guns and jumping from helicopters into the sea.

Maduro has overseen several such military drills since Guaido declared himself president to display he has the backing of the military, and that Venezuela’s armed forces are ready to defend the country.

Air Force General Francisco Yanez disavowed Maduro in a video this weekend,

calling on members of the military to defect. But there were no signs the armed forces were turning against Maduro.

Venezuela has as many as 2,000 generals, according to unofficial estimates, many of whom do not command troops and whose defection would not necessarily weaken the ruling socialists.

The police have also fallen in line with Maduro.

A special forces unit called FAES led home raids following unrest associated with opposition protests in January, killing as many as 10 people in a single operation in a hillside slum of Caracas.

Venezuela’s ambassador to Iraq, Jonathan Velasco, became the latest official to recognize opposition leader Guaido this weekend.



An opposition rally in Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 23, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Carlos Garcia Rawlins / File.

U.S. News.

# J Street U, SJP Chapters at University of Vermont Release Letters Slamming Hillel

BY JNS.org

The University of Vermont (UVM) chapters of J Street U and Students for Justice in Palestine released similar letters on Friday blasting the Hillel on campus for accepting funding from the anti-BDS group Maccabee Task Force (MTF), which will use some of the monies to organize a trip to Israel for students.

SJP's statement slams the UVM pro-Israel community for "a refusal to listen to Palestinian voices," while J Street U denounces it for an "omission and erasure of Palestinian voices."

Additionally, SJP rebuked UVM Hillel for creating an "unsafe environment," while J Street U condemns it for enabling "unnecessary divides."

Another parallel between the two letters is that J Street alleges that the MTF trip "obfuscate the reality for many Palestinians by omitting the narratives of Palestinians living in Gaza and Area C of the West Bank who bear the brunt of Israeli military occupation and blockade," while SJP charges that MTF "offers a guided tour of Israel designed to bewilder them with the complexities of the region so they will step back from any on-campus activism and 'leave it to the experts.'"

"This insidious tactic is designed to obscure the ease of access that we all have to information in the Internet age and is rooted in a refusal to listen to Palestinian voices, many of whom have lived in occupied territory for most or part of their lives, and who share their experiences freely and fully online and on campuses throughout the country," continued SJP.

The groups condemned MTF, which combats BDS on campus, whose views are not aligned with theirs. SJP

# Trump Wants US Military in Iraq to 'Watch Iran': CBS Interview

BY REUTERS & ALGEMEINER STAFF

US President Donald Trump said it was important to keep a US military presence in Iraq so that Washington can keep a close eye on Iran, according to a CBS interview to be broadcast on Sunday.

Trump said the United States spent a fortune on a base in Iraq. "We might as well keep it. One of the reasons I want to keep it is because I want to be looking a little bit at Iran because Iran is a real problem," he said in excerpts from a CBS "Face the Nation" interview.

Asked if that meant he wanted to be able to strike Iran, Trump said, "No, because I want to be able to watch Iran."

"All I want to do is be able to watch. We have an unbelievable and expensive military base built in Iraq. It's perfectly situated for looking at all over different parts of the troubled Middle East rather than pulling up."

Trump defended his decision to withdraw troops from Syria but refused to provide a timetable for the pullout, which was criticized by members of his own Republican Party and caused concern among some allies in the region.

He said some of the forces moving out of Syria will go to the base in Iraq and "ultimately some will be coming home."



US President Donald Trump on 2018 midterm elections campaign trail. Photo: Reuters.

advocates for BDS on campus, including through pushing for resolutions calling on their respective college or university to separate from its interests in the Jewish state. While J Street has claimed that it does not support BDS, it has partnered with groups such as SJP that do.

MTF refuted the accusations and invited them to join them on its trip to Israel.

"For years, J Street has told the American Jewish community that the only way to convince students to support Israel is to embrace their critique of Israel. We've proven them wrong," MTF executive director David Brog told JNS. "We've shown that sharing the reality on the ground—warts and all—persuades any reasonable student to shun the one-sided scapegoating of Israel behind BDS. Instead of fighting us, these students should join us. The door is open."



Scene on the campus of the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. Photo: AlexiusHoratius/Wikimedia Commons

J Street U did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

UVM Hillel Executive Director Matt Vogel told UVM's student newspaper, *The Vermont Cynic*: "I'm proud that Hillel is an open space where we can talk together. The Maccabee Task Force funds will enable students from all backgrounds and viewpoints to engage in different perspectives on Israel and Palestine."

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## Opinion.

# Antisemitic, Racist, and Anti-Israel: Jewish Voice for Peace Hits the Trifecta



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According to its website, “Jewish Voice for Peace [JVP] is guided by a vision of justice, equality and freedom for all people. We unequivocally oppose Zionism because it is counter to those ideals.”

In rationalizing this position, JVP displays arrogance, myopia, paternalism, and disregard for facts and history. Its positions are not just anti-Israel, but racist and antisemitic.

That very first sentence quoted above from JVP’s “Our Approach to Zionism” page misrepresents Zionism. The definition of Zionism is the belief that the Jewish people are a nation entitled to self-determination in their homeland, which is Israel. It says nothing specifically about justice, equality, and freedom; but in its ultimate expression, namely, the State of Israel, it provides all of these to its citizens (and non-citizen residents).

JVP lies when it claims that Israeli Jews have more rights than others, and that Zionism is a “settler-colonial movement.” All citizens, Jews and non-Jews, have equal rights under Israeli law. The canard that Zionists are colonialists is popular with the extreme left, which misuses the word to tar Israel.

Colonialism means living by exploiting others, but the Zionists did not return to their homeland for that purpose. As philosopher Martin Buber explained:

*Our settlers do not come here as do the colonists from the Occident to have natives do their work for them; they themselves set their shoulders to the plow and they spend their strength and their blood to make the land fruitful. But it is not only for ourselves that we desire its fertility. The Jewish farmers*

*have begun to teach their brothers, the Arab farmers, to cultivate the land more intensively; we desire to teach them further: together with them we want to cultivate the land — to “serve” it, as the Hebrew has it. The more fertile this soil becomes, the more space there will be for us and for them. We have no desire to dispossess them: we want to live with them.*

This is the true application of Zionism, not the tortured misrepresentation peddled by JVP.

It is also a lie to say that Zionism was based on the idea of a “land without a people.” Palestine was not empty prior to the birth of the Zionist movement, but neither was it teeming with people — as photos and eyewitnesses easily prove. Moreover, the influx of Arabs to Palestine — who subsequently called themselves Palestinians — was driven in part by the desire to benefit from the social and economic advances produced by the Jewish community.

Zionists were well aware of the existing population, and expected that Arabs would be included in a Jewish state. And that is precisely what happened when Palestinians who remained in Israel during the 1948 war were given citizenship.

Further turning history on its head, JVP speciously claims that “Palestinian dispossession and occupation were by design.” The group knows that it was the Palestinians under the Mufti and, later, Arafat, Abbas, and Hamas who believed that the Jews have no place in their homeland. The current plight of the Palestinians is not a result of a Zionist plot; rather, it is the direct consequence of the Arab states trying to drive the Jews into the sea.

JVP neglects to mention the occupation of the West Bank by Jordan and Gaza by Egypt, during which time the Palestinians never demanded a state. Had Jordan and Egypt not attacked Israel, the Palestinians would still be living under this occupation, and no one would be talking about a two-state solution with their Arab neighbors.

Similarly, JVP overlooks decades of Palestinian terrorism directed at Jews in Israel and around the world. Instead, JVP blames Zionism for teaching Jews to “treat our neighbors with suspicion.” Conveniently, JVP forgets that Zionists withdrew from 40 percent of the West Bank and 100 percent of the Gaza Strip, and that these concessions prompted more terror.

JVP is also uninterested in abuses against Palestinians by their fellow Palestinians and other Arabs. Instead of condemning Palestinian violations of human rights, and Palestinian terrorism and glorification of murderers, JVP is “humbled by the vibrance, resilience, and steadfastness of Palestinian life, culture, and organizing.”

JVP’s idea of a Palestinian icon is Rasmia Odeh, a member of the terrorist Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, who was convicted of the murder of two Jewish students in the bombing of a Jerusalem supermarket. JVP invited her as a guest of honor to its 2017 national meeting. That year, the United States stripped Odeh of American citizenship and deported her after she admitted to lying about her past on her citizenship application. Contrary to JVP’s claims about her innocence, US officials reported that “other admitted participants in the bombings named Odeh as the person who chose the supermarket as a target, scouted the location and placed the bomb.”

JVP’s moral contortions are used to justify its support for the antisemitic boycott against Israel. The BDS movement’s *raison d’être* is the destruction of Israel, and its proponents discriminate against Jews by asserting that only Palestinians have a right to self-determination. JVP presumes to speak for Jews, but 134 major international Jewish organizations representing a broad cross-section of Jewish religious and political opinion oppose BDS.

If there is any doubt about JVP’s interest in the destruction of Israel, one need only read their



Members of extreme anti-Zionist group Jewish Voice for Peace. Photo: NGO Monitor.

position on Palestinian refugees. They falsely state that the 1948 war (started by the invasion of five Arab armies) resulted in “millions of Palestinian refugees.” They ignore the causes of their flight, which included the expectation that the Jews would be driven into the sea, and they would return to their homes and take over those of the Jews. JVP exclusively blames Israel and paternalistically relieves Palestinians of any responsibility for their actions.

JVP’s support of the boycott is well known, but JVP had concealed its racism until now. “Jewish people of color,” JVP asserts, have “long been subjected to discrimination and violence by the Israeli government.”

Are they referring to the thousands of Ethiopian Jews whose ardent Zionism sustained them for decades before they were rescued by the Israeli government?

A coalition of Sephardi and Mizrahi groups issued a statement rejecting JVP’s perversion of their experience “as a driving force of their anti-Zionism.” The majority of Jews from Middle Eastern and African countries live in Israel, and “continue to identify as Zionist,” the statement said, and JVP’s position “perpetuates a history of racist exclusion where Mizrahi and Sephardic Jews are spoken for and spoken over.”

Arabs sometimes spuriously claim they cannot be antisemitic because they are Semites. Similarly, members of JVP cannot hide behind their Jewish background to evade the conclusion that their views are antisemitic, racist, and promote hatred and intolerance against the Jews of Israel.

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## Is the PA Really Against Terrorism?



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The Palestinian Authority (PA) last week removed a photo from the website of one of its ministries, because the photo showed a meeting of PA officials in which bottles of a popular Israeli juice were visible on the table.

For friends of Israel, it was another in a long series of mildly amusing incidents in which PA officials have gone to absurd lengths to slight the Jewish state. It was all the more entertaining because it exposed the blatant hypocrisy of PA officials who call for boycotts of Israeli products while they are enjoying Israeli products.

It also fits into a narrative that friends of Israel have been repeating for decades, but which the Arabs never accept: If the Palestinian Arabs would just realize that peace is good for them, they could be enjoying delicious Israeli foods, having easier lives

thanks to advanced Israeli technology, be exposed to the latest agricultural techniques, and so on.

I have a different take on stories about PA boycott advocates who violate the boycott. I say: Wait, that doesn’t make any sense.

The Oslo Accords obligate the PA to have friendly relations with Israel. It’s not allowed to promote a boycott of the Jewish state. J Street and The New York Times keep telling us that we can trust the PA, that it wants peace, and that it honors the treaties it signs. So why is the PA so blatantly violating the accords it already signed?

Meanwhile, the official PA newspaper Al-Hayat Al-Jadida last week featured remarks by leader Mahmoud Abbas resurrecting the blood-libel accusation that Israel “poisoned Yasser Arafat.”

Wait, that doesn’t make any sense. Separate teams of French, Swiss, and Russian scientists have investigated the poisoning accusation and never found evidence to support it. Peace Now and the United Nations have been assuring us for years that Palestinian leaders are reasonable, rational

people. So why are the PA’s leader and official newspaper knowingly propagating such baseless lies?

And don’t forget the little matter of such falsehoods blatantly violating the Oslo Accords. Those accords obligate the PA to refrain from “hostile propaganda” against Israel. Accusing Israel of murdering the PA most beloved leader surely qualifies as “hostile.” So why does the PA keep violating the accords? What happened to all those promises that it can be trusted to honor the agreements that it signs?

Also in the past few days, a rally was held in Tulkarm — under Abbas’s official auspices — to honor convicted Palestinian murderer Maher Younes, while the Bethlehem branch of Fatah (the ruling party, chaired by Abbas) posted photos on its Facebook page glorifying teenage terrorist Ahmed Sanagrah.

Wait, that doesn’t make any sense, either. The proponents of creating a Palestinian state keep telling us that it’s safe to create such a state because the PA is against terrorism. They say Hamas is the bad one, while the PA is moderate. So if the PA is against terrorism, why do its leader and ruling party keep glorifying, sheltering, and paying terrorists?

By the way, when Abbas spoke at the United Nations earlier this month, he proclaimed the PA’s “commitment to international law and legitimacy and to a peaceful solution.”

And that makes perfect sense. Abbas is

truly bilingual. When he speaks to Western audiences, he uses all the right words that they want to hear. He sounds peaceful, reasonable, and moderate. But when he speaks to his own people, he literally speaks another language: the language of hatred and violence. It’s the kind of language that gets innocent people killed.

There was a time, not so long ago, when it was almost impossible to find out what was being said by Palestinian Arab leaders in their own media. Every once in a while, something would leak out. But by and large, the world news media did an effective job of keeping Americans in the dark about what Arafat, Abbas, and the others were saying.

That’s all changed thanks to Palestinian Media Watch (PMW), which exposed the above-cited outrages and so many others. By exposing the PA leaders’ true words, PMW has affected US and European policy towards the PA and in some cases has led directly to reductions of Western aid to the PA. Palestinian Media Watch is a uniquely worthwhile organization, and it deserves to receive a level of support from Jewish federations comparable to what is given to various other Israel-based agencies that do good work. Now that would make a lot of sense.

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## Opinion.

# The False Promise of Iraqi-Israeli Peace



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No one should be misled by the revelation that several Iraqi delegations visited Israel in 2018, and let that turn into optimism about Iraqi-Israeli relations. Peace with Iraq remains very far away. Iraq is simply the next in line of Israel's Arab neighbors who express interest in warming relations with the Jewish state when those countries are in distress, but have little to no intention of making peace a reality.

On January 6, the Israeli Foreign Ministry released an Arabic-language statement revealing that a number of delegations from Iraq had visited Israel in 2018, including influential Sunni and Shiite figures. The Foreign Ministry did not name names, but the news made waves in Iraq after it was leaked to the press that some visitors were sitting members of parliament.

Many Iraqi lawmakers, including the speaker of Parliament, demanded that an investigative committee be established and that officials who had come into contact with the "Zionist entity" be punished to the full extent of the law. Every political and public figure in the country was outspoken about their opposition to the normalization of ties with Israel — everyone, that is, except for one



*Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi arrives for the opening of Baghdad International Fair, Nov. 10, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Thaier al-Sudani / File.*

former lawmaker. But we'll get to him later.

Most Israelis would like to be at peace with their neighbors, but decades of experience have cast doubts on the concessions required for what turns out to be a false peace. The 40-years-long peace with Egypt is very cold, and peace ties with Jordan are at a rough spot following Amman's refusal to renew part of the 1994 peace treaty that allows Israel to lease two small areas of land — Naharaim in the northern Jordan Valley and Ghamr in the south.

It is evident that Israel's Arab neighbors are only interested in making peace with the Jewish state when they are in distress, having learned how to acquire Israeli aid through empty promises of future peaceful relations. The examples of this abound. In the 1980s, the Lebanese Christians sold Israel the illusion of a future peace that would be made possible once the Palestinian terror organizations had been expelled from Lebanon. This, among

other things, led to the outbreak of the 1982 Lebanon war, and the outcome of that misadventure is well-known.

With the help of social media networks and mass Syrian migration to Europe, many Israelis have been able to communicate with members of the Syrian opposition in recent years. These opposition members have expressed interest in making peace with Israel, after it helps bring down the Bashar al-Assad regime. Thus far though, Assad remains as entrenched in power as ever, and there is no peace with Syria.

Immediately after the overthrow of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in 2003, dozens of Iraqi parliamentarians arrived in Israel, though most were afraid to make their visits public. There was one salient exception: MP Mithal Alusi, who had no qualms about publicizing his Israel visit. Some Israeli commentators saw his bold stance as proof of the blowing winds of peace from Baghdad. But a short while later, he was kicked out of parliament and his two children were murdered. Alusi has never been re-elected to parliament, having failed to pass the electoral threshold.

Iraq is a failed state. Though one of the world's most richly-endowed countries in terms of natural resources, it is unable to provide its residents with elementary needs such as electricity and drinking water. Iraqis are sick and tired of their miserable existence. They are loath to see their oil and other natural treasures plundered by Iran, which

has come to dominate Iraq through its proxy Shiite militias ever since Saddam's downfall. Eager to free themselves of Iranian domination at any price, Iraqis are now asking for Israel's military assistance in return for empty promises of peace. Unfortunately, Israel is allocating substantial resources toward this hopeless end.

There are tens of thousands of Iraqi migrants in Europe who are unable to return to their homeland. They hope Israel will help remove the Iranians from Iraq, and promise peace when they return home and take control of the government. And so Iraq joins the list of Arab actors that seek Israeli aid in return for hollow promises of a future peace, paying the same kind of lip service paid by the Lebanese Christians in the 1980s and most recently by the Syrian opposition.

Peace with Iraq is still light years away. In October 2017, the Iraqi Parliament passed a law prohibiting the raising of the Israeli flag in the country and punishing violators with jail time. As adamant as Israeli policymakers claim to be about learning from past experiences, they should at the very least read the present situation correctly.

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# Anti-Israel Op-Ed 'Plagiarizes' Marc Lamont Hill Speech



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Anti-Israel activists tend to recycle slurs and canards over and over in their efforts to denigrate and delegitimize Israel. But even we were surprised at South African academic Dr. Oscar Van Heerden's opinion piece in *The Daily Maverick*.

Van Heerden opens:

*The Palestinians are being decimated. Bombs are being dropped on them, rockets are deployed to kill them and snipers are at the ready to finish the job where the other methods failed. It begs the question, what have these Arabs done to deserve such treatment? And, what can be done to stop it?*

You probably already get the picture.

What follows has been systematically and effectively taken apart by Dan Diker, Rolene Marks, and David Kaplan in a follow-up response in the *Maverick*:

*Far from offering a professional assessment or even the ruminations of an amateur activist untrained in the complexities of the Palestinian Israeli conflict, Van Heerden issues a clarion call for the annihilation of the Jewish peoples' "apartheid" nation-state*

*and recommends that Iranian terror proxies Hezbollah and Hamas assist in carrying out the mission.*

*This lethal combination of malice of forethought and deep unfamiliarity with the subject matter insults the intelligence of the many South African leaders, scholars and business people who have visited Israel as well as virtually each of the east and west African nations whose presidents and prime ministers have sought out the Jewish state to assist them in vital areas such as counter-terrorism, cybersecurity, water desalination, agriculture, food and waste technology, for starters.*

It's questionable, however, as to how Van Heerden's piece ever made it past the *Maverick*'s editor. After his own anti-Israel invective, Van Heerden writes: "let's refer to a recent speech delivered by Marc Lamont [sic] at the United Nations International Day of Solidarity with Palestine in which he references the Universal Declaration of Human Rights."

But Van Heerden doesn't just "refer" to the speech that cost Marc Lamont Hill his CNN commentator job. Out of a nearly 3,000 word piece, 68 percent of Van Heerden's text is lifted — word for word — from Hill's speech.

One of the definitions of plagiarism is: "copying so many words or ideas from a source that it makes up the majority of your work, whether you give credit or not."

# New York Times News Article Whitewashes BDS Movement



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The news columns of The New York Times are offering readers an inaccurate, incomplete, and misleading description of the goals of the movement to boycott, divest from, and sanction Israel.

A news article in the January 29 Times, reporting on a Senate vote on a measure affirming the right of state and local governments to push back against the BDS movement, says, "Republican leaders added a provision by Senator Marco Rubio, Republican of Florida, that aims to curtail support for the boycott, divest and sanctions — or B.D.S. — movement, which seeks to pressure Israel into ending the occupation of the West Bank."

Some people argue that the West Bank hasn't actually been "occupied" by Israel since Israel turned over the area's major Arab population centers such as Nablus and Ramallah to control of the Palestinian Authority about 25 years ago.

My point here is different: it relates to the "aims" of the BDS movement. Its official website lists as one of its goals the "return" of "more than 7.25 million Palestinian refugees"

We think that Van Heerden's piece certainly qualifies.

Did Van Heerden really understand so little about the subject matter that he had to regurgitate someone else's hateful words?

The *Daily Maverick* should be ashamed and embarrassed that Oscar Van Heerden's lazy and intellectually flawed op-ed ever saw

to "their homes" — not in the "West Bank," but in the land of Israel that was established in 1948. This isn't so much a "right of return" as a foreign invasion, because the vast majority of these "refugees" are children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren of those who left during the War of Independence or at other points. Such an invasion would effectively eradicate and eliminate Israel as a Jewish state. No government elected by Israel's current citizenry would allow it.

BDS, in other words, isn't only about the "occupation" of the West Bank, but about the existence of Jews in Israel. Arabs have been boycotting Jews in the land of Israel since before the state even existed, and certainly since before the 1967 war in which Israel recaptured parts of Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria that had been occupied by Jordan.

The misleading description in the news article comes after a series of recent pro-BDS moves by the Times, including an official Times staff editorial critical of steps to counter the movement, a command by the Times news columns that readers "celebrate" the election of a BDS-supporting congresswoman, and op-ed columns by two regular Times columnists, Michelle Alexander and Michelle Goldberg, who are supporters of BDS.

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the light of day.

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## Impressions.

# Assimilation and the American Jewish Immigrant Experience

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It was one of those moments that make so much of the culture of 21st-century America cringe-worthy. Last week on NBC's Meet the Press, longtime network star Tom Brokaw was criticizing supporters of US President Donald Trump and analyzing their fears about immigration, whether of the legal or illegal variety.

During the course of his remarks, Brokaw said something that was judged to be politically incorrect. While he implied that hostile attitudes towards immigration were rooted in racism, he also said the following:

"I also happen to believe that the Hispanics should work harder at assimilation. That's one of the things I've been saying for a long time. You know they ought not to be just codified in their communities, but make sure that all their kids are learning to speak English, and that they feel comfortable in the communities. And that's going to take outreach on both sides, frankly."

For saying this, Brokaw — a liberal icon and darling of the mainstream media for decades — was called a "white supremacist" by the left-wing Latino Victory political action group. Democratic presidential candidate in the 2020 elections Joaquin Castro accused him of "xenophobia." The National Association of Hispanic Journalists went even further. Its president, Hugo Balta of MSNBC, denounced the very idea of assimilation, saying "assimilation is denying one culture for the other."

In response to this, Brokaw did what anyone who values his acceptance in liberal circles would do. He issued an apology saying how terrible he felt. But his first attempt was not judged abject enough, so he issued another even more humble one in which he praised one commentator who had savaged him for his heresy.

But the problem with this discussion is not just that Brokaw underestimated the extent to which orthodoxy on this subject is strictly enforced. It's that the whole concept of immigrants trying to fit into America has gone out of fashion, and this is, as Brokaw tried to point out, helping fuel hostility to newcomers.

The story of the Jewish immigrant experience in the United States is, in this respect, instructive. Efforts to become and be recognized as Americans were the priority for those who flooded into the country in the last decades of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th. Yet alongside the ardent desire to fit in was the recognition that however much we achieved here, it was still important for Jews to preserve their particular identity and faith in a new land where they were a small and sometimes despised minority.

The tension between those two trends wove the fabric of American Jewish life in the 20th century as immigrants strove to learn English and establish themselves financially, while also investing in institutions that would make it possible for them to be

both Americans and Jews. While Jewish immigrants initially lived in enclaves where their language, culture, and faith dominated, the struggle to learn English and to learn about America was always important. But above all, it was a community that valued education and strove incessantly to give their children opportunities to succeed.

In a famous excerpt from the Yiddish Forverts newspaper's storied "Bintel Brief" column, an immigrant reader asked editor Abraham Cahan

Americans, we must be better Jews, and to be better Jews, we must become Zionists."

The difference between today's immigrants and those who came from Europe a century or more ago is not one about their ability or value, or even their capacity to assimilate if given the chance. America was built on the diversity and strength of its immigrants. The overwhelming majority of Hispanic immigrants today are, in that respect, no different from the Jews who arrived a century



Members of the Columbia University community gather on Sunday at the public menorah-lighting, organized by Chabad at Columbia University outside Low Memorial Library, on the first night of Hanukkah, Dec. 2, 2018. Photo: Jonathan Harounoff.

what should he do about his son's desire to play baseball since "I want my boy to grow up to be a mensch, not a wild American runner."

In response, Cahan urged his correspondent to let the boy play since it was a healthy occupation and, unlike in Russia or Poland, Jews in America didn't have to hide in their homes from non-Jews. Most of all he wrote, "Let's not raise our children to be foreigners in their own country." Far from being a cocoon in which Jews could isolate themselves from other Americans, the institutions of Jewish life facilitated assimilation rather than opposing it.

The lore of the Jewish immigrant experience — like Leo Rosten's classic, *The Education of H\*Y\*M\*A\*N K\*A\*P\*L\*A\*N* — was one in which the immigrant struggled to assimilate, rather than resist it.

Of course, it wasn't just baseball that drew Jews away from the urban shtetls, like the Lower East Side, where immigrants congregated. The lure of mainstream American culture was irresistible, and the result was that within a couple of generations, many Jews had worked their way into the middle and upper-middle classes of society.

Moreover, America didn't really demand a stark choice between their heritage and fitting in. As US Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis pointed out in defense of American Zionism, "To be good

earlier. But what Brokaw was referring to is the contemporary emphasis on multiculturalism that has devalued the need or the urgency for immigrant populations to assimilate in the same manner as in the past. To the extent that this way of thinking discourages today's immigrants from going through the same rites of passage as their predecessors, it is doing real harm. Anyone who thinks that hasn't added to their burdens or believes that it is only racism at fault is deeply mistaken.

Xenophobic hostility to immigrants is as old as the United States. Resistance to newcomers — whether they were Germans, Irish, Italians, Jews, or Chinese — is part of the context of American history in which we can understand some deplorable attitudes towards Hispanics. But leaving aside separate arguments about respecting the rule of law and opposing those who flout it by entering the country illegally, Brokaw was right about the importance of assimilation. Those who denigrate it are doing neither Hispanics nor any immigrant population any favors.

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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 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 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-API, 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,

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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 AJ; 1/18/25; 2/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WORLD SAVINGS BANK, FSB, Plaintiff, -against- OPHELIA MCGHEE; OVEDIA MCGHEE; JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; JIMIYU EVERETT, Index No.17897/13. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, July 31, 2018 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on August 21, 2018, Betty Lugo, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 223 Chauncy Street, Brooklyn, New York 11233 at public auction in Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adam Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on February 28, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 1687; Lot: 56 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 17897/13. The approximate amount of judgment is \$547,029.98 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK - COUNTY OF KINGS SANTANDER BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, V. VERONA DALLAS, ET AL. NOTICE OF SALE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated April 30, 2018, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Kings, wherein SANTANDER BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK, N.A. F/K/A SOVEREIGN BANK is the Plaintiff and VERONA DALLAS, ET AL. are the Defendants. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the KINGS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 360 ADAMS STREET ROOM 224, BROOKLYN, NY 11201, on February 28, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1305 EAST 83RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11236: Block 8074, Lot 28: ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT, PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN, COUNTY OF KINGS, CITY AND STATE OF NEW YORK Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 504788/2015. Joel Abramson, Esq. - Referee. RAS Boriskin, LLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - RIFKY

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GRUNHUT, A/K/A RIVKY GRUNHUT et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on December 3, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 28th Day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, County of Kings, State of New York. Premises known as 1139 42nd Street, Brooklyn, (City of New York) New York 11219. (Block: 5592, Lot: 64) Approximate amount of lien \$772,321.00 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 11902/2013. Mark Longo, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 9, 2019 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-FXD1 ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-FXD1, Plaintiff - against - CHRISTOPHER BRANDON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on January 4, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, in room 261, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 28th Day of February, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 1091 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, (City of New York) NY 11236. (Block: 4746, Lot: 29) Approximate amount of lien \$244,005.33 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 508192/2014. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: January 11, 2019 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST ANDREW GRANT, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-10-2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on 2-28-2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 433 Jerome 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, SBL: 4030/39. Approximate amount of judgment \$753,960.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #503926/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY 12211 26743 60164 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

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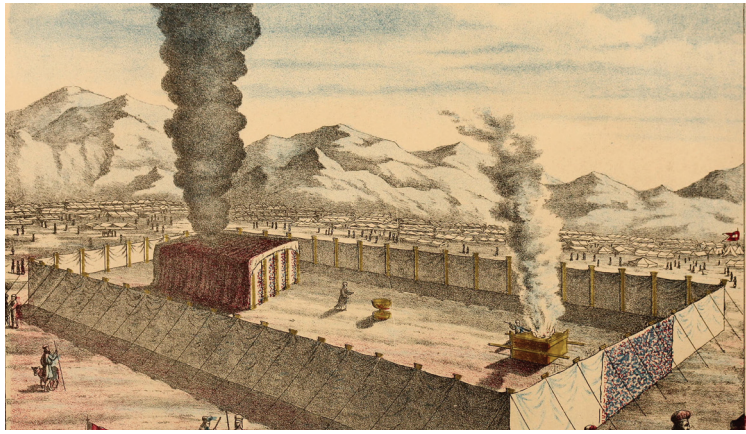
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As soon as we read the opening lines of Terumah we begin the massive shift from the intense drama of the exodus with its signs and wonders and epic events, to the long, detailed narrative of how the Israelites constructed the Tabernacle, the portable sanctuary that they carried with them through the desert.

By any standards it is a part of the Torah that cries out for explanation. The first thing that strikes us



is the sheer length of the account: one third of the book of Shemot, five parshiyot – Terumah, Tetsaveh, half of Ki Tissa, Vayakhel and Pekudei, interrupted only by the story of the golden calf.

This becomes even more perplexing when we compare it with another act of creation, namely G-d's creation of the universe. That story is told with the utmost brevity: a mere thirty four verses. Why take some fifteen times as long to tell the story of the Sanctuary?

The question becomes harder still when we recall that the *mishkan* was not a permanent feature of the spiritual life of the children of Israel. It was specifically designed to be carried on their journey through the wilderness. Later, in the days of Solomon, it would be replaced by the Temple in Jerusalem. What enduring message are we supposed to learn from a construction that was not designed to endure?

Even more puzzling is that fact that the story is part of the book of Shemot. Shemot is about the birth of a nation. Hence Egypt, slavery, Pharaoh, the plagues, the exodus, the journey through the sea and the covenant at Mount Sinai. All these things would become part of the people's collective memory. But the Sanctuary, where sacrifices were offered, surely belongs to Vayikra, otherwise known as *Torat Kohanim*, Leviticus, the book of priestly things. It seems to have no connection with Exodus whatsoever.

The answer, I believe, is profound.

The transition from Bereishit to Shemot, Genesis to Exodus, is

about the change from family to nation. When the Israelites entered Egypt they were a single extended family. By the time they left they had become a sizeable people, divided into twelve tribes plus an amorphous collection of fellow travellers known as the *erev rav*, the "mixed multitude."

What united them was a fate. They were the people whom the Egyptians distrusted and enslaved. The Israelites had a common enemy. Beyond that they had a memory of the patriarchs and their G-d. They shared a past. What was to prove difficult, almost impossible, was to get them to share responsibility for the future.

Everything we read in Shemot tells us that, as is so often the case among people long deprived of freedom, they were passive and they were easily moved to complain. The two often go together. They expected someone else, Moses or G-d himself, to provide them with food and water, lead them to safety, and take them to the promised land.

At every setback, they complained. They complained when Moses' first intervention failed:

"May the Lord look on you and judge you! You have made us obnoxious to Pharaoh and his officials and have put a sword in their hand to kill us." (Ex. 5: 21)

At the Red Sea they complained again:

They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!" (Ex. 14: 11-12)

After the division of the Red Sea, the Torah says: "When the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the Lord displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the Lord and believed in him and in Moses his servant" (Ex. 14: 31). But after a mere three days they were complaining again. There was no water. Then there was water but it was bitter. Then there was no food.

The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff against MICHAEL ADLER, 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 December 13, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on February 28, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1343 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Block 7634 Lot 13. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$585,478.20 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 6409/2013. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee CHJNC500 AJ; 1/25; 2/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank NA, successor trustee to Bank of America, NA, successor in interest to LaSalle Bank NA, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Washington Mutual Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, WMALT Series 2006-8, Plaintiff AGAINST Eric D. Garnes, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Delia Curtis, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/18/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 245 E 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4851, LOT: 40. Approximate amount of judgment is \$780,358.49 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 505910/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, in trust for registered holders of First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-FF1, Plaintiff AGAINST Joselito Vasquez, Nely Vasquez a/k/a Nely M. Vasquez, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 12/12/2018 and entered on 12/21/2018, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1126 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, NY 11221. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 3396, LOT: 20. Approximate amount of judgment is \$625,189.60 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 511834/2015. Steven Z. Naiman, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN &

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GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, KINGS County. MVMF III FIN TRUST, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPHINE JEAN PIERRE; PHENICEN JEAN PIERRE; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR MORTGAGEIT INC.; PRA FUNDING, LLC; CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; KINGS SUPREME COURT; NEW CENTURY FINANCIAL SERVICES; CAVALRY PORTFOLIO SERVICES, LLC, ASSIGNEE OF CALVARY SPV I LLC, ASSIGNEE OF SPRINT; ARROW FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC; MIDLAND FUNDING NCC-2 CORP; NYC ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD; NYC TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU; NYC DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE PARKING VIOLATION BUREAU; EMMA JEAN PIERRE, Index No. 6953/2009. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, January 3, 2017 and entered with the Kings County Clerk on January 26, 2017, Elena K. Makau, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 689 East 19th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11230 at public auction in Room 224 at Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on March 7, 2019 at 2:30 P.M. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York known as Block: 5240; Lot: 80 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 6953/2009. The approximate amount of judgment is \$1,476,235.56 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities Corporation, Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates Series 2008-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Joel Milrod, individually and as surviving joint tenant of Dolly Thomas, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/21/18 and entered on 3/23/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 07, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 4608 Avenue M, Brooklyn, NY 11234. 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: 7871, LOT: 42. Approximate amount of judgment is \$563,432.42 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 501159/2014. Jeffrey R. Miller, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Homebridge Financial Services, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Josianne Valery; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 1, 2017 I, the undersigned

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Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 7, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 871 East 46th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11203. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 4980 Lot 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$405,534.36 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 501049/2014. Joseph Defelice, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 20, 2018 60032 AJ; 2/1/8/15/22

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: 594 MARCY LLC articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/12/2018. 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: Felice Priante 1769 W. 13th Street Brooklyn, NY 11223 purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 2/1/8/15/22; 3/1/8

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, STATE OF NEW YORK MORTGAGE AGENCY, Plaintiff, vs. GLORIA LOPEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on December 21, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on March 14, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 190 Cozine Avenue Unit 6-1J, Brooklyn, NY 11207. 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 4415 and Lot 1155. Approximate amount of judgment is \$286,823.65 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 509296/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertz, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, Plaintiff AGAINST JOHN J. VOTTO, LINDA M. VOTTO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 1-15-2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3-14-2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1462 East 65th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block: 8386 Lot: 72. Approximate amount of judgment \$607,622.77 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #511154/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Carter Conboy Case Blackmore Maloney & Laird, PC 20 Corporate Woods Blvd. Albany, NY

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A scene from "The Invisibles." Photo: Courtesy of Greenwich Entertainment.

## 'The Invisibles' Tells the Amazing Tale of Four Holocaust Survivors

BY ALAN ZEITLIN

When death knocked at her door, Hanni Weissenberg refused to answer it. Living in Berlin in 1943 — when the Nazis tried to wipe out every last Jew — she evaded them, dyed her hair blonde, and assumed a new identity as a widow.

On Sunday, the 94-year-old spoke about her experience after a screening of the film "The Invisibles" at Landmark 57 in midtown Manhattan.

"For the longest time, I thought that I was the only one who dared to do this," she told the audience through an interpreter.

She wasn't. It is estimated that 7,000 Jews hid in Berlin, and that between 1,500 and 1,700 survived. The film focuses on Weissenberg (her last name is now Levy) and three others: Ruth Arndt found a job as a housekeeper for a German who hosted parties for Nazis; Cioma Schonhaus worked as a passport forger and hid in the Afghan embassy; and Eugen Friede became involved in the resistance by helping to create anti-Nazi leaflets — he pretended to be a relative of the family he moved in with.

Director Claus Rafle, who also spoke after the film, said that he decided to do a docudrama, combining survivor interviews with re-enactments by actors so that it would be more engaging.

In most cases, such an attempt becomes flimsy. Here, however, it works well.

Though all of the film's actors are on point, Max Mauff stands out as Cioma, a nerdy looking guy trying to be a big shot. In one scene, he holds the hand of Stella, an attractive Jewish woman he wants to sleep with, and offers to bring her back to his hiding place. She accepts the offer, but asks him if he thinks it's really a good idea. Eventually, he decides not to take her. It ends up being a

wise decision. Stella Goldschlag, played by Laila Maria Witt, was allowed her freedom by the Nazis in exchange for ratting out fellow Jews. In this case, she spares him.

"She was really a dangerous person, looking in cinemas and cafes ... where Jews might be," Rafle said of Stella. "She survived because she was protected by the Gestapo. The Russian Army took Stella and sentenced her to 10 years in jail. She committed suicide many years later at 75 or 76. She could not go on living with this guilt."

As opposed to remaining in one hiding place for the duration of the war, these four Jews walked at times in plain sight, going to the movies and often changing their hideouts. In many cases, their acting skills protected them.

Hanni Levy said that there was one thing that made her believe she could make it through: "My feeling was always that my father, who was dead, already protected me." Her father died of illness before the Holocaust.

The four were also helped by gentiles who risked their lives to save them, often by housing them or giving them passports that could be forged. Levy said that she owed a great debt to those who helped her, including a woman at the box office of the theater she went to.

"I only found out about the horror I escaped by staying in Berlin after the war," Levy said. "My main goal later was to be thankful to the people that had taken risks to help me. When I survived this ordeal, afterward I considered every day as a gift. It was a great gift that I could get married and raise my children. My message is stay alert, be careful, watch out, [and] make sure that this will not happen again because it [now] looks very much like it looked then."

The film is a psychological thriller that keeps you on the edge of your seat, even if you know that the four survived.

## Shalva Band Advances to 'Rising Star' Finals, Amid Looming Shabbat Controversy

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The Shalva Band, an Israeli ensemble made up of eight musicians with disabilities, on Saturday night became the first group to advance to the final round of this year's "Rising Star" singing competition — the winner of which will go on to represent the Jewish state in the Eurovision contest, set to be held in Tel Aviv in May.

The band beat singer Kitrijah by two points with the help of audience votes after judges equally split up their own points between the contestants. The Shalva



The Shalva Band on Saturday night's "Rising Star." Photo: Screenshot.

Band will now have to compete against three other acts for a spot in the Eurovision competition.

Israel earned the right to host Eurovision when Israeli singer Netta Barzilai won last year's competition in Lisbon, Portugal, with her song "Toy."

It has been reported that Shalva, if was chosen to represent Israel at Eurovision, might have to drop out of the competition because of the Shabbat observance of three of its members. The final round of Eurovision is broadcast live on a Saturday night, but participants must take part in a rehearsal during the day.

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU), which produces Eurovision, has informed the band that it must work on Shabbat on the weekend of the competition. Shalva has requested to pre-record its rehearsal, but a source close to the Eurovision production told *The Jerusalem Post* that the EBU rarely made such exceptions and was unlikely to make changes to its schedule.

Popular Israeli singer Omer Adam in January rejected an invitation to perform at Eurovision because the Shabbat rehearsals.

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pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” (Ex. 16: 3)

Soon Moses himself is saying: “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” (Ex. 17: 4)

By now G-d has performed signs and wonders on the people’s behalf, taken them out of Egypt, divided the sea for them, given them water from a rock and manna from heaven, and still they do not cohere as a nation. They are a group of individuals, unwilling or unable to take responsibility, to act collectively rather than complain.

And now G-d does the single greatest act in history. He appears in a revelation at Mount Sinai, the only time in history that G-d has appeared to an entire people, and the people tremble. There never was anything like it before; there never will be again.

How long does this last? A mere forty days. Then the people make a golden calf.

If miracles, the division of the sea and the revelation at Mount Sinai fail to transform the Israelites, what will? There are no greater miracles than these.

That is when G-d does the single most unexpected thing. He says to Moses: speak to the people and tell them to contribute, to give something of their own, be it gold or silver or bronze, be it wool or animal skin, be it oil or incense, or their skill or their time, and get them to build something together – a symbolic home for my presence, a Tabernacle. It doesn’t need to be large or grand or permanent. Get them to make something, to become builders. Get them to give.

Moses does. And the people respond. They respond so generously that Moses is told, “The people are bringing more than enough for doing the work the Lord commanded to be done” (Ex. 36: 5), and Moses has to say, Stop.

During the whole time the Tabernacle was being constructed, there were no complaints, no rebellions, no dissension. What all the signs and wonders failed to do, the construction of the Tabernacle succeeded in doing. It transformed the people. It turned them into a cohesive group. It gave them a sense of responsibility and identity.

Seen in this context, the story of the Tabernacle was the essential element in the birth of a nation. No wonder it is told at length; no surprise that it belongs to the book of Exodus; and there is nothing ephemeral about it. The Tabernacle did not last forever, but the lesson it taught did.

It is not what G-d does for us that transforms us, but what we do for G-d. A free society is best symbolized by the Tabernacle. It is the home we build together. It is only by becoming builders that we turn from subjects to citizens. We have to earn our freedom by what we give. It cannot be given to us as an unearned gift. It is what we do, not what is done to us, that makes us free. That is a lesson as true today as it was then.

# The Story of Iran: A Revolution on Hold

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The establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran exactly 40 years ago was a revolutionary success and a resounding intelligence failure. Western intelligence agencies, among them the Mossad, which for



Members of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

years maintained close ties with the monarchist regime in Tehran, did not correctly assess the street’s disgust with the Shah’s continued rule until the very last minute.

One can also assume that neither the Shah, who was forced to leave Iran on January 16, 1979, nor Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who returned to Iran less than two weeks later, expected things to develop so quickly. Two months after Khomeini’s return from exile, millions of impassioned Iranians voted to replace the monarchy with a revolutionary Islamic regime.

Khomeini offered Iranians the polar opposite of the royal regime. Instead of a secular, brutal, corrupt, and repressive regime that ignored human rights and abused political opponents in prison basements, he promised a regime of Islamic revival, freedom, human rights, integrity, and above all else, economic welfare.

Instead of continuing to serve as the “United States’ and the Zionists’ puppet,” he presented a worldview that stood in direct opposition to the “indecent values” of Western culture. But he never for a minute pretended that his ambitions did not extend far beyond Iran’s borders. Under the stated goal of “exporting the revolution,” Tehran in 1982 established Hezbollah in Lebanon as the arrowhead to “liberate the Islamic nation from the Zionist scourge.”

The decision to raise the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to the top of the Iranian Revolution’s agenda and support the Palestinians with money and arms was no accident. Khomeini believed that the only way to turn Shiite Iran into the leader of the Islamic world was to look for the common denominator that could unite the Sunnis and the Shiites under one flag, and that was hostility towards Israel. Iran declared Al-Quds (Jerusalem) Day an annual event, and late PLO

leader Yasser Arafat was Khomeini’s first guest at his Tehran office.

But over the past 40 years, it has become clear to Iran’s citizens that while the radical and conservative religious ideology led by Khomeini and his successor Ayatollah Ali Khamenei have remained intact, the same cannot be said of the revolution’s promises of reform and change. A majority of the country’s oil profits were pocketed by senior religious figures and members of

the Revolutionary Guard Corps. A substantial amount of the money was also invested in the effort to develop nuclear weapons and subversive activity across and beyond the Arab world. But it did not make its way to Iran’s lower and middle classes.

Waves of protests against religious tyranny and the silencing of opposition and in favor of far-reaching reforms to the structure of power, like the Green Movement in 2009, were suppressed with an iron fist and were not given outside support from, say, former US President Barack Obama.

From Israel’s perspective, the protests were different this time — in that alongside the calls of “death to the dictator,” the public called for an end to Iran’s involvement in Syria and assistance to Hezbollah, and instead called for funds to be allocated toward easing the country’s financial crisis. On social media, young Iranians insisted that “Israel is not the enemy.”

But the December 2017 protests suffered from a lack of unifying leadership and possibly concerns of entering a direct confrontation with security forces. But there is now a younger generation in Iran that was born after the revolution. Members of this generation are sick and tired of religion and want genuine freedom, without veils and limits on freedom of expression. They are interested in opening up their country to the West and the rest of the outside world.

At some point in time, this critical mass will burst out and try to bring about fundamental change to the regime.

As it stands, despite the financial crisis, the regime has shown no sign it intends to relinquish its efforts in Syria, which have cost the government billions of dollars and could escalate into a confrontation with Israel on Syrian soil.

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR NAAC MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST SANTO LOPEZ, CRISTOBALINA ARROYO, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 02, 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 March 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 100 HENDRIX 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 3933, LOT 24. Approximate amount of judgment \$966,864.28 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 408/2014. ROBERT HOWE, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60529 AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P. Plaintiff against BERISH ROTTENBERG, 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 December 14, 2018, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on March 14, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 4412 10th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Block 5607 Lot 40. 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. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$956,249.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506418/2014. Bruno Codispoti, Esq., Referee RRJC004 AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

GROEZ LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/09/19. Office: Kings County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 17 Spring Hollow Road, Old Tappan, NJ 07675. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1/8/15

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CSAB MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, Against H. RICHARD ADELMAN, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 2/6/2017, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on 3/14/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 1146 39th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218, and described as follows: ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon

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erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 5585 and Lot 26. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$890,086.65 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500644/2015. Gregory Cerchione, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/7/2019 File Number: 27393 MNB AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, Against CARMEN MENDEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered on 5/7/2018, 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 3/14/2019 at 2:30 pm, premises known as 2297 Utica Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234, 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, and designated on the tax maps of the Kings County Treasurer as Block 8490 and Lot 27. The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$392,717.23 plus interest and costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 500833/2014. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee. SHELDON MAY & ASSOCIATES Attorneys at Law, 255 Merrick Road, Rockville Centre, NY 11570 Dated: 1/7/2019 File Number: 28768 MNB AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIRST BOSTON MORTGAGE SECURITIES CORP, CSMC MORTGAGE-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-6, Plaintiff AGAINST MOSES OTOTE, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 11, 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 March 14, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 193 SUMPTER STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11233. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 1519, LOT 54. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,183,755.14 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 22250-12. ARNOLD JOEL LUDWIG, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 AJ; 2/8/15/22; 3/1