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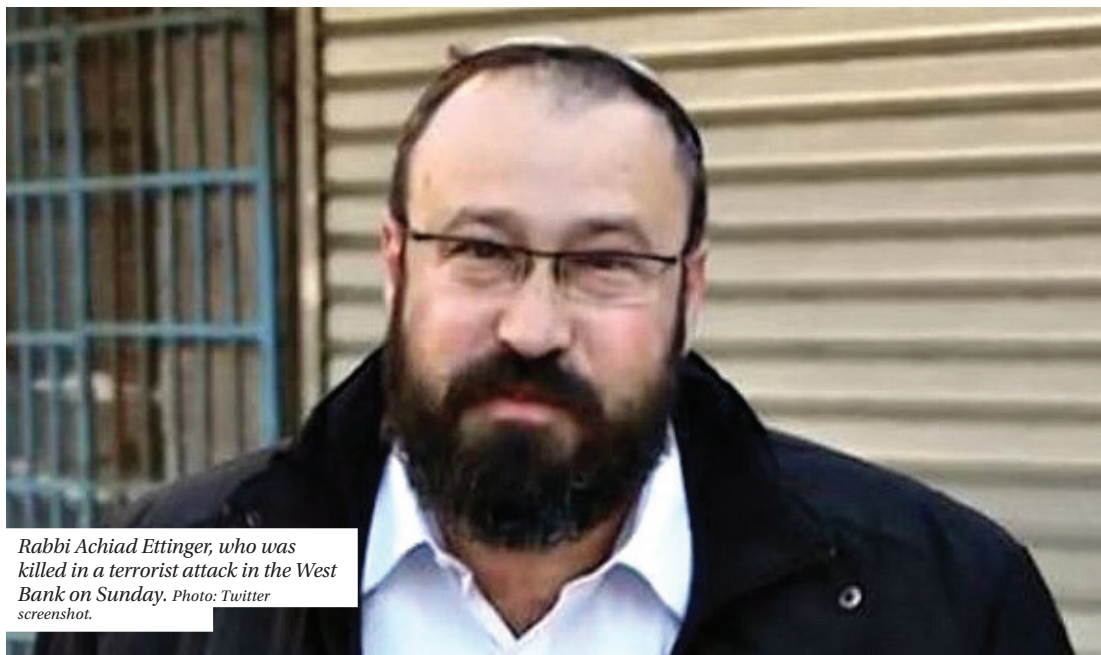
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## Rabbi Murdered in Terror Attack Laid to Rest



Rabbi Achiad Ettinger, who was killed in a terrorist attack in the West Bank on Sunday. Photo: Twitter screenshot.

BY BENJAMIN  
KERSTEIN

Rabbi Achiad Ettinger, who was killed in a terrorist attack at the Ariel junction in the West Bank on Sunday, was laid to rest on Monday after succumbing to his wounds.

Ettinger was shot after a terrorist stabbed IDF soldier Gal Keidan to death, stole his weapon and then opened fire on passing cars. Ettinger reportedly succeeded in returning fire,

but failed to wound the terrorist. He was rushed to the hospital in critical condition, but efforts to save him eventually failed. He left behind his wife Tamar and 12 children, ranging in age from 21 to a year and a half.

According to Hebrew news site *Walla*, hundreds gathered in the community of Eli for Ettinger's funeral on Monday.

Avraham Shiller, the head rabbi of Eli, eulogized Ettinger, saying, "Rabbi Achiad, you are...a

hero and a fighter. ... In your heroism, you are a messenger of all the Israeli people. ... You are a hero of the love of Israel."

"How will Tamar raise 12 children alone?" Shiller asked. "How will Tamar lead them to the chuppah alone? How will 12 children grow up without a father. ... But we are all Mordechai the Jew. A Jew is a person who is tested by trials. We fall down and get up."

The mourners also heard a

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## Pittsburgh Jews Reach Out to New Zealand Muslim Community

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Members of Pittsburgh's Jewish community are reaching out to the Muslims of Christchurch after the massacre at two mosques in the New Zealand city on Friday in which 50 worshipers were killed by a white supremacist gunman.

Marnie Fienberg — whose mother-in-law was one of the 11 Jews murdered at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh in October, also by a white supremacist assailant



Flowers are placed outside Linwood mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 17, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Edgar Su.

— wrote in *NOW Magazine*, "New Zealand may be half way around the globe, but it's the same story of hate and violence against people peacefully praying to their Creator."

"I wish I was there to comfort the families and help support them in their pain and agony," she said. "I can't stop crying for those left behind, especially the children — children who are old enough to understand that there is loss, but don't understand the meaningless and utterly insane hatred that spawned it. Remembering the look on your children's faces when you told them that their grandmother is dead from hatred haunts you every day."

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## An Open Letter to Nancy Pelosi

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## Opinion.

# Don't Give Up on the Democrats: The Need for Bipartisanship



MARTIN OLINER  
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During the Passover seder next month, Jewish families around the world will recall how "In each and every generation, they rise up against us to destroy us, and the Holy One, blessed be He, rescues us from their hands."

That has unfortunately been historically accurate — since the days of Pharaoh to the Babylonians, Haman, Greeks, Romans, Crusaders, expulsion from Western European countries, pogroms in Russia, the Holocaust, and the repeated attempts to annihilate the State of Israel.

The massacre of Jews at the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in October — the most deadly attack on Jews in American history — was a painful reminder that Jews are not entirely safe in the US now.

Especially following that attack, there can be no excuse for any public figure, certainly elected officials, to engage in any form of antisemitism. It should be obvious that, just like there is zero tolerance in America for statements against women and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, no antisemitism can be tolerated, accepted, or explained away as ignorance.

Therefore, the dual loyalty canard of freshman Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar was particularly offensive. The fact that she reaffirmed her statements even after her Democratic Congressional colleagues asked her to apologize proves that Omar's offenses were intentional. Her remarks were designed to introduce antisemitism into the mainstream debate, and to legitimize and foster that discussion.

In the final analysis, antisemitism is a disease that infects the antisemite. We may be the intended victims, but the disease is theirs.

The Democratic leadership disappointed the Jewish community by not insisting on a Congressional resolution exclusively condemning antisemitism. This surrender to extremists in the party's progressive wing is a frightening omen for the future, as that wing's power grows.

House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn made matters worse by suggesting that Omar had a "more personal" relationship to suffering than the descendants of Holocaust survivors. For a man whose job is to build a consensus among the new Democratic majority, he should have known better.

Nevertheless, the mainstream Democratic Party remains pro-Israel. The leadership remains in the hands of unquestionably pro-Israel members of Congress and not the likes of Omar, Rashida Tlaib, or Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

There are 32 Jewish Democrats in the House and Senate whose efforts for American

Jewry and for Israel cannot be underestimated, as well as Congressmen like Tom Suozzi who rightly condemned Omar.

"Antisemitism is real and growing," Suozzi told *CNN*. "After Representative Omar made apologies in the past for statements she made in the past and now made them again, we have to be very firm in clearly speaking out against antisemitism and say you can't do this. It's wrong to question people's loyalty because they're pro-Israel."

Suozzi said that Omar's statements "conjure up the worst antisemitic stereotypes."

It is that mainstream Democratic Party that must be nurtured by the American Jewish leadership, so that it doesn't get taken over by extremists and overt antisemites like the Labour Party in Britain. Those advocating giving up on the Democrats have forgotten that Israel's bipartisan relationship is its top strategic asset.

While empowering that mainstream wing of the party, it is important to keep fighting the fringes, so their views do not gradually become accepted. The best approach is that of AIPAC, which has been working sensitively to maintain support for Israel across the aisle, even when it has been dragged into the headlines.

"Charges of dual loyalty are antisemitic and insult millions of patriotic Americans — Jewish and non-Jewish — who stand by Israel," AIPAC courageously tweeted in response



US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (L), her grandson Paul (3rd R), US Rep. James Clyburn (2nd R) and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) Chairman Ben Ray Lujan (R), Nov. 6, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Jonathan Ernst.

to Omar's attack. "Our alliance with Israel is in the US national interest. We will not be deterred from exercising our right to advocate for a strong US-Israel relationship."

It is that spirit that must unite the Jewish people in the face of challenges that are intensifying. Unity in the American Jewish community is more important now than ever, as is educating Jews so that they appreciate their history and background. We need to eradicate ignorance among all Jews, and especially young Jews.

Each individual can do his part, simply by learning more about Israel and Judaism. An important step toward achieving both that unity and an unequalled learning experience is attending this month's AIPAC Policy Conference.

As the Hebrew phrase goes regarding encountering obstacles: "We have overcome Pharaoh. We will overcome this, too." We must.

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## On the Golan, Iran Talks, Israel Walks

EYAL ZISSER/  
ISRAEL HAYOM/JNS.org

The Israeli public received a reminder last week about the danger lying in wait in the north, amid reports of Hezbollah's ongoing efforts to establish a presence along the border on the Golan Heights. Over the weekend, the country's focus was on the missile attack from Gaza on central Israel, which reminded us all — even if, according to sources in the Israel Defense Forces, the missile were launched as a result of "human error" — about the ticking time bomb on our southern border.

The voices belong to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah or, in Gaza, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and Hamas, but in both cases, the deeds are that of Iran. The Islamic Republic wants to tighten the noose around Israel with rockets and terror on all fronts. This as it pursues the ultimate goal laid out two decades ago by none other than Yasser Arafat in his infamous Johannesburg speech, when he said that the Palestinians' strategic objective was to make life so hellish for Israelis that they would want to leave their country.

In the time that has passed, Israel has gained the upper hand in this conflict. Tehran has been forced to withdraw its forces from southern Syria and is struggling to realize its aspiration of building an active anti-Israel front on Syrian soil, including air and naval bases and mainly advanced missiles, with which to menace, deter, and exhaust Israel.

Hezbollah's efforts to establish a foothold on the Golan have also been fruitless. Ever since it intervened in the Syrian civil war in the spring of 2013, the terrorist organization has tried establishing terrorist cells along the border with the help of local Syrians, and its operatives patrol the border frontier as a matter of routine. Hezbollah's aim is to form an active front against Israel, stretching, as declared by Nasrallah, from Rosh Hanikra on the Mediterranean Sea to Hamat Gader in the Jordan Valley. Thus far, however, Israel has been able to thwart these efforts. Enlisted local operatives have been eliminated. Samir Kuntar — the child murderer who joined Hezbollah after his release from Israeli prison — and Jihad Mughniyeh, the son of the organization's former military commander, were assassinated after being tasked with spearheading these efforts.

Hezbollah has not given up, apparently, and recently formed a clandestine unit to gather intelligence on Israeli forces along the border to prepare the groundwork for future terrorist attacks. It has done this without the knowledge of its host, Syrian President Bashar Assad, who isn't heeded in Tehran or in Beirut,

due to his weakness and utter dependence on Iranian military support.

Revealing this unit was meant to deter Hezbollah and let it know it is "exposed and vulnerable" to Israeli intelligence. It is also a message to Assad, who emerged victorious from his country's civil war, thanks to Russia and Iran, that Tehran and Hezbollah are looking to appropriate his triumph.

The Assad regime's lack of international legitimacy, due to his atrocities and particularly his weakness and willingness to bow to Iran and Hezbollah, has led the American administration to change its policies pertaining to Israel's status on the Golan.

Nikki Haley, the former US ambassador to the United Nations, was the first to vote against a resolution condemning Israel's presence on the Golan Heights. "The destruction Assad is leaving in his wake proves he isn't capable of ruling over anything," she said at the time. Current senior American officials, such as Sen. Lindsey Graham, who visited the territory last week, followed in her footsteps. Others in the international community will follow in the wake created by the Trump administration — similar to the American president's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Israel must be uncompromising as it continues countering Iran and Hezbollah's presence in Syria, whether through diplomatic means or warning shots fired via the media. First and foremost, however, it must strike the head of the snake every time it rears its head. Thanks to Assad, the Golan Heights will remain safely in Israel's hands.

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IDF soldiers look on toward people standing next to the Israel-Syria border fence on the Golan Heights, July 17, 2018. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zvulun.

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## World News.

## Jordanian Lawmakers Call for Expelling Israeli Ambassador Over Temple Mount Dispute

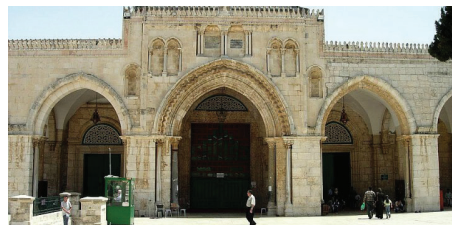
BY JNS.ORG

Jordanian lawmakers are calling for expelling the Israeli ambassador in Amman, Amir Weissbrod, in retaliation for “ongoing Israel aggression” at Jerusalem’s holy sites, including the Temple Mount.

“The parliament recommended the government recall the Jordanian ambassador from Israel and expel the Israeli ambassador from Amman to confront the ongoing Israeli aggression at holy sites in occupied Jerusalem,” reported the official Petra news agency.

Along with Egypt, Jordan is the only Arab nation to have a peace accord with Israel. The Jordanian Wakf has custodianship of the mount complex, which includes the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa mosque. Israeli police maintain security order on the complex.

On Sunday, an Israeli court ordered the tentative closure of a side building on the



Al-Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Photo: Mark A. Wilson/Department of Geology, the College of Wooster.

compound known as the Golden Gate—also referred to as the “Gate of Mercy,” Sha’ar HaRachamim in Hebrew and Bab al-Dhahabi in Arabic. The building in question had been inactive for years and then recently opened by the Wakf despite a Supreme Court ruling banning the opening of the compound.

Jordan slammed the ruling, as its foreign ministry remarked that Israel would bear “full responsibility for the dangerous consequences” behind the decision.

## El Al to Offer Direct Flights Between Tel Aviv and Chicago

BY JNS.ORG

El Al will be offering direct flights between Tel Aviv and Chicago starting in 2020, stated Israel’s flag carrier last week in its quarterly earnings report.

This development comes as the airline will acquire additional Boeing 787 Dreamliners, having already acquired eight of the 16 it ordered, according to the Israeli financial news site *Globes*.

In North America, El Al currently flies out of New York; Newark, NJ; Los Angeles; Boston; Miami; and Toronto.

That will soon expand as the airline offers flights from San Francisco starting on May 13; Las Vegas beginning on June 14; and Orlando, Fla., as of July 2.

Leaders from the Jewish United Fund/Jewish Federation, along with then-Consul General of Israel to the Midwest Roey Gilad, met in 2016 with both Chicago Department of Aviation and El Al officials to convince the airline to open a hub at O’Hare International Airport in the Windy City.

“El Al’s return to the Chicago market with a direct flight to Israel is a long-awaited, exciting development,” JUF Executive Vice President Jay Tcath told JNS. “Though their absence was longer than anyone imagined or hoped for, there was never any doubt but that they would return.

“That return is most welcomed by religious pilgrims of all faiths, business professionals, academics and artists—in short, anyone and everyone who is looking forward to their first or their 50th trip to Israel,” he said. “The renewed direct flights will make all types of exchanges—goods and services, research, tourism, medical cooperation and people to people—easier and therefore more frequent and profitable for all.”



An El Al Boeing 777. Photo: Mark Tang via Wikimedia Commons.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh is collecting donations for Christchurch’s Muslim community.

Donations can be made online at the federation’s website.

“Unfortunately we are all too familiar with the devastating effect a mass shooting has on a faith community,” Meryl Ainsman, the chair of the federation’s board, said. “We are filled with grief over this senseless act of hate. May those who were injured heal quickly and fully, and may the memories of the victims forever be a blessing.”

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“No one — no matter one’s religion, age, colour, anything — should be harmed in any way while peacefully praying in a house of worship,” Fienberg added. “To the families that are reeling, I want to say that we in the Jewish community are your siblings; we are all children of Abraham. We are appalled at this attack and mourn your loss deeply. We pray for peace, and I personally will pray today that your families are sitting beside Allah in paradise.”

## Israeli Forensics Team Travels to Ethiopia to Help Identify Plane-Crash Victims



US Ambassador Mike Raynor from the US Embassy in Ethiopia at the crash site of Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302 on March 10, 2019. Photo: US Embassy in Ethiopia.

BY JNS.ORG

A forensics team from the Israel Police arrived on Monday in Ethiopia to assist local authorities in identifying the remains of two Israelis who were killed alongside the 155 other passengers onboard Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302, which crashed to the ground shortly after takeoff on March 10.

Reportedly, it may take half a year to identify the victims’ remains.

“We are embarking on a national mission and joining the international effort and other delegations that will arrive in the field,” said chief superintendent Ilan Peer, the leader of the delegation, reported *The Jerusalem Post*.

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recording made by Ettinger’s younger children, in which they said, “We remember that every two weeks you would take us on an outing. You took us to the mall in Ariel. On every trip you taught us about animals, about flowers and trees. ... I remember that father took us on a hike into the hills and we saw a special butterfly, and you told me what type it was. You bought us animals that we will raise and protect.”

Ettinger worked with residents of south Tel Aviv, and the children remembered that “we would join you to shop in the shuk. You traveled early in the morning to Tel Aviv and taught Torah, and every evening you made sure to take one of us for a personal conversation. You always made sure to help. You were a holy human being. Every day that you returned from work you took all of us to teach or speak with.”

“Father, you were a hero,” they added, saying that during the attack, Ettinger tried to “save people.”

“You shot at the terrorist and thus saved many people,” they noted. “You were a precious father and we miss you very much.”

Ettinger’s second-oldest child, Efrat, also eulogized her father, saying, “Just now in the hospital, it became clear to me that you have students who still call you ‘father,’ who are not ready for you to stop raising them. How is it that you who brought so much life into the world are not here to live with us? The vile terrorist thought that he would take life, but he didn’t know how much life you left here, how much power you left us that will raise us together with the people of Israel. Only now do I understand how modest you were.”

“Our goal is to identify the two Israelis who perished in the disaster.”

The Israelis identified were Avraham Matzliah, 49, of Ma’ale Adumim and Shimon Re’em, 55, of Zichron Ya’akov.

A ZAKA emergency response group sent volunteers to Ethiopia just hours after the crash to identify and repatriate the remains of Re’em and Matzliah so they could be afforded a proper burial by their families back in Israel.

A family friend of the Matzliah family, Shimon Misha, told *AFP* that he flew to Ethiopia to help locate the remains of his friend, but was prevented by investigators. He was allowed, however, to conduct a search for Matzliah’s *tefillin*.

“My father, you are a hero,” she added, “a true hero. Unto death you were for everyone, you were strong in spirit and body, and you used all of this for all of us. You didn’t see yourself, you saw us, the people of Israel. ... I promise I will watch over mother, who you loved so much.”

Ettinger’s 18-year-old son, an IDF soldier, spoke of his father’s heroism as well, saying, “In your final moments, you fought, you did not give up. ... I must ask your forgiveness for all the time I didn’t honor you, and the other thing is that I am unable to take your revenge because we still have life to live. I promise that I will continue your legacy. They may have taken you, but the spirit they cannot take. Thank you for what you were.”

Education Minister Naftali Bennett was also present at the funeral, and said to the children, “Your father was a hero in life and a hero in death.” Referencing the Book of Judges, Bennett said, “The lesson we can teach today is to make sure that every child in the State of Israel will look at Rabbi Achiad and say, ‘Look upon me, and do likewise.’”

“You conveyed your spirit as a hero of Israel,” Bennett added, and said to Ettinger’s children, “It is true that we are strong and you will continue the path of your holy father and continue because this is what is done. Because this is what is done in Eli, in Judea and Samaria, and in all the Land of Israel. We are strengthened.”

“But the evil that strikes down the best of our people must be struck down,” he stated. “I say that Jewish blood will no longer be the cheapest commodity in the Middle East. We will strike down terror only when we liberate ourselves from our conceptual and legal bonds that prevent us from winning.”

# World News.



Pro-Israel demonstrators rally outside the UN Human Rights Council's 40th session in Geneva on Monday. Photo: Screenshot.

## Pro-Israel Crowd in Geneva Protests Outside UN Human Rights Council's Ritual Condemnation of Jewish State

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Hundreds of pro-Israel demonstrators on Monday gathered outside the United Nations Human Rights Council's 40th session in Geneva as the body prepared for its annual "item 7" debate — a fixed agenda item for Israel alone among the UN's 193 member states, and one solely dedicated to alleged Israeli human rights abuses.

Organized by the human rights advocacy organization UN Watch under the slogan #EnoughisEnough, speakers at the rally called for the scrapping of "item 7."

"It speaks to the fundamental flaws of the Human Rights Council that it singles out Israel on a permanent basis," Richard Grenell — the US ambassador to Germany — told the crowd to applause.

Monday's rally coincided with what UN Watch called an "unprecedented assault" on Israel, as the council published seven separate reports alleging Israeli war crimes and other human rights offenses. By comparison, some of the world's most notorious human rights abusers, including North Korea, Venezuela and Syria, are the subject of just one resolution each.



In protest of the UN Human Rights Council's unprecedented censorship of my speech below, I have formally withdrawn my speaking slot in the next UNHRC debate today. I urge UN rights chief @mbachelet & monitor @davidakaye to speak out for freedom of speech with the UN itself.

Hillel Neuer (@HillelNeuer) For 1st time that I can remember (and I've been here for 15 years) the Chair of the @UN\_HRC just ended my speech after a few seconds, on a point of order from Cuba & PLO, because I tried to simply read out the names of the countries that spoke today in the debate against Israel.

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Leading the pack was the UN Gaza Commission of Inquiry, which released a 228-page report on the weekly Hamas-led border demonstrations known as the "Great March of Return." About two hundred Palestinians were killed and hundreds more wounded during the protests from March to December 2018, the subject of the inquiry. The commis-

sion's chairman, Argentine diplomat Santiago Canton, accused the IDF of "application of lethal force [that] was in the majority of cases authorized unlawfully."

Canton charged Israel with engaging in the "arbitrary deprivation of life."

The new Gaza inquiry's report calls on countries around the world to "arrest persons alleged to have committed the international crimes" — IDF personnel of all ranks — and to subject them to "individual sanctions," including "a travel ban or an assets freeze."

The report further calls for the UN Human Rights Council to "manage the dossiers on the alleged [Israeli] perpetrators," to be provided to national and international tribunals, "including the International Criminal Court."

Israeli analysts were sharply critical of the latest Gaza report, pointing out that the commission had flatly ignored statements by Hamas' own leaders that depicted the clashes on the border as a war on Israel, rather than a civilian protest.

"[The report ignores Hamas leader] Mahmoud Zahar's explanation that 'when we talk about peaceful resistance, we are deceiving the public. This is peaceful resistance bolstered by military force and by security agencies,'" a briefing from the Jerusalem-based research institute NGO Monitor said following the report's publication.

NGO Monitor asserted that there were "major flaws" in the UN report, among them the inclusion of 350 "anonymous, unverifiable" interviews and the claim that the so-called "armed wings" of Palestinian terrorist groups such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine "helped organize, but were not represented" at the border protests.

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On behalf of the Igud/RAA Presidium and of the Beth Din, I extend greetings of Torah.

Rabbi Mendy Mirocznik Executive Vice - President, Rabbinical Alliance of America

July 17, 2018

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Date	Time	Activities
Thurs. 4/18	12-2 pm	Pick up packages
Fri. 4/19	8:00 pm	Doors Open
4/19 Sedar I	8:30 pm	Ancient Secrets of Judaism
Shabbat 4/20	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	8:30 pm	Q & A: Judaism
	8:30 pm	Doors Open
4/20 Sedar II	8:30 pm	Exodus: Legend or History
Sun. 4/21	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Lecture: 7 Wonders of Our Jewish Nation
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
Mon. 4/22	12:00 pm	Lecture: Defending The Faith
	1:00 pm	Spectacular Children's Program: Arts and Crafts
	7:30 pm	Meal
	7:30 pm	Popular Aish HaTorah Speaker: Matzah = Affliction = Redemption
	7:30 pm	Shomer Shabbos Singles Program With Live Music, Matchmakers & Smorgasboard.
Tues. 4/23	12:00 pm	Meal
	7:30 pm	What is kosher food?
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
Wed. 4/24	12:00 pm	Lecture: The Power of Prayer
	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Lecture: The Deeper Beauty of Shabbos
	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
	7:30 pm	Lecture: Oral vs. Written Torah

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	7:30 pm	Meal/Seuda
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Fri. 4/26	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
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staff of the Beth Shifra Institutions break up the rally. Since many of the protesters missed the Megilla reading, the staff of Beth Shifra held to Megilla readings, so those who were instrumental in breaking up the rally could observe the Mitzva properly.

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

## U.S. News.

# Zionist Student Group Accuses UC Berkeley Middle East Center of Anti-Israel 'Indoctrination'

BY SHIRI MOSHE

A Zionist student group has accused the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) at the University of California, Berkeley, of displaying bias against Israel, raising concerns over its use of federal funding.

In an online statement on Tuesday, Tikvah: Students for Israel maintained that the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) — a National Resource Center under the US Department of Education's Title VI program — has held more than two dozen Israel-related events since 2016, each one of which "has maliciously attempted to portray the democracy of Israel in a negative light."

The group pointed to a series of recent discussions, including one earlier this month on "The Israel Lobby and Anti-Semitism," where participants "publicly defended Ilhan Omar's anti-semitic comments and accusations of global Jewish conspiracies," according to Tikvah.

Despite this alleged focus on Israel, CMES refused to co-sponsor an upcoming campus talk with former Israeli Knesset member and Ambassador Danny Ayalon, Tikvah charged. "CMES is engaging in an anti-academic policy of indoctrination, and there is no room to view their one-sided hateful narrative as anything but an abuse of their platform."

Nathan Bentolila, president of Tikvah, told *The Algemeiner* that his team reached out to CMES about hosting Ayalon in early February, "and we received a reply stating that they prefer 'academic speakers' and that we should fill out a collaboration request form."

Ayalon is currently a visiting professor at Yeshiva University in New York, a position Bentolila said the students reiterated. We "filled out their speaker form, but ... received no reply even after following up," he shared.

When Tikvah co-hosted Harvard Law School Professor Emeritus Alan Dershowitz last year, "we were told that their calendar was full," Bentolila recalled. "They will never outright say no to an event, but when there is always a disingenuous excuse and they never host events that portray Israel in a fair way, we call into question the academic honesty and integrity of the department regarding Israel."

Tikvah members have taken part in several events hosted by CMES, "all of which had a negative undertone regarding Israel," he said. "One of our members was told to 'never trust information or sources originating in Israel' when discussing the Iran Deal."

While members did not necessarily attend every event, many of the gatherings hinted at their biases in advance through the chosen subject matter or speakers, he argued, pointing to a film series held early last year in partnership with the Arab Film Festival "on the 70th anniversary of Al-Nakba of 1948."

The Arabic term "*Nakba*" — literally meaning "catastrophe" — is used by Palestinians to refer to Arab displacements and other circumstances surrounding Israel's establishment in 1948.

"When an event titled 'Corruption in the Middle East' focuses entirely on corruption allegations against a democratically elected leader in Israel, you must ask yourself if the real goal of the event was to discuss actual corruption that is rampant in this region or to demonize Israel," he added. "The CMES claims to be one of the most important academic sources regarding the Arab world, Iran, Israel and Turkey ... yet they only give one perspective and are indoctrinating generations of students with a falsified image of Israel."

CMES chair Emily Gottreich, who signed a 2009 petition advising against establishing a UC study abroad program to Israel, did not respond to *The Algemeiner's* request for comment by press time.

A spokesperson for UC Berkeley distanced the school's administration from the allegations, saying that academic departments and research centers such as CMES are "under the authority of our faculty."

Miriam Elman — associate professor at Syracuse University and executive director of the Academic Engagement Network, which advocates against anti-Zionist bias in academia — expressed concerns following Tikvah's statement that CMES was failing to comply with its obligations as a National Resource Center.

"As a recipient of Title VI federal funding, the CMES @ UC Berkeley is required to provide a diversity of viewpoints on the #MENA region," Elman wrote on Twitter. "It's obviously egregiously non-compliant."

"Unfortunately, Berkeley's CMES is not alone," Elman added in comments to *The Algemeiner*. "A number of our nation's 16 federally-funded Middle Eastern Studies centers are misusing tax-payer money ... to promote biased anti-Israel programming."

"Centers funded under Title VI are supposed to advance

the interests of US national security and foreign relations, not create one-sided learning environments where diverse perspectives on critical issues are stifled," she argued.

Similar reservations were expressed by Alyza Lewin, president of the Louis D. Brandeis Center For Human Rights Under Law, which has for years "been concerned with the misuse of federal funds under Title VI of the Higher Education Opportunities Act."

"Funding is contingent upon the congressional requirement that programming must reflect 'diverse perspectives and a wide range of views,'" Lewin told *The Algemeiner*. "When Middle Eastern studies centers use their federal funds to promote biased, one-sided, anti-American and anti-Israel programming and then refuse to engage in or support pro-Israel programming, they undercut the purpose of Title VI."

Tammi Rossman-Benjamin, head of the

campus antisemitism watchdog AMCHA Initiative, indicated that while she could not comment specifically on CMES, she was "not surprised" by Tikvah's concerns, pointing to a three-year study her group conducted on the Center for Near Eastern Studies (CNES) at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

"Our research found that between 2010-2013, CNES disproportionately focused on Israel and the Israeli-Arab conflict, with 93% of events on Israel being anti-Israel, and 75% displaying anti-Semitic discourse," she explained. "During that same period, CNES received \$1.5 million from the Department of Education under Title VI."

"This type of behavior at UCLA, and the alleged behavior at Berkeley, completely distorts the scholarly and educational mission of any department and is a violation of the Higher Education Act," she said.

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## Opinion.

# New Zealand's Anti-Muslim Terror Abomination



SHMULEY BOTEACH  
ENGELWOOD

If murdering innocent men, women, and children in a house of worship is not evil, then the word has no meaning. The white supremacist abomination in Christchurch against our Muslim brothers and sisters shakes us all to our core, and forces us to look for explanations and answers.

I have visited New Zealand many times in the past. In arriving there, you have to make sure that you're not carrying any fruits or vegetables with you; the country takes its agricultural laws very seriously. I was thinking about this over the past few days, as I pondered New Zealand's innocence.

We in the United States can likewise remember a time when getting on an airplane did not involve anything like the rigorous security checks we now endure in the wake of 9/11. New Zealand will now have to deepen its security protocols, as it has learned that evil is a global phenomenon from which no one is immune.

Hatred has no borders. It spreads like a virus and is contagious. We in the Jewish community have learned this throughout our history, as we have faced persecution and annihilation in so many of the countries where we have resided. The painful experience of the recent Pittsburgh shooting reminds us that even in the United States, we Jews are not immune.

Now our Muslim brothers and sisters are being targeted by neo-Nazis for mass shootings as well. This should lead our two communities to forge deeper ties and bonds of brotherhood — not just because we are both targets, but because we have so many mutual values and goals.

Around the world, Jewish ritual slaughter, Shechita, is being banned, along with circumcision. The same laws, especially in Europe, seek to ban Muslim ritual slaughter, and male Muslim ritual circumcision. In some countries, Muslims and Jews are already working together to stop these unfair assaults against religious observance. Now, we should do the same to stop the growth of white nationalist attacks against our two communities.

I am well aware that Muslims and Jews will not necessarily agree on Israel and the Middle East political landscape. But there are plenty of communities who work closely

together in vital areas amidst serious disagreements in others.

I arrived to serve as a rabbi at Oxford University in 1988 and led the pro-Israel L'Chaim Society there. One of our principal opponents at the time was the Oxford Middle East Society, comprised mostly of Arab and Muslim students, who hosted leading Palestinian spokespeople like Hanan Ashrawi to make the case against Israel.

Yet there were many personal friendships between the two organizations, even as we battled it out over Middle East policy. Our policy disputes did not trickle down into personal animus. The L'Chaim Society regularly hosted Muslim students — many of whom were scions of distinguished Arab families — and we also helped provide kosher meat to Halal students who did not have other options.

So much has changed since then. On campus especially, we see the growing alienation of the two camps as criticism of Israel has deteriorated into demonization.

But it need not be so.

After the Pittsburgh massacre, we witnessed Muslim organizations joining to show comfort and pay respects to the Jewish victims and their families. And now, after New Zealand, the same applies, as Jewish organizations throughout the world have offered



People gather at a vigil to mourn for the victims of the Christchurch mosque attack in New Zealand, at Washington Square Park in Manhattan, in New York City, New York, U.S. March 15, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Rashid Umar Abbasi.

comfort and support to our Muslim brothers and sisters in this time of unspeakable horror.

We are all equally God's children, a fact that white supremacists especially wish to deny. The very essence of being a racist is to believe in a hierarchy of races, with some being more human than others. No belief is in greater violation of the Torah than this evil idea.

We Jews mourn the Christchurch slaughter along with our Muslim brothers and sisters, and pray for a time when the evil white supremacist ideology that took the lives of six million Jews and more than one million Jewish children will be eradicated from the earth — and when people of all faiths and no faith will join together to create lasting peace on earth.

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# The Christchurch Mosque Massacre and the Changing Face of Extremism



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By the time that America woke up on Friday, March 15, Google's search engine was jammed with news of a mass shooting at another place of worship in the world. Counts of 49 dead and dozens wounded were being reported at the Al Noor Mosque in the city of Christchurch, New Zealand.

Doubtless, many people were looking for the manifesto penned in advance of this atrocity, titled "The Great Replacement," which the gunman had apparently issued. The text was easy to find and nauseating to read. To summarize its ideas and arguments at any length would endow it, and him, with a dignity that is unwarranted; suffice to say, this man believes that what he calls "high fertility rates" among Muslims are at the root of an Islamic war against Western civilization, and are therefore justification for the mass murder of innocents worshipping at a mosque. "I only wish I could have killed more invaders (Muslims) and more traitors (western converts to Islam) as well," he wrote chillingly.

Madman? Psychopath? Fool? All of those things are painfully obvious. Still, I would argue that as diseased as the perpetrator's mind is, it is worth dwelling on the way that he depicts himself in his manifesto, because it provides an important snapshot of the sorts of influences and obsessions that animate racist violence and terrorism today. The picture that emerges does not sit easily with any political

worldview — a fact that might, ironically, help to bridge the many and real divides that presently exist between Jewish and Muslim communities living in the West.

In both the selection of the target and the justification for the shooting, there was an unmistakable parallel. Last October, white supremacist Robert Bowers chose to express his opposition to immigration by murdering 11 Jews worshipping at a synagogue in Pittsburgh. Now, just months later, this latest gunman chose a mosque to mount a similar assault, fueled by conspiracy theories about "invaders" and an uncontrollable rage triggered by Islamist terror attacks in the West (in this case, the truck bomb attack in Stockholm that claimed five lives in April 2017).

Like Bowers, the New Zealand shooter sees himself as a member of a select group of alert white citizens who perceive a critical truth that everyone else is simply too brain-washed to recognize; and that is enough to justify an act of slaughter like that at the Al Noor Mosque. But unlike Bowers, Jews do not lie at the center of this man's paranoid universe. Whereas Bowers, who now awaits trial, is a true believer in the Nazi caricature of a Jew — the source of all the injustice, decadence, and race-mixing in the world — for the New Zealand gunman, Jews are relatively incidental.

This isn't because he likes Jews. As with most antisemites these days on the right and left, he says in his manifesto that he is not an antisemite, and then adds right afterwards that "a Jew (sic) living in Israel (sic) is no enemy of mine, as long as they do not seek to subvert or harm my people." But subversion and harm, in the mind of the antisemite, is precisely



An injured person is loaded into an ambulance following a shooting at the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 15, 2019. Photo: Reuters / SNPA / Martin Hunter.

what "the Jews" cannot stop themselves from doing. One can safely imagine that were our community's "fertility rates" on the same scale as the world's 1.6 billion Muslims, such contemptuous indifference would mushroom into outright hate.

There is also the matter of the political positions that this man identifies with. What all this demonstrates is the strong degree of cross-fertilization between different, even contradictory, strands of extremism on both the right and left that has been enabled by the Internet, particularly over the last decade.

The shooter tells us he is a fascist, and specifically an "eco-fascist." His main political influence is Sir Oswald Mosely — the British socialist leader who evolved into a black-shirted, fascist antisemite during the 1930s. The New Zealand gunman doesn't object to being called a "socialist"; he can be, he says, both right-wing and left-wing depending on the context. The country he most identifies with is the People's Republic of China, but at the same time he quotes a cult slogan of Neo-Nazi groups — "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children" — as the basis of his worldview.

For someone who clearly exposed himself to a great deal of information about the world around him and yet properly understood almost none of it, this man underlines an awkward truth with this last aspect of his confession, albeit by accident.

It is this: the ideas, images, buzzwords, and symbols of extremism in its present form are interchangeable. That's why white

identitarians have come to the fore, for whom Jewish power and influence are not the most pressing concern. But it is also why you have left-wing socialists, like several members of the British Labour Party, who conduct social-media campaigns against "the Rothschilds," "the Zionists," and the other alleged instruments of "Jewish supremacism." Similarly, it is why two antisemites from France with far-right connections, Alain Soral and Dieudonne Mbala Mbala, were warmly welcomed last December in red flag-waving, communist North Korea. These and countless similar examples explain why it's inadvisable to assume that extremists believe what they believe with any consistency.

There is only one line from the latest gunman's manifesto that I will quote in full, so as to make my last point. "There are no innocents in an invasion, all those who colonize other people's lands share guilt," he writes. Those words convey the torrent of angry emotions that drove, in Friday's case, a white racist; but they can serve a Hamas suicide-bomber or an Iranian military commander just as well. It is an argument that many Islamists in the West, along with their non-Muslim fellow travelers, frequently advance to rationalize, justify, and celebrate terrorist attacks against Israel or antisemitic violence against Jewish communities in the West.

What the massacre at the mosque in Christchurch shows is that this very same argument, based on a similarly warped ideology, can be deployed to justify the murder of Muslims living in a Western city. The doctrine that there are "no innocents" is not so much a political red line, therefore, as a civilizational one.

In that sense, after the horrifying murders in New Zealand, Jews and Muslims find themselves on the same side of the line that separates civilization from barbarism. If we are to achieve greater understanding between our two minority communities, then that is as good a place as any from which to start.

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## Opinion.

# US Should Recognize Israel's Sovereignty Over the Golan Heights



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Whenever an incident or an idea related to the Middle East arises, former State Department officials are quick to comment. Those who are Arabists can be counted on to be critical of Israel and to dismiss the views of its officials and supporters. What is striking about these people is that a) they are consistently wrong; b) their policies failed and frequently damaged American interests when they were in power; c) they never admit their errors; d) they insist on repeating their mistakes; and e) they advise their successors to adopt their failed policies and criticize them if they do not.

Fear of the Arab reaction to US support for Israel is a staple of Arabist thought. For the last 80-odd years, they've been selling the same balderdash — that the Arab world will punish us if we do not abandon Israel. If, however, you look at the trajectory of US relations between Israel and the Arab states over the decades, it is clear that our ties with both have grown stronger, precisely the opposite of what the Arabists predict.

Many of us remember when former US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk and other foreign policy brahmans warned of a cataclysm if Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moved the American embassy there.

Indyk predicted that this would likely spark an explosion of anger in the Palestinian, Arab, and Muslim worlds, and generate a rallying cry for Islamic extremists everywhere. American embassies and American citizens in Muslim countries would likely be targeted by violent demonstrators. Confrontations between Palestinians and Israelis would likely erupt in the West Bank, and the Palestinian security forces would likely stand aside, unable or unwilling to continue cooperating with their Israeli counterparts to tamp down the violence. Hamas might resume rocket attacks from Gaza, but because of fear of an Israeli response, they would more likely seek to stoke the fires of violent resistance in the West Bank and Jerusalem. Arab and Muslim states would likely demand that Trump rescind the decision.

Indyk and others who made similar assertions were a) wrong; b) refused to admit it; and c) are making the same argument regarding the Golan Heights.

In an effort to preempt US recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan, the Arabist mantra is being repeated. "Like it or not, the Golan Heights are Syrian territory," Indyk wrote on Twitter. "Israel's annexation of territory that is not its own is to play with fire for partisan political purposes. No Arab state will accept it."

As in the case of Jerusalem, however, the Arab states long ago accepted the reality that Israel will retain the Golan Heights, which it has controlled since 1967 and annexed in 1981. They give lip service to Israel's "occupation" of the Golan but, given that most oppose the Assad regime, Arab leaders have no incentive to back the Syrian dictator's demands.

Israel negotiated with Syria and offered to give up most of the area in exchange for peace; however, as in negotiations with the Palestinians, the Assads were never interested in peace for any amount of land, and talks failed.

Many Israelis thought the idea of

abandoning the Golan was folly given the untrustworthiness of the Assads and the strategic disadvantage it would create, whereby the Syrians would hold the high ground and Israel's population and industrial centers would be within easy striking distance of terrorists, rockets, and mortars. When serious talks were held in the past, the area was not as developed as it is today, and the danger has grown. Moreover, evacuating the area now would involve uprooting thousands of people and destroying a flourishing regional economy.

The warnings of those who opposed holding talks with Syria have now become a reality. The civil war has decimated the country and exposed its weakness. Without Russian and Iranian support, Assad would have been ousted, and it is conceivable that a more radical or Islamist regime might have taken power. That could still happen in the future. It was Israel's presence on the Golan and military strength that deterred the Syrians, Iranians, Hezbollah, and ISIS from attacking Israel. With the exception of ISIS, the other actors will remain threats for years to come.

Israel is especially concerned with the Iranian role in Syria. Tehran hopes to add Syria to its puppet collection that already includes Lebanon and may next incorporate Iraq. Iran has attempted to build bases in Syria and hopes to use that country, like Lebanon, as a stronghold from which to threaten Israel.

It is now crystal clear to anyone not indoctrinated by Arabist thinking that Israel cannot withdraw from the Golan Heights.

Unable to counter the strategic case against withdrawal, Indyk resorts to the legal-political argument that Israel cannot retain the Golan Heights because it would violate UN Resolution 242. But that resolution long ago lost its relevance, and is only trotted out when convenient to criticize Israel.

For argument's sake, however, let's remind Indyk and readers what Resolution 242 actually says.

The first point addressed by the resolution is the "inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by war." Some people read 242 as though it ends here, and the case for requiring a total Israeli withdrawal from the territories is proven. On the contrary, the reference clearly applies only to an offensive war. If not, the resolution would provide an incentive for aggression. If one country attacks another, and the defender repels the attack and acquires territory in the process, the former interpretation would require the defender to return the land it captured. Thus, aggressors would have little to lose because they would be insured against the main consequence of defeat.

Resolution 242 also calls for the "Withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied in the recent conflict." Note that the authors deliberately rejected the Arabs' call for the resolution to require Israel to evacuate "all" the territories, because they understood the absurdity of doing so explained in the previous paragraph, and because they recognized the borders would have to be modified from those that proved insecure in 1967.

Hence the resolution also called for the "termination of all claims or states of belligerency," and the recognition that "every State in the area" has the "right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries free from threats or acts of force." Translated, this means that Israel has no obligation to return the Golan Heights (which are not explicitly

# A Tale of Two Protests: Hamas Crushes Internal Dissent While Fueling Violent Border Riots



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Hamas is ruthlessly trying to crush dissent amid internal protests against the terror group's rule over Gaza that broke out last Thursday. Hamas officials reportedly are beating protesters with clubs and using other violence — including live fire — to disrupt the protests, along with conducting arbitrary arrests of dissidents, human rights activists, and journalists.

Hamas also continued to detain seven Palestinian journalists for covering the demonstrations, said a source from the Palestinian Journalists Syndicate speaking to The Times of Israel.

The violence by Hamas against Palestinian protesters in Gaza has yet to draw significant international news coverage. And the Committee to Protect Journalists has not issued an alert.

According to the Palestinian syndicate, Hamas released 10 of the 17 reporters who have been arrested since the onset of the protests. Four of the released journalists needed medical treatment.

A United Nations official condemned Hamas' "brutal treatment" of the detainees.

"I strongly condemn the campaign of arrests and violence used by Hamas security forces against protesters, including women and children, in Gaza over the past three days," Nikolay Mladenov, United Nations envoy to Israel and the Palestinian territories, said in a statement.

"I am particularly alarmed by the brutal beating of journalists and staff from the Independent Commission for Human Rights and the raiding of homes," he added.

Amnesty International issued its own condemnation on Monday afternoon, calling Hamas' actions "a flagrant violation of international law."

That seems like a significant story, but most of the world has yet to be informed about it.

"The crackdown on freedom of expression and the use of torture in Gaza has reached alarming new levels," said Amnesty's Deputy Middle East and North Africa Director Saleh Higazi.

"Over the past few days, we have seen shocking human rights violations carried out by Hamas security forces against peaceful protesters, journalists and rights workers."

The statement came after Hamas detained a female Amnesty research consultant and questioned her for three hours, "during which four male interrogators subjected her to ill-treatment."

Hamas also detained more than 80 protesters affiliated with its rival, Fatah, over the weekend.

Demonstrations erupted on Thursday in multiple areas throughout Gaza to protest



A Hamas military drill in the Gaza Strip in March 2018. Photo: Reuters/Ibraheem Abu Mustafa.

the standard of living and poor economic conditions under Hamas rule. Since taking control of Gaza in 2007, Hamas has consistently diverted international aid and financial transfers to bolster its terrorist capabilities, at the expense of societal concerns. That has contributed greatly to the electricity and water shortages that Palestinians face.

Israel stood ready to help alleviate Gaza's energy crisis, but the Palestinian Authority balked, prompting a Hamas official to ask, "So who is besieging you, the people of Gaza?"

Hamas critics rallied around the message, "We Want to Live!" — according to Jerusalem Post reporting. They were motivated by rising unemployment, chronic electricity shortages, and new taxes.

A 32-year-old Gaza man reportedly self-immolated, exactly the kind of protest that helped ignite the 2011-12 "Arab Spring" uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt, and elsewhere.

A two-year investigation by Human Rights Watch (HRW) released last year found that Hamas and the Palestinian Authority (PA) use systematic torture and repression to stifle any dissent against their rule.

The PA in the West Bank and Hamas in Gaza conduct arbitrary detentions targeting people who criticize them, using broad legislation prohibiting activities seen as promoting "sectarian strife" or offending "higher authorities."

Hamas' violent suppression escalated over the weekend to the point where the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) reportedly requested Egyptian and Qatari intervention to pressure the terror group.

While Hamas uses violent and brutal methods to stifle dissent within Gaza, the terror group controls and fuels organized riots on the Israel-Gaza border. Hamas also encourages infiltrations and terrorist attacks targeting Israeli civilians under the guise of peaceful popular protests against the Jewish state. However, media attention predominantly focuses on the "Gaza protests" as being peaceful and inspired by average people.

If international rights activists devoted to the Palestinian cause truly cared about the plight of the Palestinian people, they would voice their concerns about Hamas' suppression tactics. Instead, there is a deafening silence as Hamas ruthlessly crushes the hopes of many Gazans seeking a better life.

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mentioned) because of its right to secure borders and the refusal of Syria to terminate the state of war with Israel.

Indyk and other Arabists should be

ignored, and the United States should recognize Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights.

## Impressions.

# After New Zealand, We Must Unite American Minorities

BY HAROLD BRACKMAN

The mass murder of innocent Muslim worshipers in the idyllic country of New Zealand by a white supremacist Islamophobe is a grave challenge to religious and racial minorities throughout the Western world.

The shooter, Brenton Tarrant, is an Australian fascist “world traveler” who visited Europe, where he was influenced by far-right and populist political parties. (He also reportedly visited Israel.) He admired Dylann Roof, who killed nine African-Americans in a church in South Carolina, hoping to start a race riot.

Tarrant’s major heroes were Anders Behring Breivik — who killed 77 people, mostly teenagers, in a 2011 terror attack on a socialist summer camp in response to a flood of Muslim refugees into Norway; and Sir Oswald Mosley, whose fascist movement violently targeted London’s Jews in the early 20th century.



An injured person is loaded into an ambulance following a shooting at the Al Noor mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand, March 15, 2019. Photo: Reuters / SNPA / Martin Hunter.

In his rambling manifesto, Tarrant wrote: “A Jew [sic] living in Israel is no enemy of mine, so long as they do not seek to subvert or harm my people.”

This is certain to be misconstrued. A proud “racial cleanser” who advocates removing the “invaders ... from European soil, regardless of where they came from. Roma, African, Indian, Turkish, Semitic or other,” Tarrant is an enemy of Diaspora Jewry — just like the marchers in Charlottesville who chanted “Jews will not replace us,” and Robert Bowers, who killed innocent Jews at a Pittsburgh synagogue last year.

Tarrant’s kind of hate will never be directed solely at one minority group. Over time, it will spread to all others.

One thing should be clear: the very worst thing we can do is allow wrong-headed politicians to play minorities against each other. We saw this happen during the recent controversy regarding Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, where Muslims and Jews were pitted against each other. We can not let that happen here.

Jewish Americans and Muslim Americans share one over-riding reality in common: both are increasingly vulnerable minorities threatened by domestic terrorists who believe in racist white supremacy, and think that Christian identity politics leave no place in America for non-Christian Americans.

A recent study indicated that the FBI expends four times the resources investigating terrorist threats emanating from the Middle East than those originating here. That must change.

Prior to the shooting, Tarrant immersed himself in conversations with extreme rightists on 4chan and 8chan, two social media platforms, and then live-streamed his murderous rampage. This also cannot be

# An Open Letter to Nancy Pelosi on Ilhan Omar

BY JUDEA PEARL

*The following letter is an adaptation of remarks made at the sit-in protest in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s office in Washington, DC, on March 14, 2019.*

As president of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, and a lifelong Democrat, I urge House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to act boldly and decisively on Rep. Ilhan Omar’s antisemitic bigotry.

Our late son, Daniel Pearl, was not an Islamophobe, nor a foreign agent or a trader in “Benjamins.” He was a principled American journalist, a champion of truth, and a relentless

American support of a homeland for the Jewish people is a moral imperative — a historical calling that should not be polluted with accusations of dual loyalty or greed.

The resolution passed by the House on March 9 condemns almost every form of hate on earth, except one — the anti-Zionist hatred waged against our brothers and sisters in Israel. They are six and a half million refugees or descendants of refugees who have been denied normalcy for the past 70 years, besieged by hostile neighbors and confronted by daily existential threats from Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran.

The anti-Zionist obsession that Rep. Omar



US Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN). Photo: Reuters / Leah Millis / File.

peace-seeker, who was murdered for being a Jew and a lover of Israel. I plead with Speaker Pelosi to rid the House of Representatives of a new form of bigotry — directed again at Jews and lovers of Israel.

Words matter. And the hateful words pronounced by Rep. Ilhan Omar will continue to haunt and poison the future of American Jewry. However, we are concerned not merely with the harsh consequences of those words, but with the obsessive hatred that produced them, and the ultimate purpose for which they were enunciated — to erode American support for the State of Israel, the miracle that symbolizes Jewish history and Jewish aspirations.

We stand here to remind Speaker Pelosi of words that she has spoken many times in the past — that US support for Israel is not only a matter of mutual interest and shared values, but that

now brings to the halls of Congress aims to strip these six and a half million people from sovereignty and abandon them, stateless, to the mercy of genocidal neighbors. Americans cannot allow such moral deformity to stain the halls of their representative government.

The Democratic Party must remain a welcoming home to the many American Jews who have entrusted their energies, talents, and dreams to this party.

We urge Speaker Pelosi to find Rep. Ilhan Omar unfit to serve on the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Respectfully,  
Judea Pearl  
President, Daniel Pearl Foundation  
Chancellor’s Professor,  
University of California Los Angeles

allowed to repeat itself. The time for serious action on domestic terrorism has come.

Historian Harold Brackman is coauthor

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

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Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name:AESTHETIC BK LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/09/2019. 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: Legalinc corporate services inc 1967 wehrle drive suite 1 #086 Buffalo,NY 14221. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/15/22

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: TERRENCE TCG LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on: 02/13/2019. Office location: Richmond County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of Process to: Tara Enahoro 415 Greene Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11216-1111 purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15/22/29

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: ITM PLAYERS MEDIA LLC. Articles of organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/18/2019. 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 Process to: Peter Thomas Fornatale 55 7th Ave Apt. 1, New York, NY 11217. Purpose: all lawful activities  
AJ; 2/22; 3/1/8/15/22/29

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: Upper Level F & R Cleaning Service LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 10/18/2018. Office location: Bronx County. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Fatima 2080 Wallace Ave. Suite 429 Bronx, NY 10462. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 2/15/22; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST BY PURCHASE FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION AS RECEIVER OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK F/K/A WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA, Plaintiff against JESSIE LOZADA, 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 March 27, 2017, 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 April 4, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 167 Euclid Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11208. Block 4129 Lot 23. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough

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of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$328,267.43 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No 506966/2014. Zvi Storch, Esq., Referee YCHC190  
AJ; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR HSI ASSET SECURITIZATION CORPORATION MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES 2006-HE1, Plaintiff AGAINST BARBARA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SEREATHA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAKEYIA HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, SHAMMEL HUGHES AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF ARENZO HUGHES, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 04, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 144 CHESTNUT STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4127, LOT 32. Approximate amount of judgment \$737,451.76 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 8644/2013. LENORE KRAMER, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 60773  
AJ; 3/1/8/15/22/

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST George S. Gabriel, Celine Gabriel, Katherine Peter, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 3/15/17 and entered on 4/10/17, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 11, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 144 Sterling Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225. 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: 1319, LOT: 17. Approximate amount of judgment is \$784,767.21 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506780/2013. Barry Martin Goldstein, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR CERTIFICATE-HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I LLC, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-AC4, Plaintiff against HOLOM GOLDSTEIN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on August 13, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY, on the 11th day of April, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All

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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. Said premises known as 1601 Carroll Street, Brooklyn, NY. 11213. (Block: 1408, Lot: 71). Approximate amount of lien \$ 837,354.26 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 503713-14. Helene Blank, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street - Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900  
AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for MortgageIT Securities Corp. Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Plaintiff AGAINST Patsy Carter; et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated January 3, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on April 11, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 388 East 57th 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 4767 Lot 15. Approximate amount of judgment \$599,692.48 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 6390/2013. Steven David Cohn, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: December 27, 2018 60207  
AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

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 April 11, 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; 3/8/15/22/29

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, Nelcy Vasquez a/k/a Nelcy M. Vasquez, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale

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duly dated 12/12/18 and entered on 12/21/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 11, 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 & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FORPRETIUMMORTGAGEACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Pursuant to CPLR 2004 Extending the Time to Set Sale and to Ratify Sale Nunc Pro Tunc duly filed on February 6, 2019 and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on January 31, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 11, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 293 Powell Street, Brooklyn, NY. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, Block 03763 and Lot 00111. Approximate amount of judgment is \$850,187.63 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 21054-13. Julie A. Clark, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff Cash will not be accepted.  
AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

File No. 2017-4214 CITATION SURROGATE'S COURT, QUEENS COUNTY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: Charles Stefanowicz, Carol Rothenberg, Lorraine Caputo, Lionel Landers, Bruce Landers, Valerie Landers, Lisa Landers, Harriet Landers, Barbara Landers, Margaret Landers McDonald, the heirs at law, next of kin, and distributees, of Louis Stefanowicz, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence. A petition having been duly filed by Nganwai Cheung who is domiciled at 42-18 Hampton Street, Elmhurst, New York 11373 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Jamaica, New York, on April 18th, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Louis Stefanowicz lately domiciled at 78-17 58th Avenue, Middle Village, New York 11379, United States admitting to probate a Will dated May 12, 2016 a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Louis Stefanowicz deceased, relating to real and personal property, and

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directing that Letters Testamentary issue to Nganwai Cheung Letters of Trusteeship issue to Nganwai Cheung f/b/o Special Needs Trust FBO Charles Stefanowicz Dated, Attested and Sealed, February 25th, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, James Lim Becker Chief Clerk, Yan Lian Kuang-Maoga Ronald Fatoullah & Associates 60 Cutter Mill Road, Suite 507, Great Neck, New York 11021 (516) 466-4422 NOTE: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.  
AJ; 3/8/15/22/29

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: MMS ANALYTICS, LLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 01/31/2019 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 process to: MMS Analytics, LLC 2146 E. 21st St., Brooklyn, NY 11229. Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/12/19

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: LINDSEY L. ALLEN LLC Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/15/2019. 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 Lindsey L Allen 467 Troutman St., APT. 3D Brooklyn New York 11237. Purpose: All lawful activity  
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/12/19

Notice of Formation of Limited Liability Company (LLC) Name: MAXIOMATIC LLC Articles of Organization filed by the Department of State of New York on: 12/28/2018 Office location: County of Kings Purpose: Any and all lawful activities Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: c/o Premier Tax & Financial Services 121 West 27th, Suite 1003A New York, NY 10001  
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/12/19

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NA, Plaintiff AGAINST DAINTY A. CLARKE, CYNTHIA V. WAGGONER, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 21, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on April 18, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 705 LINWOOD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 4083, LOT 9. Approximate amount of judgment \$506,908.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 4415/13. M. RANDOLPH JACKSON, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 61880  
AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/

## Tradition.

## Destructive and Self-Destructive



JONATHAN SACKS  
LONDON

This sedra, speaking about sacrifices, prohibits the eating of blood:

*Wherever you live, you must not eat the blood of any bird or animal. If anyone eats blood, that person must be cut off from his people. (Lev. 7:26–27)*

This is not just one prohibition among others. The ban on eating blood is fundamental to the Torah. For example, it occupies a central place in the covenant God makes with Noah – and through him, all of humanity – after the Flood: “But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it” (Gen. 9:4). So too, Moses returns to the subject in his great closing addresses in the book of Deuteronomy:

*But be sure you do not eat the blood, because the blood is the life, and you must not eat the life with the meat. You must not eat the blood; pour it out on the ground*



*like water. Do not eat it, so that it may go well with you and your children after you, because you will be doing what is right in the eyes of the Lord. (Deut. 12:23–25)*

What is so wrong about eating blood? Maimonides and Nahmanides offer conflicting interpretations. For Maimonides – consistent with his programme throughout *The Guide for the Perplexed* – it is forbidden as part of the Torah’s extended battle against idolatry. He notes that the Torah uses identical language about idolatry and eating blood:

*I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from his people. (Lev. 17:10)*

*I will set My face against that man [who engages in Moloch worship] and his family and will cut him off from his people. (Lev. 20:5)*

In no context other than blood and idolatry is the expression “set My face against” used. Idolaters, says Maimonides, believed that blood was the food of the spirits, and that by eating it, they would have “something in common with the spirits.” Eating blood is forbidden

because of its association with idolatry.

Nahmanides says, contrariwise, that the ban has to do with human nature. We are affected by what we eat:

*If one were to eat the life of all flesh, and it would then attach itself to one’s own blood, and they would become united in one’s heart, and the result would be a thickening and coarseness of the human soul so that it would closely approach the nature of the animal soul which resided in what he ate...*

Eating blood, implies Nahmanides, makes us cruel, bestial, animal-like.

Which explanation is correct? We now have copious evidence, through archaeology and anthropology, that both are. Maimonides was quite right to see the eating of blood as an idolatrous rite. Human sacrifice was widespread in the ancient world. Among the Greeks, for example, the god Kronos required human victims. The Maenads, female worshippers of Dionysus, were said to tear living victims apart with their hands and eat them. The

Aztecs of South America practised human sacrifice on a vast scale, believing that without its meals of human blood, the sun would die: “Convinced that in order to avoid the final cataclysm it was necessary to fortify the sun, they undertook for themselves the mission of furnishing it with the vital energy found only in the precious liquid which keeps man alive.”

Barbara Ehrenreich, from whose book *Blood Rites: Origins and History of the Passions of War*, these facts come, argues that one of the most formative experiences of the first human beings must have been the terror of being attacked by an animal predator. They knew that the likely outcome was that one of the group, usually an outsider, an invalid, a child, or perhaps an animal, would fall as prey, giving the others a chance to escape. It was this embedded memory that became the basis of subsequent sacrificial rites.

Ehrenreich’s thesis is that “the sacrificial ritual in many ways mimics the crisis of a predator’s

attack. An animal or perhaps a human member of the group is singled out for slaughter, often in a spectacularly bloody manner.” The eating of the victim and his or its blood temporarily occupies the predator, allowing the rest of the group to escape in safety. That is why blood is offered to the gods. As Mircea Eliade noted, “the divine beings who play a part in initiation ceremonies are usually imagined as beasts of prey – lions and leopards (initiatory animals par excellence) in Africa, jaguars in South America, crocodiles and marine monsters in Oceania.” Blood sacrifice appears when human beings are sufficiently well organised in groups to make the transition from prey to predator. They then relive their fears of being attacked and eaten.

Ehrenreich does not end there, however. Her view is that this emotional reaction – fear and guilt – survives to the present as part of our genetic endowment from earlier times. It leaves two legacies: one, the human tendency to band together in the face of an external threat; the other, the willingness to risk self-sacrifice for the sake of the group. These emotions appear at times of war. They are not the cause of war, but they invest it with “the profound feelings – dread, awe, and the willingness to sacrifice – that make it ‘sacred’ to us.” They help explain why it is so easy to mobilise people by conjuring up the spectre of an external enemy.

War is a destructive and self-destructive activity. Why then does it persist? Ehrenreich’s insight suggests an answer. It is the dysfunctional survival of instincts, profoundly necessary in an age of hunter-gatherers, into an era in which such responses are no longer necessary. Human beings still thrill at the prospect of shedding blood.

Maimonides was right to see in the blood sacrifice a central idolatrous practice. Nahmanides was equally correct to see it as a symptom of human cruelty. We now sense the profound wisdom of the law forbidding the eating of blood. Only thus could human beings be gradually cured of the deeply ingrained instinct, deriving from a world of predators and prey, in which the key choice is to kill or be killed.

Evolutionary psychology has taught us about these genetic residues from earlier times which – because they are not rational – cannot be cured by reason alone, but only by ritual, strict prohibition, and habituation. The contemporary world continues to be scarred by violence and terror. Sadly, the ban against blood sacrifice is still relevant. The instinct against which it is a protest – sacrificing life to exorcise fear – still lives on.

Where there is fear, it is easy to turn against those we see as “the other” and learn to hate them. Which is why each of us, especially we leaders, have to take a stand against the instinct to fear, and against the corrosive power of hate. All it takes for evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing.

Shabbat shalom

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc. sbm ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Carmelle Telemaque, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 10/10/18 and entered on 10/22/18, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 18, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1220 East 102nd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8266, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$385,921.01 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 508306/2013. AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR FREMONT HOME LOAN TRUST SERIES 2006-3, Plaintiff AGAINST PAUL ZAGARI, et al, Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated October 03, 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 April 18, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 114 BAY 32ND STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11214. 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 6416, LOT 56. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,256,098.02 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 31789/09. Helene E. Blank Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 61979 AJ; 3/15/22/29; 4/5/

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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Gwendolyn Rossi, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 2/4/19 and entered on 2/11/19, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on April 25, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 756 East 86th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11236. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 8006, LOT: 62 and 63. Approximate amount of judgment is \$657,122.50 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 507529/2013. Randolph Jackson, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 AJ; 3/22/29; 4/5/12

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: GREAT VALUE LAB LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 02/01/2019 . 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: Network solutions & tax consulting 105-16 Jamaica Ave. Richmond Hill, NY 11418. Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 3/22/29; 4/5/12/19/26

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: A TRIBE CALLED GRAPE LLC. Articles Of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 03/12/2019. Office location: Bronx county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Oluwaseun Olushoga 2050 Seward AVE Apt 6K Bronx, NY 10473 .Purpose: All lawful activity AJ; 3/22/29; 4/5/12/19/26

## The NY Post Erases Years of Palestinian Rocket Fire



PESACH BENSON  
JERUSALEM

If The New York Post was my newspaper, I’d fire a salvo of complaints to every writer, proofreader, and editor whose fingerprints were on a story about the weekend’s Gaza rocket fire.

According to this report, Israel has enjoyed a respite from Palestinian rocket fire since 2014.

Residents of southern Israel, who have been under constant rocket fire, would beg to differ. In fact, they could just point to the



Post’s own coverage of other rocket attacks this past November, June, May, ad nauseam...

Update: After numerous attempts to contact the Post, the paper has now corrected this headline.

*Pesach Benson, a Baltimore native now living in Jerusalem, is HonestReporting’s deputy managing editor. This post was originally published at HonestReporting.*

## Social.



A crowd watching a performance during Musica sui Bocche in 2017. Photo: YouTube screenshot.

## Italian Mayor Cancels International Jazz Festival Over Artistic Director's Support for Boycott of Israeli Artists

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

The mayor of Santa Teresa Gallura, Italy, recently cancelled an international jazz festival set to be held in August in the city after the program's artistic director expressed support for barring Israeli artists from participating in the event, the blog *Israellycool* reported on Friday.

Israeli musician Eyal Lerner acknowledged in a Facebook post that he was late in submitting his request to join the festival Musica sui Bocche, and that the event's program was already complete. He added that Enzo Favata, the Sardinian artistic director of the festival, expressed anti-Israel sentiments in his email response to the artist regarding his submission request.

According to Lerner, the artistic director wrote to him, "Good morning. The festival has closed the program. But I must tell you that Musica delle Bocche policy is to boycott any Israeli or Zionist artist because of Israel's attitude to Gaza and the occupied Palestinian territories."

Lerner's Facebook post sparked outrage and garnered the attention the mayor of Santa Teresa di Gallura, who then suspended the event. The Israeli artist also shared Favata's response to those who criticized his remarks to Lerner. Favata denied being an "antisemitic racist" and added that his message to Lerner "was influenced by the facts that I am personally very shaken by the facts in the Middle East and that I was in a personal position against the actions of the Israeli government towards the Palestinians in Gaza. . . , so that I had undertaken a personal boycott towards the Government of Israel."

"This is my attitude only towards the artists promoted by the Israeli government," he added. "Let's consider this my small contribution to the cause of awareness for a real peace between Israel and Palestine. Frankly I will be delighted to host musicians from Israel when there are glimpses of a positive solution to the problem with Gaza and peace will come very soon hopefully."

## Supermodel Karlie Kloss Confirms She Converted to Judaism Before Marrying Joshua Kushner

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Supermodel Karlie Kloss confirmed for the first time publicly that she converted to Judaism before marrying Joshua Kushner last year.

"I joined the tribe. Mazel," she said last week during the after-show for "Watch What Happens Live with Andy Cohen."

Kloss, 26, then raised her drink for a toast with Cohen, who in response called Kloss a "nice Jewish girl."

The "Project Runway" host married the brother of Jared Kushner, the son-in-law and senior adviser of



Karlie Kloss raising her glass after confirming she converted to Judaism on March 14, 2019. Photo: Screenshot.

President Donald Trump, in New York last October.

Numerous reports claimed Kloss converted before marrying, but it was never confirmed by her or a member of her team.

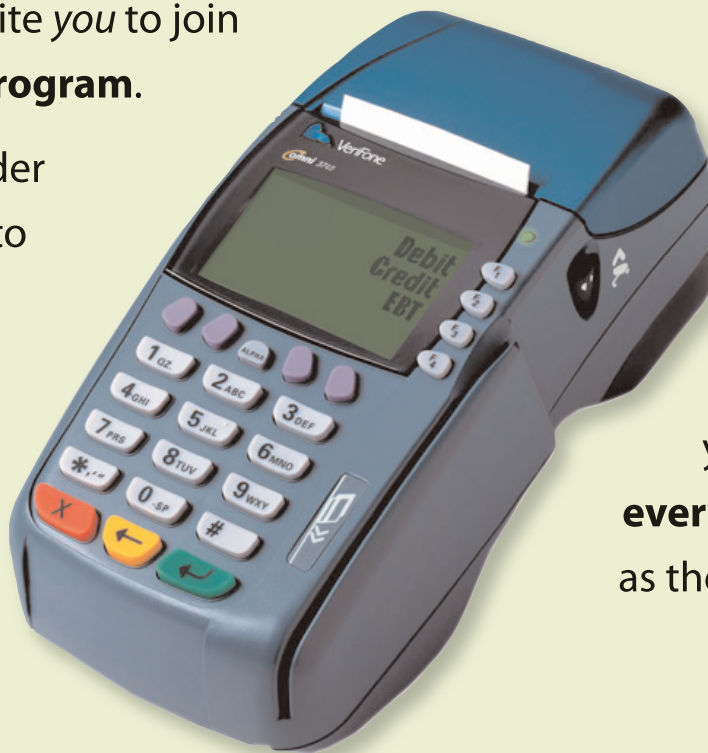
Her sister-in-law, Ivanka Trump, also converted to Judaism before marrying into the Kushner family.

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