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## Netanyahu Passes Threshold for Nomination as Israel's Premier



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu April 14, 2019. Photo: Reuters / Ronen Zoulan / File.

BY REUTERS  
& ALGEMEINER STAFF

Israel's president said on Tuesday a majority of parliament members had advised him to have Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu form a government after the April 9 election, effectively ensuring his nomination.

In office for the past decade, Netanyahu won a fifth term

despite an announcement by Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit's in February that he intends to charge the prime minister in three corruption cases. Netanyahu has denied wrongdoing.

Under law, President Reuven Rivlin chooses a party leader whom he judges has the best prospect of putting together a ruling coalition. He will announce his candidate on Wednesday.

In broadcast remarks on

Tuesday, the second day of Rivlin's public consultations with political parties on their preferences for prime minister, he said Netanyahu "now has a majority of Knesset members" behind him.

"Any room I had for maneuver has effectively been removed at this moment," the president said.

Netanyahu's nomination had been a foregone conclusion after his right-wing Likud party

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## French Jewish Leaders Grieve for Notre Dame Cathedral Fire

BY BEN COHEN

Leaders of the Jewish community in France continued to express profound sorrow on Tuesday over the devastating fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, which ravaged the roof of the 850-year-old building and caused its famous spire to collapse.

Haim Korsia, France's chief rabbi, said on Twitter that he was praying for the Catholic Church and "especially Monsignor [Michel] Aupetit," the archbishop of Paris.



Parisian firefighters working in Notre Dame Cathedral after a devastating fire destroyed the roof of the historic landmark. Photo: Reuters / Yves Herman.

Francis Kalifat — president of communal representative body CRIF — expressed his "immense sadness" over the fire. A separate statement from CRIF said the organization shared the entire French nation's "broken heart."

Sacha Ghozlan, president of the Union of Jewish Students in France, said that he was "very saddened to see Notre Dame de Paris on fire. Strength and courage to our heroes, firefighters in Paris who act to extinguish the fire."

Ariel Goldmann — the president of the Fonds Social

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PASSOVER Times for New York City Candle Lighting

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## Opinion.

## The IAEA's Blind Spots on Iran's Nuclear Program

SARAH N. STERN/  
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On April 9, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani boasted that “today and throughout the past year, we have launched 114 new technologies via the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran. This is the message to the world: You have not succeeded, and you will not succeed in preventing the progress and development of the Iranian people and their nuclear program. If yesterday you feared our IR-1 centrifuges, well, here you go!”

He has reason to boast. The 2015 Iranian nuclear deal brokered by former President Barack Obama was extremely weak, but yet, given its weaknesses, the agency that was expected to monitor Iran's compliance has been exceedingly lax.

On April 4, The Wall Street Journal reported that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspected a warehouse in Tehran that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu last year said housed nuclear equipment and materials.

When negotiating the Iranian nuclear deal, President Obama promised “anytime, anywhere inspections.” Yet six months elapsed from Netanyahu's speech until the inspection. The question is what took the IAEA so long?

David Albright and Andrea Stricker of

the Institute for Science and International Security noted in a paper published earlier this month that the IAEA inspection took place only after the Islamic Republic had the opportunity to empty the site and clean it up. “In short,” they wrote, “the IAEA visits in March 2019 are like looking for a horse when the barn door has been left open for many months.”

But this is far from the only failure of the IAEA to ensure that Iran was complying with the deal.

In January 2016, President Obama said, “On January 16, 2016, the IAEA verified that Iran has completed the necessary steps under the Iran deal that will ensure Iran's nuclear program is and remains exclusively peaceful.”

The problem is that we have learned subsequently that the IAEA did not, then, have full knowledge of Iran's past nuclear-weapons work. In January of 2018, Israeli intelligence recovered a half-ton of material documenting the advances that Iran made in its pursuit of nuclear weapons. Subsequent examination of the archives by weapons experts at the Institute for Science and International Security, and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), found that Iran's nuclear-weapons program was more advanced than previously thought.

In a paper published in February, Albright, Stricker, and Olli Heinonen of the FDD, wrote that “this new information in the archive indicates that Iran might still be in breach of its nuclear nonproliferation undertakings.”

Yet the IAEA still has not acted upon the information contained in the nuclear archive that was obtained by Israeli intelligence, even though it would give them greater insight into the full scope of Iran's nuclear-weapons research.

In addition, the IAEA didn't just fail to pursue the information in the archives. Even before Israel recovered the documents, the nuclear watchdog failed to verify other elements of Iran's compliance.

An IAEA official told Reuters in August 2017 that the agency saw no need to demand access to Iran's military sites. Following talks with then-US Ambassador to the United Nations Nikki Haley, the IAEA official said, “We're not going to visit a military site like Parchin just to send a political signal.”

By refusing to inspect military sites like Parchin, the IAEA is sending a much different political signal than what the official thinks. It signals a policy of appeasement.

These failures of the IAEA show that the agency that is supposed to verify Iran's compliance with the deal has given too much leeway to the Islamic Republic. It would appear that the IAEA's role in the nuclear deal is to validate it, not to verify it.



An aerial map from 2004 showing Iran's clandestine nuclear activities at the Parchin military complex near Tehran. Photo: isis-online.org.

In announcing the implementation of the deal, President Obama guaranteed that Iran would be “subjected to the most comprehensive, intrusive inspection regime.”

The record over the past three years is that the IAEA has been anything but “comprehensive” and “intrusive” in its work. It has refused to investigate certain suspicions, and, in the case of the warehouse, taken its time, giving Iran plenty of time to clean up illicit nuclear sites.

With all of these lapses, how can the IAEA be an effective force in preventing Iran's development of nuclear weapons?

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Latest New York Times Feat: Make  
200,000 Palestinians DisappearIRA STOLL  
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In less than two weeks, the *New York Times* has mysteriously made 200,000 West Bank Palestinians disappear.

On March 29, the *Times* published a correction: “An article on Wednesday about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's comments on the implications of President Trump recognizing Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights misstated the West Bank's Palestinian population. It is 2.8 million, not 1.8 million.”

At the time, I wrote, “That correction might itself merit a correction.”

I observed:

The CIA World Factbook puts the “West Bank” population at 2.8 million but that includes about 592,200 of what the CIA calls “Israeli settlers.” A 2018 essay in *Mosaic* cited research indicating that “the actual Arab population in the West Bank (without eastern Jerusalem) is at about 1,800,000.” The left-wing Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* reported in 2018, “According to Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, a demographer at the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, there were 2.4 million Palestinians living in the West Bank in 2015. Della Pergola claims that Palestinian figures overstate the number of Palestinians by 600,000 — half because they don't exist and half because they are East

Jerusalem residents who have already been counted by Israel.” For the *Times* to simply assert the 2.8 million, without citing a source or indicating that it is a hotly debated question, is not so much a correction, but a new inaccuracy.

Now, without formally correcting its earlier correction, the *Times* has suddenly started using a different, lower, and probably more accurate number.

A front-page article in the April 8 *Times*, under the byline of the newspaper's Jerusalem bureau chief, David Halbfinger, asked “Do voters want to make permanent their country's control over the West Bank and its 2.6 million Palestinian inhabitants?”

An article in the April 10 *Times* about congressional testimony by the secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, reports, “Senior American officials have long and explicitly discouraged any formal attempt by Israel to extend sovereignty over some or all of the disputed territory of the West Bank and its population of 2.6 million Palestinians.” Neither article cites a source for the “2.6 million” number or acknowledges the discrepancy with the 2.8 million number that the *Times* solemnly offered up, also unsourced, in its corrections column two weeks earlier.

Now, 200,000 Palestinians one way or another — the difference between the 2.8 million claimed in the March 29 correction and the 2.6 million mentioned in the April 8 and April 10 news articles — may not seem like that many. But 200,000 is larger than the entire population of Little Rock, Arkansas, or Grand Rapids, Michigan. As a percentage of

2.6 million or 2.8 million, it's not insignificant — between 8 percent and 7 percent.

Whether West Bank Palestinians number 1.8 million, 2.6 million, or 2.8 million may not make a huge difference either way in terms of how Israel or America chooses to deal with them. But in at least one respect, the count is crucial. A *Times* staff editorial this week greeted Benjamin Netanyahu's re-election with the claim, “Under Mr. Netanyahu, Israel is on a trajectory to become what critics say will be an apartheid state like the former South Africa — a country in which Palestinians will eventually be a majority, but without the rights of citizens. That's not good for Israel, nor for the United States.” A letter to the editor published by the *Times* alongside the staff editorial made a similar claim — “Israel will finally have to acknowledge to the world the apartheid state that has been creeping into existence for decades.”

There are many inaccuracies with the “apartheid state” slur, which itself is a variation on the old Soviet big lie that Zionism is racism. But one of the most basic inaccuracies is that Israeli Jews, unlike South African whites, aren't a minority ruling over a majority. The accusation that Israel either is now or is “on a trajectory to become” a state in which a Jewish minority rules over a Palestinian Arab majority depends on accurate population counts. Without accurate population counts, it's impossible to tell who is the majority and who is in the minority. That's not the only issue — we are all human beings and have certain rights regardless of whether our group is in a

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## World News.

## UK Union of Students Suspends Candidate Who Congratulated Netanyahu

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

The National Union of Students (NUS) in the United Kingdom temporarily suspended a campaign by one of its delegates after he applauded Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his electoral victory last week.

Jack Morewood, a student at the University of Exeter who ran for the Student Director position, was filmed telling an audience at the annual NUS conference on Wednesday, "Congrats to King Bibi, big mazel tov to him for his successful re-election in Israel," the Jewish Chronicle reported.

The NUS suspended Morewood following complaints over his comments, which were met with jeers and shouts of "Free Palestine," but has since reinstated him. The suspension was to last until the NUS Democratic Procedures Committee "made a decision regarding the breach of the code of conduct," the group said.

An NUS member who was upset by Morewood's comment said he "should NOT be allowed to run for any future offices, or stay in his university."

Morewood told the Chronicle that he received a verbal warning over the incident, and that an election speech he held on Thursday was met with protests.

The University of Exeter Students' Guild, which Morewood represented at the NUS conference, distanced itself from "his views and actions on stage" in a Friday statement.

"Following Jack's actions, the Guild President and lead delegate reiterated to Jack that he is a representative of the whole student body, and that he is expected to consider their views in what he says and does at conference," the Guild wrote. "There is no place in our institution or in the national movement for



The University of Exeter. Photo: Wikimedia Commons.

hateful comments that may harm or isolate the students that we represent."

The Guild's statement was criticized by the Sussex Friends of Israel group on Sunday.

"[You] can disagree with Jack about his views on Bibi," the group argued on social media. "You can even [argue] that making this statement at the NUS conference was not the appropriate time nor place to do so. However, what you CANNOT say is that what he said constituted in any way 'hateful comments.'"

The Israel Society at King's College London also condemned Morewood's temporary suspension in a Sunday statement, noting, "the UK is a free country and must remain so. The NUS should keep that in mind instead of imposing a political police on its members."

Morewood's past manifesto for the Exeter Students' Guild appeared to mock the boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel, which has been endorsed by the NUS and its president-elect, Zamzam Ibrahim.

The manifesto proposes, according to the Chronicle, that the guild should "boycott a new country each day. An hour will be spent questioning that country's right to exist for base-less reasons, and after we've boycotted all countries, the Guild will declare independence."

## French Far-Right Activist Alain Soral Receives Another Prison Sentence

BY BEN COHEN

A court in Paris on Monday sentenced the French extreme right-wing activist Alain Soral to a year in prison for engaging in Holocaust denial — just four months after he received a similar sentence for antisemitic agitation.

Alain Soral — the owner of the ironically-named "Égalité et Réconciliation" ("Equality and Reconciliation") website — was convicted for publishing an article denying the Holocaust by a lawyer named Damien Viguier, who was separately fined 5,000 euros (\$5,650).

The International League Against Racism and Antisemitism (LICRA) praised the ruling, saying the decision to impose a prison sentence on Soral, who has been convicted for similar offenses in the past, shows the "exceptional character" of the decision.

Soral's published vilification of Jews as

"manipulative, domineering and hateful" was the basis for a one-year sentence he received in January. That followed the imposition of a 4,000 euro fine the previous month after Soral published a virulently antisemitic poster on his website.

Neither Soral nor Viguier were in court when the latest sentence was passed on Monday. A warrant has been issued for Soral's arrest.

Originally a communist, the Swiss-born Soral crossed to the far-right National Front (FN) before carving out his own path in 2007. A purveyor of conspiracy theories about "Jewish" and "Zionist" power, Soral has for several years worked closely with Dieudonné M'bala M'bala, an antisemitic propagandist who presents himself as a comedian.

Last September, the pair traveled to North Korea to make an appearance at a "peace festival" in the totalitarian state.

## Legal Challenge to Lithuanian Efforts to Build Convention Center Atop Jewish Cemetery



A view of the abandoned "sports palace" built by Soviet authorities on top of a 15th-century Jewish cemetery in Vilnius. Photo: Screenshot.

BY BEN COHEN

A Lithuanian human rights organization on Monday filed a preventative claim with the district court in the country's capital, Vilnius, to block the government's plans to build an expansive new conference center on the site of the Old Šnipiškės Jewish Cemetery, where thousands of graves are buried beneath the surface.

"Active members of the Jewish community, non-Jewish Lithuanian human rights activists, and people of Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) heritage internationally have been trying for years to draw the attention of authorities to a project that would cause untold harm to Lithuania's reputation and make way for a congress center that many people of conscience would, on principle, refuse to enter in the years to come," declared an accompanying statement from the European Foundation of Human Rights (EFHR), the NGO that filed Monday's claim.

The cemetery — used between the fifteenth and early nineteenth-centuries at a time when Lithuania was a major center of Jewish life — was destroyed by Soviet authorities in 1949 to make way for a 15,000-seat soccer stadium.

In 1972, the stadium was converted into a "sports palace." The structure lay abandoned for several years before, in 2016, the Lithuanian government announced plans to build a multi-million dollar convention center on the site.

Among the leading Jewish religious authorities from around the world to have protested the government's plans was the Chief Rabbi of Israel David Lau. In a Jan. 2018 letter to Lithuanian President Dalia

Grybauskaitė, Lau pointed out that the site "contains the remains and bodies of tens of thousands of Jews."

Wrote Rabbi Lau: "I appeal to you to do as much as possible to prevent any harm to the martyrs of Israel and to those buried there and not to desecrate this holy cemetery."

An international campaign opposing the site development garnered the support of several US legislators, with a bipartisan group of 12 members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate having sent letters of protest to the Lithuanian authorities over the cemetery.

In its statement, however, the EFHR said that these and other protests had "been ignored by the authorities and remain without meaningful response."

The EFHR added that later this year, "Turto bankas (Lithuania's state-owned Property Bank) is planning to announce a tender process for the Vilnius Congress Center's rental in the future." It said that at an earlier public meeting to discuss the bank's tender, "it became obvious that nobody was taking seriously the vast catalogue of local and international opposition, or the damage to Lithuania's name that would ensue."

The EFHR ended by stating: "The old age of minority cemeteries (most emphatically of minorities that have largely disappeared locally as a result of genocide), and their illegal past Soviet abuse, including pilfering of the gravestones, is no moral license for that wantonness to be continued today in the realm of the European Union and its human rights values, least of all where thousands of a city's citizens still lie buried."

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**Notre Dame**

Juif Unifié (FSJU), the main association of Jewish educational and cultural bodies in France — spoke of his "horror" at the images of the burning cathedral. "As French Jews, we are with you," Goldmann said in a Twitter message to the Catholic community.

Rabbi Delphine Horvilleur — head of the liberal movement in the French Jewish community — shared a video of the popular Israeli singer Noa performing the traditional

Catholic hymn, "Ave Maria," along with a message of solidarity to "the Christians, the Parisians, and the whole of humanity."

Israeli leaders meanwhile added their voices to the chorus of international sympathy in the fire's wake. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described the cathedral as "a heritage site for the culture and religion of France and for humanity as a whole," while President Reuven Rivlin alluded to the cathedral's hallowed place in French art and literature.

# World News.



Tuvia Tenenbom speaking with locals at a bar in Northern Ireland. Photo: Screenshot.

## Locals at Bar in Northern Ireland Tell Israeli Writer, 'Hitler Didn't Kill Enough F-king Jews'

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

An Israeli writer who filmed an antisemitic tirade at a local bar in Northern Ireland last year said recently that he had never witnessed so much Jew-hatred as he saw during his entire visit to the region.

Playwright, author and journalist Tuvia Tenenbom was speaking to locals at a bar in the city of Derry in October when the racist comments were made, according to The Irish Sun.

Tenenbom, 62, asked men at the bar why so many Palestinian flags were on display in the neighborhood, and one man replied, "Because we support them. The Israelis are scum. Killing children, killing weans." As others laughed, another man said, "The only thing that Hitler didn't do wrong...he didn't kill enough f-king Jews. Hitler didn't kill enough Jews. The scourge of the world."

Tenenbom, whose parents were Holocaust survivors, then asked them, "What

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**Nomination**

captured the largest number of seats in the Knesset in last week's ballot and his closest rival, centrist Benny Gantz, conceded defeat.

Netanyahu has said he intends to build a coalition with five far-right, right-wing and ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties that would give the Likud-led government 65 seats, four more than the outgoing administration he heads.

Representatives of all of those parties told Rivlin at the meetings, broadcast live on the internet, that they recommended Netanyahu get the nod.

Gantz, a former military chief of staff

did you say?" and one man repeated, "The Jews. The scourge of the earth."

The best-selling writer was filming interviews are part of his look into support for the Palestinian cause. Tenenbom recorded a short series of videos, for a German audience, as he traveled around Britain and Ireland for seven months. He said what he heard at the bar in Northern Ireland was "truly disturbing" and his discoveries during the tour had been overall "frightening"

Tenenbom also noted that the men he spoke with in the bar were fully aware he was filming. He introduced himself as a journalist for German television, but he never revealed to them that he was Jewish.

"I have dealt with this type of antisemitism before... I have met with many people who are sympathetic to the Palestinian cause," he said. "I don't think I ever have met people who have so much hatred for the Jews as I met in Northern Ireland and Ireland and that includes Derry. I have never seen people so hated of Jews. There are antisemites in Germany, there are antisem-

whose Blue and White party won 35 parliamentary seats, would likely be next in line to try to assemble a government if Netanyahu fails to do so within 42 days of being chosen by Rivlin.

Netanyahu is under no legal obligation to resign if indicted. He can still argue, at a pre-trial hearing with Mandelblit whose date has not been set, against the formal filing of bribery and fraud charges against him.

The Israeli leader, whose supporters hail his tough security policies and international outreach, is set to become the country's longest-serving prime minister in July.

ites all over the world. This kind of hatred that I found — and Derry is a small place. I have never seen so much."

He added, "The sad part of it is that I actually like the people here, but most of them hate me. I parade around as a German, Jordanian, to save myself all their hate. But it shouldn't be like this."

Tenenbom said those he spoke with were not drunk and were "totally honest" with him about their hatred.

He explained, "They say what it is they hate, without cover. Many other antisemites cover by saying about Israel or the army, at least these people are honest. They know nothing about any other trouble spots in the world, which is ridiculous as there are so many. And not just in the bar outside it too. People were honest, 'We don't like the Jews no matter what... I did not go out to find antisemitism, but sadly the more I walk this land the more antisemitism I find.'"

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

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	lecture	Why Bad Happens to Good People?
Fri. 4/26	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	lecture	Moral Relativism & Torah
	8:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	lecture	Post-Holocaust - 2 Million
Shabbat 4/27	12:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	lecture	Jews Vanished- Why? Solution?
	8:00 pm	Meal/Seuda
	lecture	Open Forum

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## Bogus Purim Service Broken Up

A group of missionaries in Brighton Beach who rented Public School 225 on the premise they were holding a social, attempted to hold a bogus "Purim Megilla" reading. The missionaries widely advertised their program in Russian as well as English throughout the Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach area in an effort to entice young people to their service. However, when the real purpose of the "service" was discovered, groups from Boro Park, Flatbush, Crown Heights and Monsey descended on the area to help the

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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.

# Jewish Democrats Slam Ocasio-Cortez Over Endorsing Cutting US Aid to Israel

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

Freshman Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) asserted in a media interview over the weekend that cutting military and economic aid to Israel should be "on the table."

"I think it is certainly on the table. I think it's something that can be discussed," the prominent progressiver lawmaker said on Yahoo's "Skullduggery" podcast on Sunday.

Ocasio-Cortez said that newly re-elected Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's pledge to annex territory in the West Bank should be opposed by the US government. She also criticized Netanyahu as a "Trump-like figure."

"I think these are part of conversations

we are having in our caucus, but I think what we are really seeing is an ascent of authoritarianism across the world," she said.

The Jewish Democratic Council of America (JDCA) on Monday strongly criticized Ocasio-Cortez for her comments.

"We are pleased Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez recognizes she is NOT a leader on Israel in Congress," the group said in a statement. "We recommend she engage with Dem leaders Eliot Engel, Nita Lowey, & Ted Deutch before contemplating the future of US military aid to Israel."

The JDCA emphasized US-Israel ties "must supersede politics."

# NYC Council Member Accuses Queens Campaign Group of 'Grotesque Antisemitism'

BY ALGEMEINER STAFF

A New York City Council member on Tuesday charged a community group in the borough of Queens with having carried out "a grotesque act of antisemitism" when its supporters demonstrated next to the Long Island synagogue of a real estate developer with whom they were in conflict.

"Protesting outside a person's synagogue on the Sabbath because they might not develop their private property the way you want is a grotesque act of antisemitism and fully deserves our unqualified condemnation," Rory Lancman — a member for the 24th District of the New York City Council — declared in a statement.

Lancman was referring to an impromptu rally organized during Shabbat services last Saturday by a local activist group, the "Glendale Middle Village Coalition," outside Temple Or Elohim in Long Island — where realtor Michael Wilner serves as president.

The group is opposed Wilner's plan to establish a homeless shelter at a former factory in the Queens neighborhood, and have called on him to build a school instead.

Lancman said that the Glendale Middle Village Coalition members "should be ashamed of themselves, and should apologize for their repugnant conduct."

According to a report in local news outlet QNS.com, protesters had initially gathered outside Wilner's home in Jericho, Long Island, on Saturday morning. After they discovered the house was empty, they marched to Wilner's synagogue chanting, "Michael Wilner shame on you, let us build our school!"

When the demonstrators arrived at the synagogue, cantor David Katz rushed outside to confront them.

"I'm livid and I can't believe they would come to a place of worship to protest someone who is a member here. It has nothing to do with the temple," Katz said.

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# 'Pittsburgh Post-Gazette' Wins Pulitzer Prize for Coverage of Tree of Life Shooting

BY JNS.org

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize on Monday for breaking-news reporting covering the October 2018 shooting at the Tree of Life\*Or L'Simcha Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, where 11 Jewish worshippers were killed by a gunman during Shabbat morning services.

It was the deadliest attack in American Jewish history.

The judges described the staff's work as "immersive, compassionate coverage ... that captured the anguish and resilience of a

community thrust into grief."

"The value of members of this news staff doing their jobs, doing their sacred duty, has been affirmed," said executive editor Keith Burris to the Post-Gazette newsroom following the announcement.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims.

"We are not so much celebrating as affirming ... the job we were put on this earth to do," said Post-Gazette emeritus executive editor David Shribman, who headed the staff as the tragedy developed. "Let's dedicate ourselves to the memory of those whose lives were lost."

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## Opinion.

# Why is Alan Dershowitz Pressuring Israel for a Palestinian State?



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ENGELWOOD

The results of Israel's recent election have left us with one unmistakable takeaway: Israelis support Netanyahu.

Despite multiple predictions of defeat — including in an exit poll released the night of the election — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu won a stunning victory, trouncing adversaries on both ends of the political spectrum and securing his place in Israeli history as its longest-serving premier. I have known Netanyahu for nearly 30 years, ever since he came to speak for me at Oxford. His irrepressible Jewish pride and desire to defend his people was strongly in evidence then.

It has never diminished.

But probing deeper, while voters have shown that they appreciate Netanyahu's general platform, they seem to strongly endorse one particular end of it: the extension of Israeli sovereignty over majority-Jewish settlements in Judea and Samaria, known in political vernacular as Area C.

Days before the election, the Prime Minister vowed out-of-the-blue to annex these areas should he win another term as Prime Minister. "You are asking whether we are moving on to the next stage" he explained to a reporter, "the answer is yes; we will move to the next stage. I am going to extend [Israeli] sovereignty, and I don't distinguish between settlement blocs and the isolated settlements."

The meaning of this plea to right-wing Israeli voters — who now constitute the undisputed majority of Israelis — figures clearly in the data. In the month before Netanyahu announced his commitment to annex Area C, Likud was predicted by polls to earn between 26 and 31 seats. Two days after Netanyahu tossed the bombshell to the press, his party won an astounding 36 seats in Israel's 21st Knesset.

American Jewry was less impressed.

In a letter published this past Thursday, nine Jewish groups gathered to condemn Israel's prime minister for his pledge to extend Israeli sovereignty to the heart of the

Jewish Biblical homeland. The letter — signed by such major American Jewish groups as the Anti-Defamation League, the Union for Reform Judaism, and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism — laid down the belief that Netanyahu's proposed extensions of sovereignty would "create intense divisions in the United States and make unwavering support for Israel and its security far more difficult to maintain."

The most ironic voice amid the chorus of vitriol was that of legal scholar and Democratic Israel advocate Alan Dershowitz. In a tweet released at around the same time as the letter to President Trump, Dershowitz congratulated the Prime Minister before instructing him in matters of policy.

"Mazal tov to Israeli PM Netanyahu, who I've known since he was a student at MIT," Dershowitz tweeted, before adding that he was "waiting for the new peace plan to be implemented." He then specified exactly how it had to be done: "[It's] time for a fair two-state solution that assures Israel's security."

Firstly, someone ought to notify Dershowitz that Netanyahu is no longer a student at MIT. He is a public servant and takes his assignments from the people he represents and not academics.

But the chutzpah (the word Dershowitz famously popularized) of this tweet feels especially pronounced when you consider that when the terror-funding emirate of Qatar faced friction with the United States for their terror-funding ways, Dershowitz never lectured them about changing their policies. To the contrary. He defended the emirate, even claiming in an absolutely bizarre and now infamous op-ed that "Qatar is quickly becoming the Israel of the Gulf States, surrounded by enemies, subject to boycotts and unrealistic demands, and struggling for its survival." To make any comparison between a peace-loving democracy and a terrorist-funding monarchy is a disgrace. That he accepted not one, but two invitations to appear in Qatar puts his motivation into question. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, "Mr. Dershowitz declines to discuss payments for his Qatar experience, saying: 'I don't make long trips to foreign countries paying my own way.' He returned to Qatar in March to give a lecture."

Hmmmm.

I will leave the question of payments open-ended as Prof. Dershowitz himself has.

But what I will question is why Dershowitz is publicly lecturing Israelis about a Palestinian state — which would directly threaten Israel's existence — when he wouldn't publicly lecture the Emir of Qatar about funding Hamas?

The contents of the letter from the nine American Jewish leaders was equally misguided. The message would advance the oft-told warnings that annexing sections of Area C would intensify the conflict with the Palestinians; undermine, "if not eradicate," Israel's security coordination with the Palestinian Authority; and bolster efforts, such as BDS, that seek to isolate Israel.

While there is merit to these ideas, they're far from accepted truth. On the contrary, these sound exactly like the warnings of a global backlash we heard before Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Or the warnings to Trump that recognizing Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights would ignite a firestorm.

The results were notably underwhelming. Israel has rarely experienced more favorable standing in the Gulf States than it does today. Israel has, under Bibi's leadership, also ramped up its connections with Muslim states in Africa, including Mali, Somalia, and the Republic of Guinea, which recently renewed diplomatic relations with Israel for the first time in nearly 50 years. The sitting President of Chad even visited Israel last year — a first for the African-Muslim nation. In the Gulf, the world recently witnessed Israeli ministers publicly visit Abu Dhabi and Dubai, and Netanyahu even paid a visit of his own to the Sultan of Oman — in Oman.

As for security cooperation with the Palestinian Authority, there is this consideration: Most of the terrorism that Israel currently faces is a product of the Oslo Accords of 1994 and the withdrawal from Gaza of 2005. In the Second Intifada, PA guns were actively aimed at Israeli soldiers and civilians. So it's hard to argue that Israel should make critical security decisions based on what the PA has to say.

However, far more outrageous than what the letter said was who it was addressed to. Amazingly, this letter wasn't written as a plea to the Israeli public, as it should have been,

did not yield significant Israeli concessions.

The only German signatory is former foreign minister and ex-leader of the socialist party, Sigmar Gabriel. He accused Israel of being an apartheid state, and apologized for this statement only many months later. And many of the other European officials who signed the letter have a strong history of anti-Israel bias.

The signatories almost all hail from countries that have supported or adopted the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA)'s working definition of antisemitism, which says that manifestations of antisemitism might include "the targeting of the state of Israel, conceived as a Jewish collectivity." The definition says that applying double standards by requiring of Israel behaviors not demanded of any other democratic nation is an antisemitic act.

Such double standards and manifestations of antisemitism occur every year at the UN General Assembly, which singles out Israel for attack more than any other nation on earth (when many of those other nations are guilty of true war crimes and human rights violations). In recent years, there has not even



Alan Dershowitz speaking at Columbia University. Photo: Alexi Rosenfeld.

nor to Israel's prime minister, but to President Donald Trump.

Let that sink in: mainstream American Jewish groups are demanding that their president take action to subdue a sitting Israeli prime minister days after he won an election.

This isn't the first time we've seen American Jews trying to force-fit Israeli policies into their own idealistic molds. But it is the first time they asked an American President to do it for them.

In a twist stranger than fiction, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo rose to defend Netanyahu from mainstream American groups. Asked whether he thought Netanyahu "vowing to annex the West Bank" could hurt the administration's upcoming peace plan, Pompeo answered, "I don't."

In the same interview, Secretary Pompeo would go on to capture the very frustration with the peace process that drove so many Israelis to reject the two-state solution. "We've had a lot of ideas for 40 years. They did not deliver peace between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Our idea is to put forward a vision that has ideas that are new, that are different, that are unique, that tries to reframe and reshape what's been an intractable problem."

It's a fair point. Israel has been wandering through decades of negotiations trying to create a Palestinian state and watched their efforts go up in the smoke of suicide bombs. This became especially pronounced when Israel withdrew fully from Gaza, only to watch it fall to Hamas and become a permanent launching pad for terror and rockets.

American Jews don't have to agree with Israel on all points. But let them at least agree that Israel is a sovereign nation and a democracy, mature enough, wise enough, and courageous enough to chart its own way.

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# European Hypocrites on US Peace Plan for Israel

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Donald Trump's Mideast peace plan has yet to be published, but that hasn't stopped 37 former Europeans politicians and officials from publishing a joint letter against it. The signatories write: "Unfortunately, the current US administration has departed from longstanding U.S. policy and distanced itself from established international legal norms. It has so far recognized only one side's claims to Jerusalem and demonstrated a disturbing indifference to Israeli settlement expansion."

The letter says that "despite uncertainty as to if and when the plan will be released, it is crucial for Europe to be vigilant and act strategically."

A quick look at the signatories identifies a number of well-known anti-Israeli inciters among them. A few examples: Former Finnish socialist foreign minister Erkki Tuomioja compared Israeli politics with those of the Nazis. Former Danish foreign minister Mogens Lykketoft reportedly said on television when Israeli minister Rehavam Zeevi was murdered that "there was no difference between that assassination and Israel's targeted killing of terrorists." Another signatory is former Danish foreign minister Martin Lidegaard, who threatened Israel with sanctions from the European Union in 2014 if the indirect talks between Hamas and Israel

been one resolution against Hamas. Many of the signatories of the letter were ministers in their countries. Quite a few of them were responsible for their country's antisemitic voting records at the United Nations.

Almost all of the signatories come from countries where antisemitism has greatly increased in the last five years. This can be seen from the findings of a study published by the European Commission in January 2019.

One wonders what the signatories of the letter have done to combat the rising antisemitism in their countries. If anything at all, their efforts have not been successful. Instead, they continue their obsession of hating Israel, and championing the Palestinian Authority, which rewards the murderers of Israelis with financial payments. There is little reason to believe that if the Palestinians get a state, as the signatories want, the terrorist murders of Israelis will stop.

For many centuries, antisemitism has been deeply interwoven with European culture. The letter of the 37 European hypocrites reflects that culture.

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reinforced by the unique description of the action in the staccato form of five consecutive verbs (literally, “he ate, he drank, he rose, he left, he despised”). Every time we see Esau we have the impression of an impulsive figure always driven by the emotion of the moment, be it hunger, filial devotion, a desire for revenge or, at last, generosity of spirit.

Jacob is the opposite. He does not give way to his feelings. He acts and thinks long-term. That is what he does when he seizes the opportunity to buy Esau’s birthright, when he works for seven years for Rachel (a period that “seemed to him but a few days”), and when he fixes terms with Laban for payment for his labour. Rebuking his son Joseph for the seeming presumptuousness of his dreams, the Torah tells us that the brothers were jealous of Joseph “but his father kept the matter in mind.” Jacob never acts impulsively. He thinks long and hard before deciding.

Not only is impetuosity alien to him, he is also critical of it when he sees it in his children. On his death bed, he curses his three eldest sons in these words:

*Reuben, you are my firstborn... Unstable as water, you will not excel... Simeon and Levi ... Cursed be their anger, so fierce, and their fury, so cruel!*” (Gen. 49:3–7)

Acting on the basis of anger and impetuosity is for him the sign of an unworthy personality with which he does not wish to be associated.

What does all this have to do with sin, transgression, atonement, and two goats?

Recent years have seen a revolution in our understanding of the human brain, and with it, the human mind. One key text was Antonio Damasio’s book *Descartes’ Error*. Damasio discovered something unusual about patients who had suffered brain damage to the ventromedial prefrontal cortex. Their ability to think remained unchanged, but their ability to feel dropped to almost zero. The result was that they found it impossible to make decisions. They would reason endlessly but fail to make their mind up on one course of action rather than another.

Much subsequent work has shown that Descartes and Kant were wrong in their assertion that we are, first and foremost, rational animals. David Hume was right in his view that we are primarily emotional beings who make decisions on the basis of feelings, desires, and drives of which we may be barely conscious. We justify our choices, but brain scans show that we may have made those choices before being aware that we had done so.

We are more driven by emotion and less by reason than Enlightenment thinkers believed. This discovery has led to new fields of study like behavioural economics (what people actually do rather than what theory says they do), emotional intelligence, and interdisciplinary studies linking neuroscience to morality and politics.

We have, in fact, a dual-system or twin-track brain. This is what Daniel Kahneman

is referring to in the title of his famous book *Thinking, Fast and Slow*. One track is rapid, instinctive, emotional, and subconscious. The other is slower, conscious, deliberative, and calculating. The former allows us to react quickly to situations of immediate potential danger. Without it, we and our ancestors would not have survived. Many of our instinctive reactions are benign. It is natural to have empathy, and with it the tendency to feel other people’s pain and come to their aid. We develop a strong sense of attachment that leads us to defend members of our family or community. But not all instincts are benign. Anger, envy, jealousy, fear, hate, and the desire for revenge may once have been functional, but they are often deeply destructive in social situations. That is why the ability to “think slow,” to pause and reflect, matters so much. All animals have desires. Only human beings are capable of passing judgement on desires – of asking, should I or should I not satisfy this desire?

These recent discoveries in neuroscience and related fields do not tell us something new. Rather, they have vindicated an ancient insight that was often obscured by Enlightenment rationalism. We cannot live, choose, or love without emotion. But one of the fundamental themes of Genesis is that not all emotion is benign. Instinctive, impulsive behaviour can lead to violence. What is needed to be a carrier of God’s covenant is the ability to “think slow” and act deliberately. That is the contrast between Isaac and Ishmael (of whom it was said, “He will be a wild donkey of a man; his hand will be against everyone and everyone’s hand against him,” Gen. 16:12). Even more so, it is the contrast between Jacob and Esau.

Which brings us to Genesis 27 and the moment when Jacob dressed up in Esau’s clothes and said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn.” The two goats of the High Priest’s service and the two goats prepared by Rebecca symbolise our duality: “The hands are the hands of Esau but the voice is the voice of Jacob.” *We each have an Esau and Jacob within us*, the impulsive, emotional brain and the reflective, deliberative one. We can think fast or slow. Our fate, our goral, our life-script, will be determined by which we choose. Will our life be lived “to the Lord” or “to Azazel,” to the random vicissitudes of chance?

This is the moral drama symbolised by the two goats, one dedicated “to the Lord,” the other “to Azazel” and released into the wilderness. The power of ritual is that it does not speak in abstractions – reason versus emotion, instinctual deferral rather than gratification. It is gripping, visceral, all the more so when it evokes, consciously or otherwise, the memory of the twins, Jacob and Esau, together at birth yet utterly divergent in their character and fate.

Who am I? That is the question Yom Kippur forces us to ask. To be Jacob, we have to release and relinquish the Esau within us, the impulsiveness that can lead us to sell our birthright for a bowl of soup, losing eternity in the pursuit of desire.

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majority or a majority. But it’s a non-trivial issue. And it’s an issue on which non-transparent and rapidly shifting population numbers in the *Times* news columns are an impediment to reasoned, fact-based discussion.

Proponents of the creation of a Palestinian state have been using versions of this “demographic argument” for years to warn that if Israel doesn’t withdraw from the West Bank rapidly, Israel won’t be able to remain both Jewish and democratic. But after people started making this argument, several things happened that the people making it hadn’t fully anticipated. The Soviet Union collapsed, enabling a large wave of Jewish immigration from there to Israel. The Jewish population of Israel has also been growing more rapidly than most people initially predicted, thanks

in part to large family sizes among the Orthodox. Israel unilaterally withdrew from the Gaza Strip. And some number of Palestinian Arabs have decided simply to leave, moving to Europe, elsewhere in the Middle East, or even America rather than enduring life under the Palestinian Authority. That’s not to recommend that Israel should annex the West Bank and its entire remaining Arab population. It’s simply to say that arguments about demographic trajectories need to be anchored in reality rather than in artificially inflated, moving-target counts featuring Palestinians that the *Times* claims exist in late March and then subsequently subtracts in early April without explanation.

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## Assange’s Antisemitism Revisited



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WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is seen after was arrested by British police in London, Britain April 11, 2019. Photo: REUTERS/Peter Nicholls.

When the fugitive WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange first holed up in the Ecuadorean embassy in London seven years ago, “Brexit” was an unknown word, Donald Trump was still hosting *The Apprentice*, and the Iran nuclear deal was just a twinkle in the eye of Barack Obama. So when, last week, British police officers carried a horizontal Assange out of the embassy’s doors and into a world greatly changed since the last time he breathed in the fresh morning air, one couldn’t help reflecting that those changes would not quite have been the same without his contribution.

That observation should not be taken as an expression of admiration. Among his many detractors, Assange has been variously painted as a clown, a devious sex offender, a Russian dupe (some might even say “operative”), and an unprincipled publicity addict. That image is hardly relieved by the stories of riding a skateboard along narrow corridors, playing indoor soccer with visiting friends, and verbally abusing security guards — apparently among the less obnoxious behaviors exhibited by Assange during his embassy sojourn.

Still, none of that changes the fact that Assange is an influencer. Through the medium of the leaked private communications of governments and political leaders, he has championed the notion that politics in the digital age is an especially dirty game of murky money trails, corrupt elected officials, heinous violations of individual privacy, and a foreign policy that is owned by corporate and special interests. As Assange faces conceivably lengthy extradition proceedings in the United Kingdom and then a possible criminal trial in United States, those themes will surface again and again, mainly to reinforce the sense among his supporters that Assange is a fighter for free speech, and a speaker of truth to power.

Assange knows from experience that his way of viewing the world resonates with lots of people. It was a worldview that tapped into the public disgruntlement that influenced two key electoral tests in the Western world in 2016: the US presidential election and the British referendum on leaving the European Union. Assange and his WikiLeaks project provided as-good-as-empirical evidence for politicians as diverse as Trump, Democratic contender Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Brexit advocate Nigel Farage, and British Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn to depict cosmopolitan, transnational, and unaccountable “elites” as the alleged source of the rot in public life.

Critically, Assange does not belong to the right or the left politically because he speaks to both sides; he speaks more so to their extremes. In many ways, Assange personifies a zeitgeist in which genuinely divisive and important arguments about the limits of national sovereignty — or the erosion of personal privacy by national-security imperatives — have been intensified by more exotic claims about the reach of the “deep state,” or the extraordinary influence of “special interests” smart enough to avoid public scrutiny.

Not everyone who sees the world in these rather brutalist terms is an antisemite, of course. But because antisemitism is in essence a conspiratorial fantasy, those who

are afflicted with it tend to gravitate to the political poles where their anxieties about Jewish power receive greater sympathy.

Assange himself has spoken about Jews several times with plain and heartfelt hostility. The first occasion was in 2011, when he phoned Ian Hislop, the editor of the British satirical magazine *Private Eye*, to complain about a piece that highlighted Assange’s friendship with a notorious character named Israel Shamir. A Russian Jew who converted to Orthodox Christianity, Shamir has been writing unhinged missives denouncing Judaism and Zionism for the last 20 years, mostly for far-right websites. By running the item, Assange said, Hislop had joined an international conspiracy against WikiLeaks led by journalists, all of whom, Assange emphasized, “are Jewish.” When Hislop challenged this invocation of a classic antisemitic trope, Assange suddenly replied, “Forget about the Jewish thing.”

But Hislop didn’t forget, and Assange promptly accused him — as is the fashion among those charged with making antisemitic statements — of engaging in a smear campaign. Those who gave Assange the benefit of the doubt on that occasion were, however, stumped in 2013, when WikiLeaks employee James Ball resigned from the organization precisely because of Assange’s relationship with Shamir, whom he described as “an antisemitic writer... and a man with ties and friends in the Russian security services.” Then, in 2016, four years into his residency at the Ecuadorean embassy, Assange picked up on the social-media meme of placing parentheses symbolizing an echo chamber on either side of the names of Jewish writers.

“Tribalist symbol for establishment climbers? Most of our critics have 3 ((brackets around their names))) & have black-rim glasses. Bizarre,” Assange said on Twitter, in a routine example of antisemitic dog-whistling. Shortly afterwards, and getting a taste of his own medicine, a private message sent by Assange in which he insulted the Jewish journalist Raphael Sutter was leaked online. “He’s always been a rat,” Assange said of Sutter. “But he’s Jewish and engaged with the ((( ))) issue.”

It would seem, then, that what most agitates Assange about Jews is their clannishness and tribalism, their habit of sticking together politically, their supposed notorious practice of smearing critics as “antisemites” and their penetration of the establishment. It’s probably not coincidental that these supposed traits are exactly what Shamir detests about Jews, too, as is demonstrated by a quick perusal of his ravings.

When the next chapter in the Assange saga begins — and it is already being cast by the WikiLeaks faithful as the trial of the century, with their hero muzzled by an American flag — get ready for more of the same.

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## Impressions.

### Fair Criticism of Israel? What About the Palestinians?

BY ERIC ROZENMAN

Supporters of a close relationship between the US and Israel work hard to differentiate between anti-Zionism and legitimate criticism of Israel. Doing so is an intellectual and moral necessity, but it should not become a distraction.

That's because to anti-Israel fanatics of a growing radical Islamist/leftist alliance, all criticisms of the Jewish state are legitimate — because Israel itself is illegitimate.

After Israel's victory in the 1967 Six-Day War, some on the left turned Israel from the Middle East's plucky David facing reactionary Arab kings and dictators into a colonial Goliath, oppressing "third-world" Palestinian Arabs. The Soviet-inspired 1975 UN General Assembly resolution equating Zionism with racism certified "anti-Jewish statism."



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

The UN resolution was repealed in 1991, but for some on the far-left (and now, some on the not-so-far left), accusations of a "racist" Israel are commonplace. For them, Israel has become the villain — despite the endless record of Palestinian hate, terrorism, and incitement.

To many in Arab-Islamic countries, Israel's illegal and temporary nature is obvious. Former Israeli Knesset member Einat Wilf notes that most of the region's 460 million Arabs look at nearly seven million Jewish Israelis, and presume that their tiny state can't be any more permanent than the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem.

And, says Wilf, many of the world's 1.5 billion Muslims see the planet's 14 million Jews, and insist the latter are only members of a religion, not a people. Therefore Zionism — the Jewish people's national liberation movement — cannot claim a state, no matter how small.

Similarly, the progressive left hosts countless secular fundamentalists for whom neo-Marxist ideology replaces pre-Vatican II Roman Catholic theology, never mind Koranic supersessionism. The Bolsheviks and their heirs despised small European nationalities, as well as religion. So Jews as a people are a double target.

In the latter half of the 20th century, much of Christianity made space for Judaism as an "elder brother" in faith, and for Israel as the Jewish homeland. Assuming this acceptance would be an expanding trend, supporters of Israel have been stunned by the antisemitism on the liberal side today. This intellectual-political group asserts that Congresswomen Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI) were attempting fair critiques of Israeli policy toward Pales-

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### How to Make This Year's Seder a Meaningful One

BY JEREMY ROSEN

For some of us, every minute of the two seder nights is an absolute delight. Even the preparation and the cleaning. There is no other occasion in the festive year quite like it. Different customs. The food. The songs. The exotica of it all. The seder nights remind us of our childhood search for the Afikoman, and the rewards for finding it. Family traditions and reunions. The familiar words. The intellectual delight of analyzing the text of the Haggadah, and finding new meanings, explanations, and fantasies of academic and not so academic interpretations and innovations.

If we are fortunate, the discussions are stimulating, challenging, and involve everyone contributing according to their interests and expertise.

Sadly though, for most Jews, it is nothing of the sort. If the pious want to say every word of a long text, everyone else is impatient, starving, and cannot wait to eat. No one cares about the words except the old bore, who is leading things the way he always has,

I have a solution. It is true that there are obligations: To eat an olive's amount of matzah (let's not go into detail as to how much an olive's measure is). Then there are the bitter herbs (you may have no idea how much disagreement there is about which herbs count as bitter). As for the four cups of wine, thank goodness we no longer have to put up with sickly sweet concoctions. We can now find really top, expensive wine of every quality. The other refinements (greens and eggs in salt water, haroset, and Hillel's sandwich — which do not take up too much time) can be fun talking points.

But the real issue is the Haggadah. Do we really need to know how many plagues were multiplied on the Egyptians from God's finger to hand to arm? And why repeat the song Dayenu in prose as well as poetry? The fact is that the Haggadah, like all our services, has been added to over the years. It is as if the longer we survive, the greater the amount of time we need to spend over multiplying words.

The Talmud is more interested in actual discussion and debate in an unstructured way. After all,



Ambassador Danny Danon with fellow diplomats participate in pre-Passover Seder held at the United Nations. Photo: Shahar Azran.

and who insists on doing everything by the book. His father taught him it all, and he is not going to change one iota. And it takes very long. Most people present don't know or understand the Hebrew. It is all irrelevant. The "know it alls" insist on disagreeing about how to do things, and then grumble and sulk when they do not get their way. Family tensions reemerge like a typical American family forced to get together over Thanksgiving. Visitors have no idea what is going on and need explanations, and page finders eager to help only make matters more confusing.

Communal seders are just as bad. They always start late. The rabbi wants to preach too much. The chazzan wants to sing too much. And everyone wants to talk to each other. No one is very interested in Torah, or, indeed, in having a discussion. Most have been dragged there for other reasons. There are too many people, too much noise, the food is often sub-standard, and the wine third rate. It becomes just a chore that we have to go through. The kids are running around, crying, shouting, or at best dozing off. Everyone is peeved, frustrated, and soon fed up to the teeth. So, as soon as the food is served (which cannot come too early) they will sneak out as quickly as possible. Who needs to hear Had Gadyah (sung badly) anyway? Do I care about a goat? No, I do not! I want to go to bed, and I am not going to stay to sing "Next Year in Jerusalem."

the Talmud itself says that it is enough to say, "I was there." And anything you say on the subject "has fulfilled your obligation to recount the exodus from Egypt." And if you ask why this night is different, you do not have to say "Mah Nishtana." Though that's about the least boring part of it all.

So, my advice is to go minimalist. Don't go by the book. By that I mean: don't feel you have to say every word if you do not feel like it. Only recite those parts you really have to or want to. But then open it all up for first hand experience of being the underdog, refugee, or, indeed, slave. Have discussion and debate. I know, you will tell me that in this day and age of Democrats and Republicans unable to be civil, or Brexiteers regarded as suicidal traitors, you may be laying yourself open to fisticuffs or social ostracism. Even Israeli policies and elections are dangerous now. Make sure you have security guards handy.

Perhaps it is safer to stick to the text of the Haggadah after all.

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# Legal Notice.

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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  
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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  
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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  
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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  
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NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., Plaintiff AGAINST Paulette McKenzie, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 11/14/2018 and entered on 12/3/2018, I, the undersigned Referee,

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will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 02, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 1157 ST. JOHNS PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11213-2642. 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: 1251, LOT: 44. Approximate amount of judgment is \$566,075.97 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 014914/2009. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Ira Greene, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO BANK OF AMERICA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR STRUCTURED ASSET INVESTMENT LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES SERIES 2004-10, Pltf. vs. GEORGE MARSHALL, et al, Defts. Index #6326-13. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Mar. 16, 2017 and order entered Feb. 8, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 1015 East 84th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the easterly side of East 84th St., distant 100 ft. southerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the easterly side of 84th St. with the southerly side of Avenue J, being a plot 100 ft. x 30 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$669,565.83 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale and the right of the United States of America to redeem within 120 days from the date of sale as provide by law. DAVID HERNANDEZ, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #96675  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR MANA 2007-A1, Plaintiff, vs. FABIENNE NELSON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on July 18, 2017, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 933 East 106th 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 8214 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 19374/13. Doron Leiby, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS Santander Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, N.A. f/k/a Sovereign Bank, Plaintiff

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-against- Yehoshua C. Rubin a/k/a Y.C. Rubin a/k/a Yehoshua Chaim Rubin, Yenty Rubin, Blima Rubin, City of New York Environmental Control Board, New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, John Smith (name refused), Jane Smith (name refused), Defendant(s) Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale entered on October 22, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at ROOM 224 F/K/A ROOM 274 OF KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT, 360 ADAMS STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11201 on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 PM premises known as 4922 11th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of KINGS and State of New York. Block: 5639 Lot: 59 Approximate amount of lien \$278,518.57 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment Index # 511161/2016 Steven Naiman, Esq., REFEREE STEIN, WIENER AND ROTH, L.L.P., ATTORNEYS FOR THE PLAINTIFF ONE OLD COUNTRY ROAD, SUITE 113 CARLE PLACE, NY 11514 DATED: March 19, 2019 FILE #: SAN CONSUMER 71222  
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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC 2005-FR5 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FR5, Plaintiff against GALO MONTESDEOCA A/K/A GALO MONTESDEOCA, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on March 28, 2016, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 2nd day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1101 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. 11221. (Block: 3284, Lot: 39). Approximate amount of lien \$ 639,228.21 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 7907-13. Betty Lugo, Esq., Referee. McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 420 Lexington Avenue - Suite 840 New York, NY 10170 (347) 286-7409  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Morgan Stanley ABS Capital I Inc. Trust 2006-WMC2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC2, Plaintiff AGAINST Sadaqat Choudhary a/k/a Sadaqat A. Choudhary; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 2, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 7601 20th Avenue, 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 NY, Block 6240 Lot 10. Approximate amount of judgment \$732,600.13

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plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 500807/2015. Jack Segal, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 5, 2019  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE TRUST 2005-5, ADJUSTABLE RATE MORTGAGE BACKED PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-5, Plaintiff AGAINST ROBERT J. ADAMS, Jr. and DIANA ADAMS, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 20, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at Room 224 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 02, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1265 67TH STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. 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 5760, LOT 51. Approximate amount of judgment \$510,492.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 1679/2014. Philip Kamaras, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 62031  
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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS JPMorgan Chase Bank, N. A., Plaintiff AGAINST Araina R. Carino, Individually and as Co-Administratrix of the Estate of Raymond Garvey; Raymond J. Garvey a/k/a Raymond J. Garvey, Jr., Individually and as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Raymond Garvey; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated February 14, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 2, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 2154 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 8537 Lot 67. Approximate amount of judgment \$325,116.80 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 510688/2016. Jeffrey Dinowitz, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 4, 2019 61868  
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT: KINGS COUNTY. PENTEX HOLDINGS, LLC, Pltf. vs. DAPHNE RODNEY, et al, Defts. Index #511699/2014. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale entered Aug. 27, 2018 and order entered Mar. 8, 2019, I will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams St., Brooklyn, NY on May 2, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. prem. k/a 716 Logan Street, Brooklyn, NY. Said property beginning at a point on the Westerly side of Logan St., distant 298 ft. Northerly from the corner formed by the intersection of the Westerly side of Logan St. with the Northerly

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side of Hegeman Ave., being a plot 100 ft. x 24 ft. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$471,392.39 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. DANA JENKINS, Referee. THE MARGOLIN & WEINREB LAW GROUP, LLP, Attys. for Pltf., 165 Eileen Way, Ste. 101, Syosset, NY. #96723  
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff - against - HUBERT CLARKE, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 25, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction, at the Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, Kings County, New York on the 2nd Day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 9023 Ave B, Brooklyn, (City of New York) NY 11236. (Block: 4750, Lot: 1) Approximate amount of lien \$206,479.08 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 500186/2017. Shmuel D. Taub, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 Dated: March 4, 2019  
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REFEREE'S NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-A, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, Plaintiff - against - DAVID ARONOWICZ, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale granted on April 30, 2018. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 274 of Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on the 2nd Day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Premises known as 25 Paerdegat 13th Street, Brooklyn, New York 11236. (Block: 8071, Lot: 28) Approximate amount of lien \$392,277.50 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 18367/2009. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee. Davidson Fink LLP Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 28 East Main Street, Suite 1700 Rochester, NY 14614-1990 Tel. 585/760-8218 For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Dated: February 5, 2019  
AJ; 3/29; 4/5/12/19/

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: FLEURDEMAVIE 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: Fleurdemavie 1218 E. 55th Street Brooklyn, NY 11234. Purpose: all lawful activity  
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## Tradition.

## Thinking Fast and Slow

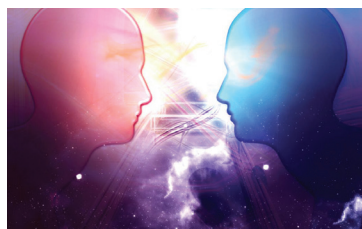


JONATHAN SACKS  
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If we put together recent discoveries in neuroscience with Midrashic tradition we may be able to shed new light on the meaning of the central mystery of Yom Kippur: the two goats, identical in appearance, over which the High Priest cast lots, sacrificing one as a sin offering and sending the other, the scapegoat, into the wilderness to die.

In past *Covenant & Conversation* essays on Acharei Mot, we have looked at the scapegoat as it figures in Jewish tradition and, in a very different way, in other cultures. But there are other dimensions of the rite that cry out for explanation. We argued that there were two goats because Yom Kippur represents a dual process of *kappara*, atonement, and *tahara*, purification, directed respectively at guilt and shame. But this does not explain why the two animals were required to be as similar as possible to one another, nor does it account for the role of casting lots (*goralot*). Presumably, these elements were designed to inspire feelings of awe and penitence on the part of the crowds that thronged the Temple on the holiest day of the year, but how and in what way?

Over the centuries, the Sages sought to decipher the mystery. Two



animals, alike in appearance but different in fate, suggests the idea of twins. This and other clues led the Midrash, the Zohar, and classic commentators such as Nahmanides and Abarbanel to the conclusion that in some sense, the two goats symbolised the most famous of all the Torah's twins: Jacob and Esau.

There are other clues too. The word *se'ir*, "goat," is associated in the Torah with Esau. He and his descendants lived in the land of Seir. The word *se'ir* is related to *sei'ar*, "hairy," which is how Esau was born: "his whole body was like a hairy garment" (Gen. 25:25). When Rebecca urged Jacob to pretend to be Esau in order to take Isaac's blessing, Jacob said, "My brother Esau is a hairy [*sa'ir*] man while I have smooth skin" (Gen. 27:11). According to the Mishnah, a red thread was tied to the scapegoat, and "red" (Edom) was Esau's other name. So there was a tradition that the scapegoat in some way symbolised Esau. Azazel, the mysterious place or entity for which the goat was intended, was Samael, Esau's guardian angel.

In particular, the phrase "two kids of the goats," *shnei se'irei izim*, mentioned in the High Priest's rites, reminds us of the very similar expression, "two kids of the goats," *shnei gedi'ei izim*, mentioned in Genesis 27, the scene of Jacob's deception. Isaac had asked Esau to catch him some wild game and prepare him a meal so that he could bless him. Rebecca tells Jacob to "Go out to the flock and bring me two choice kids of the goats, so I can prepare some tasty food for your father, the way he likes it. Such verbal parallels are not coincidental in the Torah. They are part of its sustained intertextuality, its finely woven prose in which one verse sheds light on another.

So the two goats of the High Priest's service evoke in multiple ways the figures of Jacob and Esau, and specifically the scene in which Jacob pretended to be Esau, dressing in his clothes so that he would feel and smell like his brother. It was then, answering his father's question, "Who are you, my son?" that Jacob said the words, "I am your firstborn Esau," leading Isaac to say, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau" (Gen. 27:22).

Who then were Esau and Jacob? What did they represent and how is this relevant to Yom Kippur and atonement? Midrashic tradition tends to portray Jacob as perfect and Esau as an evil-doer. However, the Torah itself is far more nuanced. Esau is not a figure of evil. His father loved him and sought to bless him. The Sages say that in one respect – honouring his father – he was a supreme role model. And in Deuteronomy Moses commands, "Do not despise an Edomite [i.e., a descendant of Esau], because he is your brother" (Deut. 23:8).

*Esau in the Torah is not the epitome of evil. Rather, he is the man of impulse.* We see this in the scene in which he sells his birthright to Jacob. Coming in one day exhausted by the hunt, he sees Jacob making lentil broth:

*He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!..." Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright." "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?" But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright. (Gen. 25:30-34)*

This vignette of Esau's impetuosity – selling part of his heritage for the sake of a bowl of soup – is

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NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC Bank USA, National Association as Trustee for Wells Fargo Asset Securities

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Corporation, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-11, Plaintiff AGAINST Iliya Honovich; Isaac Chkouri; 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 May 9, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1809 Voorhies Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11235-3608. 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 7463 Lot 49. Approximate amount of judgment \$920,035.05 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 20473-13. Gregory M. Laspina, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 22, 2019 62242 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST THAKOR MADHOO, et al. Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated November 27, 2017 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 09, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 205 HALE AVENUE, BROOKLYN, NY 11208. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK 3960, LOT 6. Approximate amount of judgment \$651,242.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 512152/2015. LEONARD C. SPECTOR, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 62047 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SOUNDVIEW HOME LOAN TRUST 2008-1, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2008-1, Plaintiff against THEODORE GILKES, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on February 25, 2019. I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Room 224 of the Kings County Courthouse, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. on the 9th day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Said premises known as 1062 East 105th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236. (Block: 8231, Lot: 67). Approximate amount of lien \$ 434,483.84 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 511969-14. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee. McCabe, Weisberg & Conway, LLC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff 145 Huguenot Street – Suite 210 New Rochelle, New York 10801 (914) 636-8900 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS,

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FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. COREY MILLER, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 1768 Bergen 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 1357 and Lot 30. Approximate amount of judgment is \$774,237.79 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 11898/2013. Steven Naiman, Esq., Referee Mavrides Moyal Packman Sadkin, 276 Fifth Avenue, Suite 404, New York, New York 10001, Attorneys for Plaintiff AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE Index No. 507722/2018 Date Filed: 3/26/2019 Bank of America, N.A., Plaintiff, -against- Moshe Moskowitz, if he be living or dead, his spouse, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; City of New York Environmental Control Board; City of New York Parking Violations Bureau; City of New York Transit Adjudication Bureau; State of New York; and "JOHN DOE", said name being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of premises being foreclosed herein, and any parties, corporations or entities, if any, having or claiming an interest or lien upon the mortgaged premises, Defendants. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1818 48th Street, Brooklyn, NY 1204 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the days of service, or within thirty (30) days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Noach Dear, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Kings County, entered March 18, 2019 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Kings County Clerk's Office. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$249,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Kings County Office of the City Register on July 5, 2004, in CRFN: 2004000410948 covering premises known as 1818 48th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11204 a/k/a Block 5450, Lot 14. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage

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described above. Plaintiff designates Kings County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME IF YOU DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE MORTGAGE COMPANY WHO FILED THIS FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AND YOU CAN LOSE YOUR HOME. SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY OR GO TO THE COURT WHERE YOUR CASE IS PENDING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW TO ANSWER THE SUMMONS AND PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. SENDING A PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Re-dated: 3-26-19 Frank M. Cassara, Esq. Senior Associate Attorney SHAPIRO, DICARO & BARAK, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (585) 247-9000 Fax: (585) 247-7380 our File No. 18-070502 #96764 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(LLC) Name: DAVIS/LEE PROJECTS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York(SSNY) on 12/14/2018. Office location: Kings county SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom Process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to: Max C Lee 528 Flatbush Ave..Apt. 1 Brooklyn, NY 11225 Purpose: all lawful activity AJ; 4/5/12/19/26; 5/3/10

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF KINGS HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR NOMURA ASSET ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AP1 Plaintiff, vs. RACHEL BRACH, ALBERT BRACH, et al. Defendants NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Kings County on February 15, 2019, I, Joel E. Abramson, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on May 9, 2019 at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, County of Kings, State of New York, at 2:30 P.M., the premises described as follows: 3920 Neptune Ave Brooklyn, NY 11224 SBL No.: Block: 7001 Lot: 15 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate at Sea Gate, on Coney Island, in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 510925/2014 in the amount of \$517,970.49 plus interest and costs. Brittany J. Maxon, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel: 855-227-5072 AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

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Members of Israel's Olympic judo team Ori Sasson, Peter Palchick and Sagi Muki. Photo: Algemeiner.

## Israel's Olympic Judo Team Members Say Their 'Fighting Spirit' Will Never Be Sidelined by Anti-Israel Snubs

BY SHIRYN GHERMEZIAN

Members of Israel's Olympic judo team on Monday expressed their dedication to representing their country in the world of sports, despite facing anti-Israel sentiment at major international competitions.

Judokas Ori Sasson, Sagi Muki, and Peter Paltchik who won the silver medal at the New York Open Judo Championship on April 6, are visiting the US on a tour of college campuses. Schools at which they'll perform judo workshops and share their stories of overcoming discrimination will include Rutgers University, University of Delaware, and the University of Pennsylvania.

"We're gonna show the world that no one can wipe out Israel. Not now, not ever," Sasson told *The Algemeiner*. "Like a warrior who goes to war, he doesn't think about the other things, he just goes to fight and do his best. We know how to manage our emotions and just focus on winning. That's the most important" — to which Paltchik added, "that's the reason why we are going through all this."

Muki and Paltchik made international headlines when they individually won gold medals at the Abu Dhabi Grand Slam in October 2018, which led to the playing of the Israeli national anthem, "Hatikvah," for the first time in history at the competition. Afterwards Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Muki to congratulate him on his victory and for advancing Israel's cause around the world, according to the athlete. Muki called the experience "a moment that I will never forget."

Paltchik added, "Every time I'm on the podium and I'm hoisting our flag and the national anthem is played, it's always a feeling of pride, but in Abu Dhabi, it was very, very special. It was by far the most special moment in my career. When I got back to our hotel I got like 3,000 messages ... It was a big, big win of sports over politics. The years before that we didn't even play with our names, not just Israel's symbols [were disallowed], but not even our names on our back."

Muki recalled winning the bronze medal during the 2015 competition in Abu Dhabi. At the medal presentation, each winner stood on the podium with their respective flags — except for him. He also competed in 2015 and 2017 without the Israeli flag, which judo officials in the country banned at the time, claiming it would be dangerous. Israeli competitors were addition-

ally barred from having the letters "ISR," which stands for Israel, on their uniforms.

In 2017, five Israeli judokas won medals in Abu Dhabi, including a gold, but tournament organizers refused to play Israel's national anthem. The Israeli competitors also were required to wear the uniform of the International Judo Federation and received their medals under an IJF flag.

One memorable moment in the 2017 competition was when gold medal winner Tal Flicker personally sang "Hatikvah" as the IJF's anthem played in the background and its flag was raised.

"It wasn't easy for me to compete without the flag," said Muki. "This is something that bit me a little. In 2018, when I knew that I would fight with the flag, I can tell you that it really motivated me."

Sasson himself drew international attention at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, when his Egyptian opponent, Islam El Shehaby, refused to shake his hand at the conclusion of their heavyweight bout.

The International Olympic Committee reprimanded El Shehaby and he was disqualified from the competition. Sasson, who lost in the semifinals but later won a bronze medal, said he had hoped El Shehaby would act cordially since the whole world was watching.

"The first thing we do right after a match is shake hands, it's like showing respect to your opponent. When the Egyptian fighter refused to do [this] I felt like he hurt the values of the Olympic games," Sasson said. "Deep inside I hoped that because it was the Olympics and the whole world is watching, I thought he would act differently, but he didn't. So I just focused on the next fight and ... when I finished the competition I got messages from all over the world, even until now, even people from Egypt, they said they don't agree with the way he acted. So it had a big impact all over the world."

Fellow athletes have expressed solidarity with the struggles the judokas have faced in hostile countries, the trio told *The Algemeiner*. Sasson said after El Shehaby snubbed him at the competition, Olympic gold medalist and French judoka Teddy Riner approached him to deride the Egyptian's actions. Paltchik added that even in Abu Dhabi, when he and Muki competed without their national symbols, other players didn't understand why they were being singled out.

"I said to them everyone knows where we come

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tinian Arabs when they stumbled into traditionally anti-Jewish rhetoric.

Criticism of a specific Israeli policy or action crosses into antisemitism, according to Natan Sharansky, when it meets the "3-D test" by invoking double standards, demonization, and/or delegitimization. The US State Department's antisemitism definition parallels Sharansky's.

By these guidelines, Omar and Tlaib, with their dual loyalty and corrupt Jewish money canards, were beyond guilty of antisemitism. But media magnet Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) tried to provide them with "intersectional" cover as minority women of color.

Palestinian leaders rejected US-Israeli and Israeli-only offers of peace in 2000, 2001, and 2008 that would have established a West Bank and Gaza Strip Palestinian state, with eastern Jerusalem as its capital, in exchange for peace with the Jewish state. But as third-worlders oppressed by racist, imperialist Israel, they too benefit from the intersectionality ideology that insists all approved minorities are blameless.

Such double standards allow Omar, Tlaib, et al to complain about Israel's "occupation." And their support for the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement is commonly misreported as an effort to improve Israeli treatment of Palestinian Arabs. But Israel treats its large Arab minority, which enjoys full civil rights, better than any Arab state treats its people. And few — if any — Palestinian Arabs flee Israel's supposed "occupation" for refuge in Jordan, Lebanon, or other Arab countries.

As for BDS, its founders include the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a US-designated terrorist group. BDS leaders like Omar Barghouti don't hide their desire to replace Israel with an Arab majority state. This movement doesn't seek a "two-state solution" or improvement in Palestinian lives; it seeks the end of Israel.

The Palestinians are not a peace partner, because peace will require a generation of Palestinian Arabs not indoctrinated with hatred of Israel as a temporary usurper. To help promote the emergence of such a generation, fair and ceaseless criticism of Palestinian words and deeds, and those of their enablers, is required. Yet often, all that's on the table is criticism of Israel.

*Eric Rozenman is author of Jews Make the Best Demons: 'Palestine' and the Jewish Question, recently published by New English Review Press. Any opinions expressed above are solely his own.*

from and who we represent. We represent Israel and they can cover our flags and our symbols, but they cannot cover our fighting spirit and we're always fighting for Israel and for our national home," Paltchik said.

The athletes are also optimistic about anti-Israel sentiments subsiding in the near future, citing the shift in Abu Dhabi as an example of progress.

The International Judo Federation even stripped the UAE and Tunisia from hosting two international tournaments last year due to their failure to guarantee equal treatment of Israeli athletes. That resulted in Israel hosting its first-ever International Judo Federation (IJF) Grand Prix event, during which Israeli judokas racked up four gold medals, two silver medals, and one bronze medal.

"Step by step, it's getting better," Muki stressed.

The team's campus tour and US trip was organized by the Jewish National Fund-USA and Media Watch International as part of their Positively Israel campaign, to highlight openness and inclusiveness in Israeli society.

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National Association as Trustee for Deutsche Alt-A Securities Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2007-1, Plaintiff AGAINST Angel Almonte; et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 4, 2019 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Room 224, Brooklyn, NY 11201 on May 9, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 108 Bradford Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of NY, Block 3673 Lot 29. Approximate amount of judgment \$618,448.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index# 518561/2017. Leonard Spector, Esq., Referee Shapiro, DiCaro & Barak, LLC Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff 175 Mile Crossing Boulevard Rochester, New York 14624 (877) 430-4792 Dated: March 26, 2019  
AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

Notice of formation of limited liability company(PLLC) Name: BITTON CPA PLLC Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 12/26/2018. Office location: Kings county. SSNY has been designated as the agent of the LLC Upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall Mail copy of the process to: The LLC PO Box 297290 Brooklyn, NY 11229 purpose: All lawful activity  
AJ; 4/5/12/19/26; 5/3/10

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, M&T BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JESSICA TROCHE, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 15, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 9, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 154 Knickerbocker Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11237. 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 3158 and Lot 31. Approximate amount of judgment is \$57,461.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 512524/2016. Leonard C. Spector, Esq., Referee Schiller, Knapp, Lefkowitz & Hertzell, LLP, 200 John James Audubon Parkway, Suite 202, Amherst, New York 14228, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 4/5/12/19/26;

SUPREME COURT – COUNTY OF KINGS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS TRUSTEE FOR CIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2007-1, Plaintiff against RUBY STRACHAN; VERONICA STRACHAN; SAPPHIRE STRACHAN, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered on October 29, 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 16th day of May, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. premises described as follows: All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, City New York, County of Kings and State of New York. Said premises known as 462 East 40th

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Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11203. (Block: 4939, Lot: 9). Approximate amount of lien \$ 622,145.45 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale. Index No. 506263-13. Philip L. Kamaras, Esq., Referee. Stern & Eisenberg, PC Attorney(s) for Plaintiff Woodbridge Corporate Plaza 485 B Route 1 South – Suite 330 Iselin, NJ 08830 (732) 582-6344 \*For sale information, please visit www.auction.com or call 800-280-2832\*  
AJ; 4/12/19/26; 5/3

NOTICE OF SALE Supreme Court County Of Kings CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Emerson Saffa, et al, Defendant Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated 5/16/2016 and entered on 6/30/2016, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 16, 2019 at 02:30 PM premises known as 741 East 38th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11210. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the County of Kings, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 4985, LOT: 54. Approximate amount of judgment is \$795,644.18 plus interests and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 502095/2014. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Mark A Longo, Referee FRENKEL LAMBERT WEISS WEISMAN & GORDON LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706  
AJ; 4/12/19/26; 5/3

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 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 May 16, 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; 4/12/19/26; 5/3

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: 258 FOURTH AVE LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 03/25/2019 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: 258 FOURTH AVE. LLC 1866 77th St., 2nd floor Brooklyn, NY 11214 Purpose: all lawful activity  
AJ; 4/12/19/26; 5/3/10/17

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT KINGS COUNTY MTGLQ Investors, L.P., Plaintiff Against Evelyn S. Friedman A/K/A Shavie Friedman, et al Defendants Pursuant to a Judgment

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of Foreclosure and Sale entered February 25, 2019, 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 May 23, 2019 at 2:30 PM. Premises known as 1528 51st Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Block 5465 Lot 18. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, City and State of New York. Approximate Amount of Judgment is \$486,244.74 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment. Index No 1004/2010. For sale information, please visit www. Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee 36573 Druckman Law Group PLLC, 242 Drexel Avenue, Westbury, NY 11590 Attorney (s) for Plaintiff (s).  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, SUCCESSOR INTEREST TO WACHOVIA BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR GSR MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2005-8E, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005 8E, Plaintiff AGAINST ETTY SALAMON, YEHUDA SALAMON, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated March 14, 2018 I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, on May 23, 2019 at 2:30PM, premises known as 1152 53RD STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11219. 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 5668, LOT 26. Approximate amount of judgment \$996,479.39 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment for Index# 514510/2015. AARON TYK, ESQ., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 62676  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, CITIMORTGAGE, INC., Plaintiff, vs. IAN SMITH, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee's Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on March 14, 2019, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 398 Amboy 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 3585 and Lot 1. Approximate amount of judgment is \$775,434.60 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 506946/2016. Aaron Tyk, Esq., Referee Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP, 565 Taxter Road, Suite 590, Elmsford, NY 10523, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10/

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, SELENE FINANCE, LP, Plaintiff, vs. DEBORAH ALONZIA A/K/A DEBORAH R. ALONZIA; DELILAH COLLINGTON,

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ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly filed on February 28, 2018 and an Order Extending Time to Set Sale duly filed December 2, 2018, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Kings County Supreme Court, Room 224, 360 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY on May 23, 2019 at 2:30 p.m., premises known as 931 East 88th 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 8025 and Lot 28. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # 1365/2014. Jeffrey Robert Miller, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, Peddy & Fenchel, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10/

NOTICE OF LEGAL POSTPONE-MENT OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF KINGS, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, D/B/A CHRISTIANA TRUST, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT AS TRUSTEE FOR PRETIUM MORTGAGE ACQUISITION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. SERAFIN VASQUEZ, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order to 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 May 2, 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. The original sale was scheduled for April 11, 2019 at the same time and location. 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; 4/19

Notice of formation of limited liability company (LLC) Name: BRIGAND ARTS LLC. Articles of organization filed with the secretary of state of New York (SSNY) on 04/03/2019. 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: Registered Agents Inc. 90 State St. Suite 700 office 40 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: all Lawful activity  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10/17/24

File No.: 2017-1785/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT Estate of Curtis Daniels, by Cherrie Reger-Watson, Mildred Brown, Audrey Severns, Nelleda Bush, Louise Daniels Crosby, Loretta Wasse, Charles Daniels, Nadina Lauderdale, Adrienne Jackson, Ralph Daniels, Brenda Daniels, Warren Daniels, William Daniels, Craig Watson, Larry Barris, Sherilyn Mindermann, Annette Alston, Patrick McGlashan, Attorney General of the State of New York The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees

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of Robin Alston aka Robin V. Alston, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Robin Alston aka Robin V. Alston, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 110-16 172nd Street, Jamaica, NY 11433, in the County of Queens, State of New York. SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Robin Alston aka Robin V. Alston, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 13th day of June, 2019 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$22,894.62 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the funeral claim of Craig Watson in the amount of \$500.00 should not be paid; and why the claims of Larry Barris in the total amount of \$900.00 should not be paid; and why the claim of Sherilyn Mindermann in the amount of \$270.00 should not be paid; and why the claims of Annette Alston in the total amount of \$957.00 should not be paid; and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of April, 2019 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County James Lim Becker Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you. Accounting Citation Clare Warnock  
AJ; 4/19/26; 5/3/10